

YEAR 2011 DAILY BIBLE READING SCHEDULE

Old Testament Books

Books of Moses

Genesis
Exodus
Leviticus
Numbers
Deuteronomy

Historical Books

Joshua
Judges
Ruth
1 & 2 Samuel
1 & 2 Kings
1 & 2 Chronicles
Ezra
Nehemiah
Esther

Poetical Books

Job
Psalms
Proverbs
Ecclesiastes
Song of Solomon

Major Prophets

Isaiah
Jeremiah
Lamentations
Ezekiel
Daniel

Minor Prophets

Hosea
Joel
Amos
Obadiah
Jonah
Micah
Nahum
Habakkuk
Zephaniah
Haggai
Zechariah
Malachi

New Testament Books

4 Gospels

Matthew
Mark
Luke
John

Acts of the Apostles

Letters of Apostle Paul

Romans
1 & 2 Corinthians
Galatians
Ephesians
Philippians
Colossians
1 & 2 Thessalonians
1 & 2 Timothy
Titus
Philemon

General Letters

Hebrews
James
1 & 2 Peter
1 & 2 & 3 John
Jude

Apostle John

Revelation

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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 of events 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 found in your Bible except: Mark & John - to spread the Gospels thru the year.

PICK ONE OF THESE 3 CHALLENGES (listed by decreasing amount of reading 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 Luke.)
- 3 Follow short readings all year.
(Many assigned chapters are different chapters than last year's short readings)
(Usually only 1 or 2 chapters daily. This is a highly condensed version of the Bible.)

HELPFUL HINTS

- 1 Use a highlighter to mark verses in your Bible that impress you.
(Some highlighters bleed thru Bible pages)
- 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!

New Year's Day - 2011 Full & Shorter readings: Psalm 100 & 23

Sunday Jan 2 Celebrate EPIPHANY (from Jan 6)
Isaiah 60:1-6 Ephesians 3:1-12 Matthew 2:1-12

Full reading for week: Matthew ch. 1-12

Or for shorter readings:

Mon	Read Matthew chapter 1	(speed read v2-15)
Tues	Matt. ch. 2	Wise men; safety in Egypt; trip to Nazareth
Wed	Matt ch 3	John the Baptist & Jesus' baptism
Thur	Matt ch 4	Jesus' tempted by Satan; 1 st disciples
Fri	Matt ch 5	Jesus teaching the Beatitudes & more
Sat	Matt ch 10	Jesus sends out the 12 disciples

Sunday Jan 9 THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD
Isaiah 42:1-9 Romans 6:1-11 Matthew 3:13-17

Full reading for week: Matthew ch 13 - 22

Or for shorter readings:

Mon	Matt 14	John the Baptist beheaded; Jesus' does miracles
Tues	Matt 15	Tradition vs. God's word; Example of great faith
Wed	Matt 16	vs 18: Church built on Christ-Son of God, as Peter had spoken
Thur	Matt 17	Jesus' transfiguration; Announces His coming death
Fri	Matt 18	Child-like faith; Jesus with His Church in forgiving sins
Sat	Matt 21	Jesus triumphal entry to Jerusalem at final week before deatj cr

Sunday Jan 16 2nd SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Isaiah 49:1-7 1 Cor 1:1-9 John 1:29-42a

Full reading for week: Matthew chapters 23 - 28

Or for shorter readings:

Mon	Matt 23	"Woe" to unbelievers
Tues	Matt 24	Date of Last Day unknown, but be ready!
Wed	Matt 25	Jesus tells parables- be prepared for Judgment Day
Thur	Matt 26	Plot to kill Jesus & Judas plans; Last Supper, Jesus prays; betrayal, arrest, trial by religious leaders; Peter's denial
Fri	Matt 27	Jesus before civil authorities, Jesus' crucifixion, death & burial
Sat	Matt 28	Resurrection, appearance to women; the Great Commission

Sunday Jan 23 3rd SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Isaiah 9:1-4 1 Cor. 1:10-18 Matthew 4:12-25

Full Reading for week: Genesis ch. 1-16 (speed read genealogies)

Or for shorter readings:

