

# A Bible Reading Track for 2010

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This Bible reading track I have designed does not attempt to perfectly match readings for all the days of given months. For example, the January reading if followed strictly could be accomplished in 25 days, leaving 6 days free. However, this provides a little flexibility and allows some miss days that can occur in “real life.” Furthermore, not every book of the Bible will be covered in this reading plan. But nearly all of the books will be covered.

Largely, this reading track daily puts the reader both in the Old Testament and New Testament. Many months purposely couple Old Testament and New Testament books that possess significant thematic correspondence. Below the monthly schedule chart are some helpful hints of how various books are related.

**Partner Up!** – Who will you ask to join you on this reading journey? “*Two are better than one,*” as Ecclesiastes says. Perhaps your spouse or a friend from church or even your entire small group would be willing to come along with you for an exciting journey. Sometimes having someone to share the experience with not only enriches but keeps us moving forward even when we feel like lagging behind.

If you do partner up with someone, maybe you can gather weekly or every other week. The goal is to simply share and compare notes on what God has been teaching you through the Bible readings and spend some time in prayer for one another.

Praying God will richly teach and transform your life through His Word this year!

*Pastor Rod*

Psalm 1:2 – “But his delight is in the law of the Lord and on His law he meditates day and night.”

## Monthly Reading Schedule

Month	Reading Assignment	Inter-Canonical Connections
Jan	Genesis (2 chapters every day) Matthew (1 chapter every day)	<b>Genesis &amp; Matthew</b> = The gospel begins in Genesis (3:15)! God’s plan to create a nation that would ultimately provide a Savior for all humanity emerges in Genesis and is finally fulfilled in the Gospel accounts like Matthew. Abraham and Jacob are referred to six times in Matthew. Consider how the New Testament interprets their patriarchal importance in the bigger story of redemption.

Feb	Exodus (2 chapters every day) Acts (1 chapter every day)	<b>Exodus &amp; Acts</b> = You will note several times when the story of Exodus is picked up in the books of Acts. Stephen, Paul and others will cite the great story of redemption that occurred in Exodus that was moving toward Jesus Christ and His church. Both Exodus and the book of Acts are of course about new beginnings (The Nation of Israel – Old Covenant) and (The Church – the New Covenant).
Mar	Leviticus (1 chapter every day) Hebrews (half chapter every day)  <u>Then</u> Isaiah 7, 9, 11 (1 chapter every day) Luke 1-2 (1 chapter every day)	<b>Leviticus &amp; Hebrews</b> = Leviticus is not a dry book when we keep a steady eye on Jesus Christ – the fulfiller of the law of God. Citations and allusions to Leviticus are plentiful in the book of Hebrews. When we understand how exacting God’s holiness and precise his requirements were for ancient Israel, we can only find ourselves more grateful for Jesus Christ who is ever our high priest!
Apr	Deuteronomy (1 chapter every day) Romans (half chapter every day)	<b>Deuteronomy &amp; Romans</b> = What could these two books possibly have in common? A very great deal is the answer. They are both about law and grace! Paul argues how the law only condemns man. What better way to appreciate the argumentation of Paul then to look simultaneously at the law of God?
May	Joshua 1-12 (1 chapter every day) Ephesians (read 6 verses every day)  Joshua 21-24 (1 chapter every day) Ephesians 1-6 (1 chapter every day)	<b>Joshua &amp; Ephesians</b> = Both books are about God’s <i>call, promise, holiness, battle</i> and <i>victory</i> . Consider the parallels and how what was promised to Joshua and the people of Israel found its greater fulfillment in the people of God (Eph 2:11-13).
June	Judges to Ruth (1 chapter every day) 1 Corinthians (half chapter every day)	<b>Judges &amp; Ruth &amp; 1 Corinthians</b> = Judges and Ruth go together of course because Ruth was “the exception to the rule” during the era of the Judges when “everyone did what was right in their own eyes.” 1 Corinthians and Judges relate in the sense that both Israel and the Corinthians were wayward people and mixed up spiritually in many regards. Although Christians have the Spirit of God and the new birth on this side of the cross, we are not beyond sin and spiritual immaturity. If we do not walk in truth of the Gospel by the power of the Spirit, we will remain dwarfed in our Christian growth. Ruth shows us the graciousness of God and what it means to be faithful in the midst of national decadence. 1 Corinthians shows us how

