

YEAR
2008

DAILY
BIBLE READINGS



Holy Cross

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The Holy Bible is a great treasure through which God Himself speaks to us!

This Bible Reading Schedule is arranged so that by following the full weekly readings you will cover most Bible doctrines, history, and themes every year, and every two years you will read the entire Bible.

These readings usually alternate between Old Testament (OT) and New Testament (NT) books. The OT books are in chronological order rather than the order in your Bible, with the historical books (or portions thereof) read followed by the prophetic books for that time period. The NT books are read in the order followed in your Bible except for Mark & John. Also, Revelation is placed after OT books of Ezekiel & Daniel for you to notice their similarity of the end times.

PICK ONE OF THESE 3 CHALLENGES (given in decreasing amount of time required)

- 1 Follow the full reading for each week
(This will covers the entire Bible over the 2 year cycle, most of Bible each year.)
- 2 Read the entire New Testament this year, plus a skimming of the Old Testament.
(Follow short readings for Old Testament books & full readings for New Testament books Also, sometime during the year also read the Gospel of Matthew.)
- 3 Follow short readings all year.
(Many assigned chapters are different chapters than last yr's short readings)
(Usually only 1 or 2 chapters daily, but it still gets you into the Bible.)

HELPFUL HINTS

- 1 Use a highlighter to mark verses in your Bible that impress you.
- 2 Each day mark in this booklet where you stopped reading.
- 3 No readings are assigned for Sunday.
Sunday references are appointed readings for worship services.

May God richly bless you as you read His Word!

Jan 1-5 - 2008

Full reading for week: Psalm 1 & 27 on New Year's Day
+ Luke chapters 1-6 this week

Or for shorter readings:

New Year's Day Read Psalm 1 & 27

Wed	Read Luke chapter 1	Announcing coming birth of Jesus
Thur	Luke ch. 2	Jesus' birth, presentation, boyhood
Fri	Luke ch. 3:1-23	John the Baptist; Jesus' baptism
Sat	Luke ch 4	Jesus tempted by Satan; and Jesus begins His public ministry

Sunday Jan 27 3rd SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Isaiah 9:1-4 1 Cor. 1:10-17 Matthew 4:12-23

Full Reading for week: Genesis ch 17 - 33

Or for shorter readings:

Mon	Gen 17	God renamed Abram (<i>exalted father</i>) to Abraham (<i>father of many</i>) & instituted circumcision as sign of God's promise
Tues	Gen 20	Folly of Abraham (who is call a prophet at v 7)
Wed	Gen 21-22	Birth of promised son, Isaac; God tested Abraham's faith.
Thur	Gen 23, 25	Sarah's death & burial; Abraham's next wife & children
Fri	Gen 27-28	Younger son Jacob gets blessing (includes descendent to be the Savior); "Jacob's ladder" & promise of Savior
Sat	Gen 32	(skipping ch 29-31: Jacob marries & has children) Jacob renamed Israel (<i>struggles with God</i>) for a blessing

(Note---Ch 36 lists the descendants of Esau (the Edomites))

Sunday Feb 3 THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

Exodus 24:12,15-18 2 Peter 1:16-21 Matthew 17:1-9

Full Reading for week: Genesis 34 - 50

Or for shorter readings:

Mon	Gen 35	God repeats His promises to Jacob; "Children of Israel"
Tues	Gen 37	Joseph sold into slavery by his brothers Ends up in Egypt
Ash Wed	Gen 39	Joseph resists advances of evil woman; ends up in prison
Thur	Gen 41	God blessed Joseph to be Egyptian ruler & stockpile grain (ch 42-44 Josephs brothers seek grain from Joseph)
Fri	Gen 45-46:7	Joseph forgives brothers selling him into slavery; cares for his parents & family
Sat	Gen 49	v10 Prophecy: Savior will be a descendant of Judah

Sunday Feb 10 1st SUNDAY IN LENT

Gen. 2:7-9,15-17; 3:1-7 Romans 5:12-19 Matthew 4:1-11

Full reading for week: Acts 1 - 8

Or for shorter readings:

Mon	Acts 1	Jesus' ascension & immediately following
Tues	Acts 2	The Holy Spirit given as promised - Pentecost Day
Wed	Acts 3	Apostle Peter heals; preaches re: Savior promise to Abraham
Thur	Acts 4	Disciples boldly testify that Jesus is the promised Savior
Fri	Acts 6-7	Stephen named apostles' assistant; preaches Jesus; martyred
Sat	Acts 8	Persecution; Philip teaches about Jesus, baptizes Ethiopian