Mon	Gen 1:1-2:3 + ch 3	Creation; Fall into sin; 3:15: 1st gospel promise
Tues	Gen ch 6-7	The flood
Wed	Gen 8:1 - 9:17	Noah thanks God upon end of flood; rainbow promise
Thur	Gen 11:1-9	Human pride--God gives diverse languages
Fri	Gen 12	v 3 Promise of Savior to Abram; compare Gal. 3:6-9
Sat	Gen 15-16	15:6: Abram righteous by faith, not his own works 15:7-19: firepot etc.=God giving oath re. His promises ch16: Abram's heir is the son God promised at 15:4, but Abram sought son by his own evil action

Sunday Jan 30 4th SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Micah 6:1-8 1 Cor. 1:18-31 Matt. 5:1-12

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	Abraham calls Sarah his sister; v7 God calls Abraham a prophet
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 descent to be the Savior); Jacob flees; "Jacob's ladder" & promise of Savior
Sat	Gen 32	(skipping ch 29-31: Jacob marries & has children) Jacob seeks blessing; renamed Israel (<i>struggles with God</i>)

Sunday Feb 6 5th SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Is. 58:3-9a 1 Cor. 2:1-12 (13-16) Matt. 5:13-20

Full Reading for week: Genesis 34 - 50

Or for shorter readings:

Mon	Gen 35	God names Jacob "Israel" repeats promises; "Children of Israel"
Tues	Gen 37	Joseph dreams; sold into slavery; ends up in Egypt
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 Joseph's brothers seek grain from Joseph)
Fri	Gen 45-46:7	Joseph forgives brothers & cares for them & entire family
Sat	Gen 48;49:10	Joseph's 2 sons will be 2 of the future 12 Tribes of Israel 49:10 Prophecy: Savior will be a descendant of Judah

Sunday Feb 13 6th SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Deut. 30:15-20 1 Cor. 3:1-9 Matt. 5:21-37

Full reading for week: Acts 1 - 15

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 8	Persecution; Philip teaches about Jesus, baptizes Ethiopian
Fri	Acts 9	Saul converted & called to Apostleship by Jesus (Acts 13:9 = Paul)
Sat	Acts 15	Church council at Jerusalem declares Paul's teaching as correct

Feb 20 7th SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Lev. 19:1-2, 9-18 1 Cor. 3:10-23 Matt. 5:38-48

Full reading for week: Acts 16 - 28

Or for shorter readings:

Mon	Acts 17	Part of Paul's 2nd missionary journey
Tues	Acts 18	Paul warned about going to Jerusalem, but goes. Arrested
Wed	Acts 20	Heading for Jerusalem; Sermon sleeper-dead-raised
Thur	Acts 22	Paul explains his conversion & preaching; he is a Roman citizen
Fri	Acts 25	Seeking bible, governor delays Paul's trial; meanwhile Paul preached Jesus to authorities; Paul appeals to Caesar
Sat	Acts 28	Paul preaches about Jesus while awaiting trial in Rome (This is the last information the Bible gives on Apostle Paul!)

Feb 27 8th SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Is. 49:8-16a 1 Cor. 4:1-13 Matt. 6:24-34

Full reading for week: Job (hint: 1st time readers--speed read in 1 sitting)

Or for shorter readings: (Topic: Where does God fit re: human suffering?)

Mon	Job 1-2	God, sure of Job's faith, lets Satan afflict Job
Tues	Job 3-4	ch 3 Job's anguish; ch 4 a friend comments
Wed	Job 8-9	A friend advises Job; Job's anguished reply
Thur	Job 14	More comments by Job; v1 often read at burials
Fri	Job 19	19:25 suffering Job is sure of his resurrection
Sat	Job 40,42	God rebukes Job for questioning God; Job's repentance

Sunday March 6 TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

Exodus 24:8-18 2 Peter 1:16-21 Matthew 17:1-9

Full reading for week: Exodus 1 - 18 + Ps 130 on Ash Wed

Or for shorter readings:

Mon	Exodus 1-2	Israelites slaves; Moses' birth - prince - kills Egyptian - flees
Tues	Ex 3-4	God calls exiled Moses to lead Israelites out of slavery+wonders
Ash Wed	Ex 5:1-6:8	Israel in slavery, but God will deliver them & keep promise
Thurs	Ex 8-9	A God sends plagues upon Egypt to get Pharaoh to free
Fri	Ex 12	Angel of Lord kills 1st born Egyptians; Passes over Israelites. Origin of Jewish Passover celebrations
Sat	Ex 14	Escape by crossing the seabed; pursuing Egyptians drown