		the gospel and the Holy Spirit are the means of both are redemption and ongoing sanctification, even in the midst of a decadent church!
July	1 Samuel (1 chapter every day) 2 Corinthians (half chapter every day)	<b>1 Samuel &amp; 2 Corinthians</b> = There are no strong observable connections between these books. However, 1 Samuel continues the Old Testament story after the book of Judges. Paul’s second letter to the Corinthians will demonstrate what kind of progress they made and what further progress remained.
Aug	Proverbs 1-9 (1 chapter every day)  <u>then</u> 1 Kings (1 chapter every day) Proverbs 11-31 (1 chapter every day)	<b>Proverbs &amp; 1 Kings</b> = These readings are ordered so you will read the Proverbs of Solomon in conjunction with his life story. It should be an excellent read of both his successes and failures and God’s timeless wisdom!
Sept	2 Kings (1 chapter every day) Amos & Micah (1 chapter every day)	<b>2 Kings &amp; Amos &amp; Micah</b> = The story of Israel in its kingdom era continues from 1 Kings to 2 Kings. Amos and Micah are to be read in conjunction because they were prophets who ministered during the 2 Kings era. Consider how few good kings there were and how the messages of prophets were desperately needed, and yet, fell on deaf ears. How might various stories told in 2 Kings and the words of the prophets Amos and Micah be relevant to the Christian church today and our personal lives?
Oct	<u>A Prophecy Reading:</u>  Daniel 1-3 (1 chapter every day) Revelation 1-3 (1 chapter every day)  <u>then</u> Daniel 4-12 (half chapter every day) Revelation 4-22 (1 chapter every day)	<b>Prophecy Reading #1 Daniel &amp; Revelation</b> = Daniel and Revelation are the key books in Bible prophecy and share several parallels. If you have never read them <i>carefully together</i> this will be an “eye-opening” experience. You may want to take extra notes as you think about things like:  <i>What do Daniel and Revelation teach about the nature of fallen man and his rebellion against God?</i>  <i>When does Jesus seem to come back? (Pre-tribulation, Mid-Tribulation, Post-Tribulation?)</i>  <i>What do Daniel and Revelation teach about the anti-Christ or the man of lawlessness, and the beast?</i>

		<p><i>What do Daniel and Revelation teach about the judgment of God?</i></p> <p><i>What do Daniel and Revelation teach about the millennium (1,000 year period where Christ reigns)?</i></p> <p><i>Most Important: How should our lives be different in view of these prophetic books?</i></p>
Nov	<p><u>Another Prophecy Reading:</u></p> <p>Zechariah 12-14 &amp; Revelation 19-20 (Read all one day) (2<sup>nd</sup> coming &amp; millennium)</p> <p>Matthew 24, Isaiah 2, Micah 4, (Read all one day) (Return of Christ &amp; millennium – what conclusions do you draw from these passages on such matters?)</p> <p>Zephaniah 1-3, Romans 11, Revelation 12, 14, 20 (Read as grouping over several days) The goal is to consider: “What is God’s plan for ‘Israel’ in the end times?”</p> <p>Zechariah 9-11, 1 Thessalonians 4-5 (Read as grouping)</p> <p>2 Thessalonians 2, Revelation 11, 13, Daniel 4, 7 (anti-Christ, tribulation) – (Read as a grouping)</p>	<p><b>Prophecy Reading #2 Jesus, Prophets &amp; Apostles</b> = Prophecy is very complex and requires intense study of comparison and contrast, critical thinking and most of all a deep sense of humility and dependence on the Holy Spirit’s illumination. These selected readings will not only stimulate your understanding of prophecy, but hopefully your personal faithfulness to God as you await the return of Christ.</p>
Dec	<p>(Two chapters a day)</p> <p>1 Timothy 2 Timothy Titus Philemon James 1 Peter 2 Peter Jude</p>	<p><b>The Pastorals &amp; Jude</b> = The pastoral letters of Paul to Timothy and Titus are filled with practical insights for effective ministry in God’s church. Consider the doctrinal, character and body life principles Paul highlights as a true ministry veteran. Jude’s letter echoes many of the pastoral themes covered by Paul.</p> <p><b>1 Peter &amp; 2 Peter</b> = The epistles of Peter bring us an immense theology with practical insights. Many citations from Isaiah and the Psalms are present in 1 Peter. Several Old Testament allusions are</p>

		present in 2 Peter, which are worthy of reading for greater understanding.
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