

*Law & Early History*

**Pentateuch:** Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy; **Wisdom:** Job; **Early history:** Joshua, Judges; **Wisdom:** Ruth; **E. history con't:** 1&2 Samuel, 1&2 Kings;

*Psalms & Proverbs*

*Prophets & Later History*

**Prophets:** Isaiah, Jeremiah; **Wisdom:** Lamentations; **Prophets:** Ezekiel, Daniel, Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi; **Writings:** 1&2 Chronicles; **Wisdom:** Song of Solomon; **Writings con't:** Ezra, Nehemiah, Daniel, Esther; **Wisdom:** Ecclesiastes;

*New Testament*

**The Apostle Peter:** Mark, 1&2 Peter, Jude; **To the Gentiles:** Luke, Acts, 1&2 Thessalonians, 1&2 Corinthians, Galatians, Romans, Colossians, Ephesians, Philemon, Philippians, 1 Timothy, 2 Timothy, Titus; **To the Jews:** Matthew, Hebrews, James; **The Apostle John:** John, 1, 2&3 John, Revelation.

**How to use the Bookmark Bible Reading Plan:**

Cut out each bookmark. For your first reading, read 1 chapter of the first 4 books on each bookmark (Gen., Psalms, Isaiah and Mark. Note that if you are in the middle of a certain book already, just start there.) Replace the bookmark so as to find chapter 2 tomorrow. Each day, read one chapter at every bookmark. When you come to the last chapter, advance the bookmark to chapter 1 of the next book on the list. Easy!

**Advantages of the Bookmark Bible Reading Plan:**

Like many plans, this gives you a full view of the entire Bible. Unlike many, it generally keeps genres together. The Pentateuch, Prophets, and History books are all generally grouped together, to give you a sense of continuity. The exception is the books of Wisdom: Psalms and Proverbs are together on their own, but the remaining Wisdom literature (Job, Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon, Esther, Lamentations, and Chronicles) are interspersed throughout the other OT readings.

The genre division can be especially helpful in the New Testament. In many plans, you read all four Gospels in a row, as they are presented in the English Bible. This has its advantages, but I like to spread the Gospels throughout the year. In this plan, each Gospel reading is followed by other NT writings that correspond to that Gospel's author. So Mark's Gospel, which Mark received from Peter, is followed by 1 & 2 Peter, and then Jude (much of Jude is right

from 2 Peter). Luke's Gospel - is the Gospel written by a Gentile, for Gentiles; it is followed by Luke's second volume, Acts. The letters of Paul, the "Apostle to the Gentiles" whose ministry is a major subject of Acts, follow in chronological (not Biblical) order. Matthew's Gospel precedes letters of particular Hebrew interest, and John's Gospel anticipates his later writings, concluding with Revelation.

**Why bookmarks?**

One of the best reasons to use bookmarks is that they don't tie you down to a date. People often miss a day or two on a calendar plan, and then get discouraged and give up altogether. Bookmarks allow for flexibility in your daily readings, making your Bible reading plan serve you instead of you serving the plan. Additionally, you can modify your reading plan if you wish - for example, perhaps after reading Esther 1, you decide you want to find out what happens... now you don't have to get "off plan," or get behind in other books, for reading in a different place.

**A Word of Caution:**

Having a Bible reading plan of any kind does not help you at all if you don't actually read the Bible! Don't expect a Bible reading plan to help you grow spiritually - trust in the Risen Lord Christ, and meet Him in His word.

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