Sunday March 13 1st SUNDAY IN LENT

Gen. 3:1-21 Rom. 5:12-19 Matt 4:1-11

Full reading for week: Exodus 19 - 40

Or for shorter readings:

Mon	Ex 19	Israelites at Mt Sinai
Tues	Ex 20	God gives the 10 Commandments (more commands follow)
Wed	Ex 22	God is King of Israel. Ch 22 is sample civil & ceremonial laws
Thur	Ex 23	More laws; Sabbath regulations; 3 annual required festivals
Fri	Ex 32	Israelites forsake God; worship golden calf idol
Sat	Ex 36-37	Blueprint for tent (tabernacle) for worship . worship items

Sunday March 20 2nd SUNDAY IN LENT

Gen 12:1-9 Rom 4:1-8,13-17 John 3:1-17

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 4-5	By Jesus' atonement we get forgiveness & peace with God
Wed	Rom 6	United with Jesus' death & resurrection - so serve Hlm, not sin
Thur	Rom 7	Forgiven sinners still struggle to do God's will
Fri	Rom 9	People are righteous by faith, not by their status position
Sat	Rom 14-15	Build one another up in the faith in Jesus

Sunday March 27 3rd SUNDAY IN LENT

Ex.17:1-7 Rom. 5:1-8 John 4:5-26 (27-30, 39-42)

Full reading for week: Leviticus 1 - 12

Or for shorter readings:

Mon	Lev 3	Sampling of sacrifices Israelites were to offer
Tues	Lev 5	More sampling of " " " " "
Wed	Lev 6	Types of offerings & regulations about them
Thurs	Lev 8	Ordination of Aaron & his sons into priesthood
Fri	Lev 10	Consequence of disobedience; another violation mitigated
Sat	Lev 12	Ceremonial laws after childbirth; Circumcision on 8 th day See Luke 2:21

Sunday April 3 4th SUNDAY IN LENT

Is. 42:14-21 Eph. 5:8-14 John 9:1-41 or John 9:1-7, 13-17, 34-39

Full reading for week: Leviticus 13 - 27

Or for shorter readings:

Mon	Leviticus 16	Annual day of atonement - sin offering & scapegoat
Tues	Lev 17	Life is in the blood - shed blood is required for atonement
Wed	Lev 19	Various laws for Israelites
Thurs	Lev 21	Rules for priests
Fri	Lev 23	Annual feasts to be observed
Sat	Lev 26	Obedience brings blessings; disobedience brings punishment

Sunday April 10 5th SUNDAY IN LENT

Ezek 37:1-14 Rom 8:1-11 John 11:1-45 (46-53) or
John 11:17-27, 38-53

Full reading for week: 1 Corinthians

Or for shorter readings:

Mon	1 Cor 1	Apostle Paul; divisions; God's wisdom is above human wisdom
Tues	1 Cor 2	God's spiritual wisdom preached by Paul
Wed	1 Cor 4	Apostle Paul refutes false teachers
Thurs	1 Cor 10-11	Teaching concerning proper use of Holy Communion
Fri	1 Cor 12	Spiritual gifts; Church is body of Christ, each part has function
Sat	1 Cor 15	The great resurrection chapter!

Sunday April 17 PALM SUNDAY / SUNDAY OF THE PASSION

Isaiah 50:4-9b Philippians 2:5-11 John 12:12-19 & Matt:26:1 - 27:66
or Matt. 27:11-66 or John 12:20-43

Full reading for week: All listed for each day

Or for shorter readings: 1st reading listed for each day

Psalms 120-134 have ancient superscription (NIV: "A song of ascents" or something similar in other translations) perhaps referring to short psalms sung 1/ by pilgrims travelling to Jerusalem for festivals -or- 2/ sung on steps up to temple .