Sunday Feb 17

2nd SUNDAY IN LENT

Full reading for week: Romans

Or for shorter readings:

Mon	Romans 1-2	1:16-17 helped Luther grasp saved by grace thru faith
Tues	Rom. 5	By Jesus' atonement we get forgiveness & peace with God
Wed	Rom. 7	Forgiven sinners still struggle to do God's will
Thur	Rom 9	People are righteous by faith, not by status position in life
Fri	Rom. 11	God wants everyone to be saved by grace thru faith
Sat	Rom. 14	Build one another up in the faith

Sunday March 16 PALM SUNDAY / SUNDAY OF THE PASSION
Isaiah 50:4-9b Philippians 2:5-11 Matthew 26:1 - 27:66

Combined Full & Shorter Readings for week:

Mon	Exodus 1-2	Egyptians enslave Israelites; Moses birth to age 40
Tues	Ex 12	God delivers Israel out of slavery; origin of the Passover The Exodus is symbolic of believers deliverance from sin
Wed	Psalms 34	Compare vs 20 with Exodus 12:46 & John 19:31-37
<i>Maundy Thur</i>	Ps 116	Sung at Passover celebrations. Compare "Last Supper"
<i>Good Fri</i>	Ps 22 & 69	Ps 22 has many ref. to Jesus' passion. Compare Ps 69:21 with Matt 27:34,48; Jn 19:29
<i>Easter Eve</i>	Ps 16 & 31	Compare Ps 16:10 with Acts 2:25-28 Compare Ps 31:5 with Lk 23:46 & Acts 7:59

Sunday Mar 23 EASTER SUNDAY / RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD
Acts 10:34-43 Colossians 3:1-4 John 20:1-18

Full reading for week: Psalm 110 + 1 Corinthians

Or for shorter readings:

Mon	Psalms 110	Risen Christ rules forever; Jesus, as our priest pleads for us before God
Tues	1 Cor 1	Real wisdom is taking God at His Word in the Bible
Wed	1 Cor 10	Properly receiving Holy Communion
Thur	1 Cor 14	Speaking in tongues; orderly worship services
Fri	1 Cor 15	Mark this chapter -- It is a great ch. about our resurrection
Sat	1 Cor 16	Offerings; greetings

Sunday March 30 2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 2:14a,22-32 1 Peter 1:3-9 John 20:19-31

Full reading for week: Deuteronomy 1-15

Or for shorter readings:

Mon	Deut 1	Moses reviews from Exodus to Promised Land.
Tues	Deut 4	God commands to teach Him to children, & avoid idolatry
Wed	Deut 5	10 Commandments (also found at Exodus 20)
Thur	Deut 9	Israelites worshipped a golden calf! Punished, restored
Fri	Deut 12	Worship regulations--designed to help train God's people
Sat	Deut 15	Canceling debts, freeing servants; 1st born sacrifices

Sunday April 6 3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 2:14a, 36-47 1 Peter 1:17-21 Luke 24:13-35

Full reading for week: Deuteronomy 16-34

Or for shorter readings:

Mon	Deut 16	3 required annual celebrations
Tues	Deut 18	vs 15-18 promise of future Savior Jesus
Wed	Deut 19	Cities of refuge for unintentional loss of life
Thur	Deut 26	Tithes and offerings
Fri	Deut 28	Serve God-blessings; disobey-curses, exile from Land
Sat	Deut 31:1-3; 34	Joshua to succeed Moses. Moses dies

Sunday April 13 4th SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 6:1-9; 7:2a; 51-60 1 Peter 2:19-25 John 10:1-10

Full reading for week: Hebrews

Hebrews is read here after Deuteronomy to emphasize the Old Testament animal sacrifices to God were only picturing, as weak types, Jesus' perfect sacrifice for all sins.

Or for shorter readings:

Mon	Heb. 5	Jesus, our Priest, offered up Himself to save us
Tues	Heb. 6	Don't discard Jesus; God's promise of heaven is certain
Wed	Heb. 7	Jesus' sacrifice of Himself for our sins is forever valid
Thur	Heb. 8	Jesus: is perfect, saves; old covenant (law) did not save
Fri	Heb. 9	Jesus' sacrifice opens way to God - only pictured in Deut.
Sat	Heb 13	v 6-8 Jesus, the same forever, will never forsake us

Sunday, April 20 5th SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 17:1-15 1 Peter 2:4-10 John 14:1-12

Full reading for week: Joshua

Or for shorter readings:

Mon	Joshua 1	Joshua is leader of Israel after Moses' death (Deut 34)
Tues	Joshua 6	Beginning conquest of Promised Land with city of Jericho
Wed	Joshua 7	Punishment for disobeying God's commands
Thur	Joshua 8	Continuing conquest of land; renewal of covenant with God
Fri	Josh 14:1-5; 18:1-10	Allotment of the Promised Land to tribes
Sat	Joshua 24	People promise faithfulness to God; Joshua dies at 120

Sunday April 27 6th SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 17:22-31 1 Peter 3:15-22 John 14:15-21

Full reading for week: Galatians + Ephesians + ↓
+ Ps. & Prov. listed below

David wrote many Psalms; Solomon many proverbs. ↓

The word "law" often means simply "God's Word,"

& the word "fool" or "simple," often refer to a person of bad morals or with inclination to evil. ↓

Or for shorter readings (left column)

Mon	Galatians 1-2	Psalm 40
Tues	Gal 3-4	Ps. 41
Wed	Gal 5-6	Proverbs ch. 1
Ascension Day	Ephesians 1-2	Ps 47
Fri	Eph 3-4	Ps 43
Sat	Eph 5-6	Proverbs ch. 2

Sunday May 4 7th SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 1:1-14 1 Peter 4:12-17; 5:6-11 John 17:1-11

Full reading for week: Judges + Ruth

Or for shorter readings: (The "judges" were hero leaders -- and officials.)

Mon	Judges 1:1 - 2:3	Major conquests under Joshua, but pockets remain
Tues	Judges 13	Samson was one of the many judges of Israel
Wed	Judges 14-15	Samson marries enemy woman -responds to trouble
Thur	Judges 16	Samson & Delilah; Samson's death
Fri	Ruth 1-2	Time of the Judges. Ruth became an Israelite by marriage
Sat	Ruth 3-4	Ruth blessed by God, is great grandmother of King David

Sunday May 11

PENTECOST

Mother's Day

Joel 2:28-29

Acts 2:1-21

John 16:5-11

(Chronicles covers Bible history of 1&2 Samuel + 1&2 Kings. But Chronicles focuses

on good kings & Messianic line. Samuel & Kings read this year; Chronicles alternate yr)
Full reading for week: 1 Samuel 1-15 (Covers Samuel & King Saul)

Or for shorter readings:

Mon 1 Samuel 1 - 2:21 Samuel's mother's prayer answered with his birth
Tues 1 Sam 3 Samuel: a prophet of God besides being a judge (ch 7:6,17)
Wed 1 Sam 7 Samuel prays for repentant Israelites & leads them
Thur 1 Sam 8 People of Israel ask for earthly king
Fri 1 Sam 9 -10:1 God acquiesced & has Samuel anoint Saul as king
Sat 1 Sam 15 God rejected Saul as king for violating God's commands

Sunday May 18 TRINITY SUNDAY (1st Sunday after Pentecost)

Genesis 1:1-2:3 2 Corinthians 13:11-14 Matthew 28:16-20

Full reading for week: 1 Samuel 16-31

(David is anointed king but does not yet get throne. For a time David serves Saul; then Saul turned against David & unsuccessfully fought him till Saul died)

(David probably wrote Psalms 2-41, 51, & others)

Or for shorter readings:

Mon 1 Samuel 16 God chooses David and Samuel anoints David as king
Tues 1 Sam 17 David slays Israel's enemy, the giant Goliath
Wed 1 Sam 18 David more popular than Saul. .Saul is jealous
Thur 1 Sam 19 David must flee from Saul
Fri 1 Sam 20 David goes into exile
Sat 1 Sam 24 Godly David spared King Saul

May 25 2nd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Deut. 11:18-21,26-28 Romans 3:21-25a,27-28 Matt. 7:15-29

Full reading for week: Philippians & Colossians + ↓

+ Ps. & Prov. listed below

For shorter readings (left column):

Mon	Psalm 33, 49	Psalm 33, 49
Tues	Phil. 1-2	Psalm 36, 37
Wed	Phil. 3-4	Proverbs ch. 11
Thur	Proverbs ch. 11	Psalm 38, 42
Fri	Colossians 1-2	Psalm 50, 55
Sat	Col 3-4	Proverbs ch. 15

June 1 3rd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Hosea 5:15 - 6:6 Romans 4:18-25 Matthew 9:9-13

Full reading: 2 Samuel

+ after reading ch 7 read Ps 89 & 132

+ after reading ch 12 read Ps 51

Or for shorter readings:

Mon 2 Sam 4 David punishes men who killed Saul's grandson
Tues 2 Sam 5 After Saul's death & intrigues (ch 3-4) David rules all Israel
Wed 2 Sam 7, Ps 89, 132 God promised David's descendant would be Savior Jesus, Who would rule forever
Thur 2 Sam 11-12, Ps 51 David sins; forgiven, Ps is David's response
Sat 2 Sam 23 v1-7 David's last will & testament v2 David a prophet of God v5 God's covenant of the Savior-- descendant of David

June 8 4th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Exodus 19:2-8a Romans 5:6-11 Matthew 9:35 - 10:8

Full reading for week: 2 Corinthians + ↓
+ Ps. & Prov. listed below

Or for shorter readings (left column)::

Mon	2 Cor. 5	Psalm 13, 14
Tues	2 Cor. 6-7	Ps 4, 19, 25
Wed	2 Cor. 8-9	Proverbs 3
Thur	2 Cor. 10-11	Ps 26, 29, 30
Fri	2 Cor. 12	Ps 32, 56, 57
Sat	2 Cor. 13	Proverbs 4

June 15 5th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST *Father's Day*

Jeremiah 20:7-13 Romans 5:12-15 Matt. 10:24-33

Full reading for week: 1 Kings 1-11 (*King Solomon*)

Or for shorter readings:

Mon	1 Kings 1	Despite intrigue, Solomon succeeds David as king of Israel
Tues	1 Kings 3	Solomon asks God for wisdom & God grants it + more
Wed	1 Kings 5	Not warring David, but Solomon to build temple; get supplies
Thur	1 Kings 7	Solomon's palace; items for temple
Fri	1 Kings 10	Wisdom, riches, splendor God gave to Solomon
Sat	1 Kings 11	Solomon's idolatry to bring division of nation; Solomon dies

June 22 6th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Jeremiah 28:5-9 Romans 6:1b-11 Matt. 10:34-42

Full reading for week: Mark

Or for shorter readings:

Mon	Mark 5	Jesus' healing miracles, raising dead girl to life
Tues	Mark 10	Jesus teaches; predicts death & resurrection
Wed	Mark 12	Jesus teaches
Thur	Mark 13	Jesus teaches concerning judgment day
Fri	Mark 14	Institution of Holy Communion; Jesus claims he is Christ (Sanhedrin was the highest religious council)
Sat	Mark 15-16	Jesus' crucifixion, burial, resurrection

June 29 7th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Zechariah 9:9-12 Romans 7:15-25a Matt. 11:25-30

Full reading for week: Ecclesiastes + Song of Solomon (Songs)
+ Ps. 127 & Prov. ch 14

(Solomon wrote Ecclesiastes, Song of Songs, some Psalms & Proverbs)

Or for shorter readings:

Mon	Ecclesiastes 1-2	Without God, everything is meaningless
Tues	Ecc 3	A time for everything
Wed	Ecc. 12	Solution!!! Worship God - without Him all else is worthless
Thur	Song 2	Love in marriage -or- love between God & believer
Fri	Proverbs ch 14	Note vs 34
Sat	Psalm 127	

July 6 8th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Isaiah 55:10-11 Romans 8:18-25 Matt. 13:1-9,18-23

Full reading for week:: 1 Kings 12 - 22 + 2 Kings 1 - 17

*Time: Divided kingdom after Solomon--till fall of North Kingdom (931-722 BC)
By his sin Solomon forfeited his dynasty (1 Kgs 11:11). Yet David's dynasty of the eternal ruling Promised Savior progresses in Judah. During the divided kingdom, the north kingdom is called "Israel", "Ephraim," or "Samaria" and the south kingdom "Judah," or rarely, "Israel."*

Or for shorter readings:

Mon	1 Kings 12	Kingdom splits into north & south - as foretold by God
Tues	1 Kgs 17-18	Prophet Elijah fed in famine; shows who is truly God
Wed	1 Kgs 19	Elijah despairs; God sustains him, gives successor
Thur	2 Kgs 2	Elijah taken to heaven; Elisha continues Elijah's work
Fri	2 Kgs 9	Wickedness & idolatry in North Kingdom/Israel
Sat	2 Kgs 17	God uses Assyria to end the North Kingdom

July 13 9th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Isaiah 44:6-8 Romans 8:26-27 Matt. 13:24-30,36-43

Full reading for week: Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah
Chronologically, these prophets fit after the Prophet Elisha in last week's readings.

These short Bible books plus 6 other short prophets' books are called "The 12 Minor Prophets" because of size, and placed at the end of the Old Testament.

Chronologically the Old Testament prophets fall into 4 general time periods:

1/ The divided kingdom till fall of north kingdom (1 Kgs 12 - 2 Kgs 17)

Chronological order: Obadiah, Joel, Jonah, Amos, Hosea, Micah

2/ Fall of north kingdom till fall of south kingdom (2 Kgs 18-25):

Chronologically: Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah

3/ The exile in Babylonia

4/ After Babylonian exile to 400BC: (history in Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther)

Prophets: Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi

"Major Prophets" (because of size) are Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Daniel:

Isaiah's time = end of # 1 period above and into # 2

Jeremiah = # 2 period above - after Isaiah to the exile

Ezekiel & Daniel = # 3 period above - living in the Babylonian exile

Or for shorter readings: (read note above!)

Mon	Hosea 4 & 14	God calls Israel to repentance. He wants to bless them
Tues	Joel 2	God calls to the people to repentance
Wed	Amos 4	The people have not heeded God's call to repentance
Thur	Obadiah	God's judgment upon those who oppose Him/His people
Fri	Jonah 1-4	God directs Jonah to call enemy nation to repentance
Sat	Micah 5	vs 2 Promised Savior to be born in Bethlehem

July 20 10th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

1 Kings 3:5-12 Romans 8:28-30 Matt. 13:44-52

Full reading for week: 1 & 2 Thessalonians + Ps. & Prov. below

Or for shorter readings (left column):

Mon	1 Thess. 1-2	Ps 62, 65
Tues	1 Thess. 3	Prov 5
Wed	1 Thess. 4	Ps 66, 67
Thur.	1 Thess. 5	Ps 68
Fri	2 Thess. 1	Ps 73, 77
Sat	2 Thess. 2-3	Prov 13

July 27 11th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Isaiah 55:1-5 Romans 8:35-39 Matt. 14:13-21

Full reading for week: Isaiah 1 - 35

(Bible book of Isaiah sometimes referred to as the Gospel of the Old Testament)

(Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel & Daniel, by size, are called Major Prophets. See note at 7/16)

Or for shorter readings:

Mon	Isaiah 1	Nation will fall because of wickedness. Call to repent
Tues	Is 2	Attraction to Christ's church; judgment on idol worshippers
Wed	Is 5	God's "vineyard" was Israel; but people acted wickedly
Thur	Is 6	God commissions Isaiah as God's prophet
Fri	Is 8	Assyria to afflict idol worshippers; follow God's Word
Sat	Is 24-25	24: judgment upon wicked; 25: praise to God Who saves

August 3 12th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

1 Kings 19:9-18 Romans 9:1-5 Matt. 14:22-33

Full reading for week: Isaiah 36-39 + Ps. & Prov. below

Or for shorter readings (left column)

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80	Mon	Is 37	God delivers Jerusalem from enemy	Ps 79,
	Tues	Is 39	God foretells Babylon exile	Prov 7
	Wed	Ps 78	Poetic review of history	Ps 78
	Thur	Ps 106	Poetic review of history	Ps 106
	Fri	Proverbs 8	"Wisdom" see Colossians 2:3	Prov 8
	Sat	Ps 84 & 85	Ps 84, 85	

August 10 13th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8 Romans 11:13-15, 29-32 Matt. 15:21-28

Full reading for week: Isaiah 40 - 66

Or for shorter readings:

Mon	Isaiah 40	God's comfort to His people
Tues	Is 42	Vs 1-7 Prophecy of coming Savior Jesus
Wed	Is 46	God is the One who comforts, helps -- not idols
Thur	Is 53	Passion of Jesus foretold in explicit detail
Fri	Is 55	Everyone Invited to God's salvation
Sat	Is 61	Prophecy of Jesus -- compare Luke 4:18-22

August 17 14th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Exodus 6:2-8 Romans 11:33-36 Matt. 16:13-20

Full reading for week: 1 & 2 Timothy + Ps. & Prov. below

Or for shorter readings (left column):

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Mon	1 Tim. 1-2	Ps 86, 91
Tues	1 Tim. 3-4	Prov 9
Wed	1 Tim. 5-6	"Elders"- here is equivalent of pastor Ps 93, 94

Thur	2 Tim. 1-2	Ps 95, 97
Fri	2 Tim. 3-4	Prov 12
Sat	Psalms 95	Ps 101, 102

August 24 15th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Jeremiah 15:15-21 Romans 12:1-8 Matt. 16:21-26

Full reading for week: 2 Kgs 18-25 + these prophets:
Prophets Nahum + Habakkuk + Zephaniah

These prophets prophesied between fall of north kingdom & Babylonian exile (2 Kgs 18-25)

Or for shorter readings:

Mon	2 Kings 21	S Kingdom (Judah) also was wicked
Tues	2 Kgs 24-25	Prophesied exile in Babylon begins
Wed	Nahum 1	God will destroy Israel's fierce enemy, Nineveh
Thur	Habakkuk 1-2	Why does God permit the wicked to prosper? Hab 2:4 Righteous live by faith (compare Romans

1:17)

Fri	Habakkuk 3	Trust God no matter what
Sat	Zephaniah 3	God will punish wicked; bless righteous of all peoples

August 31 16th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Ezekiel 33:7-9 Romans 13:1-10 Matt. 18:15-20

Full reading for week: Titus + Philemon + Ps. & Prov. below

Or for shorter readings (left column):

Labor Day	Proverbs ch 6	Prov 6
Tues	Psalms 128	Ps 128
Wed	Titus 1	Instructions re: establishing church Prov 16
Thur	Titus 2	God's grace is ours--act like Christians Ps 92
Fri	Titus 3	v 5 think about Baptism Ps 112
Sat	Philemon	Paul returns converted runaway slave, Message to owner; show him Christian love Ps 113

Sept 7 17th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Genesis 50:15-21 Romans 14:5-9 Matt. 18:21-35

Full reading for week: Jeremiah 1 - 29

Jeremiah's prophesied before & immediately after Babylonian exile. Book of Jeremiah is not strictly chronologically, but does contain God's messages

Or for shorter readings:

Mon	Jeremiah 1	God calls Jeremiah to be His spokesperson / prophet
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Tues	Jer 2	Israelites have forsaken God; worshipped & served idols
Wed	Jer 6	Jerusalem will be destroyed unless people return to God
Thur	Jer 11	People have broken God's covenant; want to kill Jeremiah
Fri	Jer 16	God announces restoration of Israel; but first the exile
Sat	Jer 23	Promise of Savior Jesus, the "righteous Branch"

Sept 14 18th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Isaiah 55:6-9 Philippians 1:1-11, 19-27 Matt. 20:1-16

Full reading for week: John 1 - 11

Mon	John 2	Jesus performs miracle; v 19: predicts death & resurrection
Tues	John 5	Son of God has equal glory with the Heavenly Father
Wed	John 7	v16 Jesus taught God's message
Thur	John 8	Jesus is "light of the world," Jesus tells the truth
Fri	John 9	Jesus' miracle demonstrates that He is God;
Sat	John 11	Jesus brings Lazarus back to life. v 25-great to memorize

Sept 21 19th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32 Philippians 2:1-11 Matt. 21:28-32

Full reading for week: Jeremiah 30-52 + Lamentations

Or for shorter readings:

Mon	Jeremiah 31	God promises return from exile, plus NT covenant
Tues	Jer 33	God promises return from exile, plus the Savior Jesus
Wed	Jer 39	Fall of Jerusalem to Babylonians, as God had threatened
Thur	Jer. 44	Idolaters who fled from Jerusalem to Egypt are doomed
Fri	Jer. 51	Doom to wicked Babylon
Sat	Lamentations 1	A lament re: destruction of temple & Jerusalem

Sept 28 20th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Isaiah 5:1-7 Philippians 3:12-21 Matt. 21:33-43

Full reading for week: John 12 - 21

Or for shorter readings:

Mon	John 12	Palm Sunday
Tues	John 13	Jesus washes disciples feet & makes predictions
Wed	John 15	Relationship of believers good works to Jesus

Thur	John 16	Jesus promised the Holy Spirit to guide
Fri	John 19	Jesus' crucifixion death and burial
Sat	John 20	Jesus' resurrection

October 5 21st SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Isaiah 25:6-9	Philippians 4:4-13	Matt. 22:1-14
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(Oct 10 Martin Luther's birthday 1483)

Full reading for week: Ezekiel 1 - 24

Or for shorter readings: (Ezekiel: exiled to Babylon before Jerusalem fell)

Mon	Ezekiel 1	In Babylon, Ezekiel receives a vision of God
Tues	Ezek 2-3	God calls Ezekiel as prophet to exiles in Babylon
Wed	Ezek 7	Wickedness abounds in Jerusalem; destruction decreed
Thur	Ezek 10	Vision: God abandoning His temple in Jerusalem
Fri	Ezek 20	Why temple, Jerusalem be destroyed; but God will restore
Sat	Ezek 24	The battle against Jerusalem begins

October 12 22nd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Isaiah 45:1-7	1 Thessalonians 1:1-5a	Matt. 22:15-21
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Full reading for week: Ezekiel 25 - 48

(Later chapters of Ezekiel picture New Testament church and heaven couched in terms of the Old Testament Israel and the sacrifices God commanded them to offer)

Or for shorter readings:

Mon	Ezekiel 34	Do not despair God will shepherd His people
Tues	Ezek 37	God creates spiritual life under David (i.e. Jesus)
Wed	Ezek 38	Vision of Judgment Day
Thur	Ezek 39	Vision: unbelievers(wicked) punished; believers blessed
Fri	Ezek.40:1-4	Start of vision of the temple (continued thru several chapters) -- of heaven pictured in terms of OT temple heaven, in terms of the Old Testament temple
Sat	Ez. 47:1-12; 48:35b	Vision: heaven; God dwelling with his people

October 19 23rd SUN AFTER PENTECOST

Leviticus 19:1-2,15-18	1 Thessalonians 1:5b-10	Matt. 22:34-46
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Full reading for week: James + Ps. & Prov. below

Or for shorter readings (left column):

Mon	James 1	↓ Psalm 115
Tues	James 2	Proverbs 25
Wed	James 3	Psalm 117

Thur	James 4	Proverbs 28
Fri	James 5	Psalm 125
Sat	Psalm 105	Psalm 105, 133

October 26 REFORMATION OBSERVANCE (from Reformation Day, Oct 31st)

Jeremiah 31:31-34 Romans 3:19-28 John 8:31-36

Full reading for week: Daniel (Prophet in Babylon exile)

Or for shorter readings:

Mon	Daniel 1	Young promising Israelites in training to serve Babylon king
Tues	Dan 3	3 men in the fiery furnace; trust God no matter what
Wed	Dan 4	Babylon king praises the true God of Israel
Thur	Dan 6	Daniel worships only God; God protects him in lion's den
Fri	Dan 9	v24-27 Hebrew word can translate: seven/swear/week(Not year) (10 is symbol for completeness) 10 x7 (swearing completion) 70 7's=intensified oath. God swearing to fulfill promises of salvation thru all future time.
Sat	Dan 12	Resurrection, splendor of evangelists in heaven

Nov 2 25th SUN AFTER PENTECOST

Hosea 11:1-4,8-9 1 Thess 5e:1-11 Matt 24:3-14

Revelation is a NT book with much prophetic & symbolic language. We placed here, following Ezekiel & Daniel which have similar styles of literature.

In St John's visions God reveals the coming attacks upon the believers by forces of evil & God's overcoming them; God's calling to repentance; and heaven.

It begins with a vision of Jesus in glory (ch 1). Ch. 2-3: Jesus' messages to the 7 churches. Ch 4-22: vision of God calling to repentance by tragedies; Satan & cohorts attacking; final victory by Christ; heaven.

Full reading for week: Revelation ch 1-11

Or for shorter readings:

Mon	Rev 1	This is Jesus' message & a vision of Jesus' glory
Tues	Rev 2-3	Jesus' messages to the 7 churches--applicable everywhere
Wed	Rev 5-6	Jesus, the Lamb, praised; can reveal what is in the scrolls
Thur	Rev 7	All believers (144M) are in God's care in heaven Vision of the saved in heaven
Fri	Rev 8-9	Believers prayers; trumpets=disasters calling to repentance
Sat	Rev 10-11	Scroll: sweet Gospel, rejection bitter; praises to God

Nov 9 3rd LAST SUN IN CHURCH YEAR

Job 14:1-6 1 Thessalonians 3:11-13 Matt. 24:15-28

Full reading for week: Revelation 12 - 22

Or for shorter readings:

Mon	Rev 13	Sea beast & earth beast=antichristian power & propaganda
Tues	Rev 14	144M=all believers (12 apostles x 12 tribes of Is. x 1000)
Wed	Rev 18	Babylon = evil (remember Israelites exiled to Babylon)
Thur	Rev 19	Praises to victorious Jesus; Lamb=Jesus; bride=believers

Fri	Rev. 21	Temple at Jerusalem in Israel = place where God dwelt; New Jerusalem = heaven, where God dwells eternally
Sat	Rev. 22	More about heaven; Jesus will physically return

Nov 16 2nd LAST SUNDAY IN THE CHURCH YEAR

Jeremiah 25:30-32 1 Thessalonians 1:3-10 Matt. 25:31-46

Early returners from Babylonian exile: History in Ezra 1-6; Prophets Haggai & Zechariah

Full reading for week: Ezra 1-6 + Haggai + Zechariah

Or for shorter readings:

Mon	Ezra 1; 2:64-3:13	Exiles return, begin sacrifices & temple foundation
Tues	Ezra 5:1-5; 6:1-22	Overcoming opposition; temple rebuilt, do sacrifices
Wed	Haggai 1-2	Prophet urges rebuild temple; Jesus' great NT church
Thur	Zechariah 1	Exile over; God will bless and restore Judah
Fri	Zech 9	God will overcome enemies; vs 9 Palm Sun. foretold
Sat	Zech 13-14	13: Jesus' blood pictured as cleansing fountain; hymn "There is a Fountain Filled with Blood" 14: Prophetic figurative language picturing future: God rescues believers into heaven; unbelievers punished

Nov 23 LAST SUN. IN CHURCH YEAR (Sun. of the Fulfillment)

Isaiah 65:17-25 2 Peter 3:3-4,8-10a,13 Matt. 25:1-13

Full reading for week: Esther + Psalm 104

(Book of Esther: God spared descendants of Abraham from whom Savior to be born)

Or for shorter readings:

Mon	Esther 2	Jewish Esther becomes Persian queen beside King Xerxes
Tues	Esther 3	Israelites, thru whom Savior to be born, face possible extinction
Wed	Esther 4-5	Esther seeks God's safety for her dangerous mission

Thanksgiving Psalm 104

Fri	Esther 6-7	God blesses Esther's bold intervention for God's people
Sat	Esther 8-10	God blesses! People from whom Savior to be born are spared

Nov 30 1st SUNDAY IN ADVENT Is 63:16b-17; 64:1-8 1 Cor. 1:3-9 Mark 13:33-37

Full reading for week: 1 & 2 Peter + Psalms listed below

Or for shorter readings:

Mon	1 Peter 1	Psalm 107
Tues	1 Peter 2-3	Ps 134
Wed	1 Peter 4-5	Ps 136
Thur	2 Peter 1	Ps 139
Fri	2 Peter 2	Ps 141
Sat	2 Peter 3	Ps 143

Dec 7 2nd SUN. IN ADVENT Is. 40:1-11 2 Peter 3:8-14 Mark 1:1-8

Full reading: Ezra 7-10 + Nehemiah

Or for shorter readings:

Mon	Ezra 7	Later exiles & Priest Ezra return to Holy Land; king's decree
Tues	Nehemiah 1	Deplorable news; Nehemiah seeks to make improvements;
Wed	Neh 2	King permits Nehemiah go to Jerusalem to build it up
Thur	Neh 4	Opposition, but work & trust God
Fri	Neh 8:1-9:37	Priest Ezra & Governor Nehemiah work for God pleasing society; people repent
Sat	Neh 9:38-10:39	Leaders & people commit selves to serve God faithfully

Dec 14 3rd SUN. IN ADVENT Is 61:1-3,10-11 1Thess 5:16-24 Jn 1:6-8,19-28

Full Readings: 1, 2, & 3 John + Jude + + Psalms listed below

Or for Shorter readings (left column)

Mon	1 John 1-2	Ps 144
Tues	1 John 3	Ps 146
Wed	1 John 4-5	Ps 147
Thur	2nd John	Ps 149
Fri	3rd John	Ps 17
Sat	Jude	Ps 18

Dec 21 4th SUN. IN ADVENT

2 Sam 7:1-11,16 Rom 16:25-27 Lk 1:26-38

Full & Shorter Readings:

Mon	Malachi 1-2	Prophet Malachi calls people to be faithful to God
Tues	Malachi 3-4	Herald (John Baptist) & promised Savior will come!

Christmas Eve Isaiah 9:2-7 Titus 2:11-14 Luke 2:1-20

CHRISTMAS DAY Isaiah 62:10-12 Titus 3:4-7 Luke 2:1-20

Fri Psalm 2, 8, 96 Sat Psalm, 148, 45, 24

Dec 28 1st SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

Isaiah 45:22-25 Colossians 3:12-17 Luke 2:25-40

Full & Shorter Readings this week: All Psalms listed

Mon	Psalm 124	121
Tues	Psalm 90	145
New Yr Eve	Psalm 46	150

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