Mon	Ps 120	122	123
Tues	Ps 126	129	131
Wed	Ps 130	51	
Maundy Thurs	Ps 55	98	99
Good Fri	Ps 22	69	108
Holy Sat	Ps 16	109	114

Sunday April 24 EASTER / RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

Acts 10:34-43 or Jer 31:1-6 Colossians 3:1-4 Matt. 28:1-10

Full reading for week: Psalm 110 + Numbers 1-18

Or for shorter readings:

Mon	Psalm 110	Risen Christ rules forever; Jesus, as our priest pleads for us before the God the Father
Tues	Numbers 2-3	Travelling location & number of men for each tribe; Levites
Wed	Num 9	Alternate Passover date; Shekinah (Fiery cloud of God's essence)
Thur	Num 10	Israelites set out from time at Mt Sinai for Promised Land
Fri	Num 13-14	Explore Canaan; people fearfully refuse to proceed
Sat	Num 17	God demonstrates that Aaon is the high priest

Sunday May 1 2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 5:29-42 1 Peter 1:3-9 John 20:19-31

Full reading for week: Numbers 19 - 36

Or for shorter readings:

Mon	Numbers 20	God supplies needed water; Aaon's aon replaces him
Tues	Num 21	On way to Promised Land; brass snake (See John 3:14-18)
Wed	Num 25	God's punishment upon unfaithfulness to His commands
Thur	Num 27	Moses not permitted to enter Promised Land; Joshua to lead
Fri	Num 28	Rules for offerings when in the Promised Land
Sat	Num 33	Summary of trip from Egypt; Instructions for future

Sunday May 8 3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER Mother's Day

Acts 2:14a, 36-41 1 Peter 1:17-21 Luke 24:13-35

Full reading for week: Proverbs 31 + 2 Corinthians

Or for shorter readings:

Mon Proverbs ch 31

Tues 2 Corinthians 2-3 Forgive repentant sinner; God made Paul competent

Wed 2 Cor. 4 Unbelievers see no glory in Gospel, but Paul does & preaches it

Thur 2 Cor. 5 Christ's love for us moves us to serve Him

Fri 2 Cor. 8-9 Generous, joyful Christian offerings

Sat 2 Cor 12 God's grace is sufficient for believers

Sunday May 15 4th SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 2:42-47 1 Peter 2:19-25 John 10:1-10

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

Sat Joshua 24 People promise faithfulness to God; Joshua dies at 120

Sunday May 22 5th SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 6:1-9; 7:2a, 51-60 1 Peter 2:2-10 John 14:1-14

Full reading for week: Mark 1 - 8

Or for shorter readings:

Mon Mark 1 John the Baptist; Jesus' baptism; first disciples

Tues Mark 2 Jesus is God, shown by miracle, forgiving, teaching

Wed Mark 3 The 12 Apostles appointed by Jesus

Thur Mark 5 Jesus miracles

Fri Mark 7 Follow God over tradition; Jesus came also for non-Jew

Sat Mark 8 Feeding 4000; Jesus foretells His death

Sunday May 29 6th SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 17:16-31 1 Peter 3:13-22 John 14:15-21

Full reading for week: Judges & Ruth

The Judges were warrior champions / rulers of Israelites

History cycles during Judges 1 Israel served & worshiped God

2 Israel disobeyed God, worshipped idols

3 God had enemies afflict Israel

4 Israelites repent

5 God gave heroes driving out enemies

Or for shorter readings: (read above info A)

Mon Judges 1:1-2:3 Tribes fight remnants of inhabitants, but do exterminate them as God had commanded

Tues Judges 3 Examples God blessing the work of Judges

Wed Judges 13-14 Samson to be a Nazirite & his birth

Ascension Day Judges 14-15 Samson's marriage & deeds of overcoming Israel's enemy

Fri Ruth 1-2 Israelites leave Israel during famine - during period of Judges

Sat Ruth 3-4 Hardships & return to Israel; Ruth (not Israelite by blood) is to be Jesus' grandmother (note-Jesus is Savior for all peoples)



July 3 3rd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Proper 9 Zech. 9:9-12 Rom. 7:14-25a Matt. 11:25-30

Full reading: Proverbs 14, 17-21 (Solomon wrote many Proverbs) +
+ Ecclesiastes + Song of Solomon (also called Song of Songs)
(Solomon wrote both of the above books)

Or for shorter readings:

Independence Day Proverbs 14

Tues Ecclesiastes 1-2 King Solomon muses about what is worthwhile in life
Wed Ecc. 3 There is a time for everything
Thur Ecc. 5 Reverence God;; death ends wealth; Be happy with God's gifts
Fri Ecc. 12 What really matters in one's life
Sat Song of Solomon 1 Love poem of: marriage / or / Christ & believers

July 10 4th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Proper 10 Is. 55:10-13 Rom. 8:12-17 Matt. 13:1-9,18-23

Full reading for week: 2 Chronicles 10 - 28 +
+ 1 Kings 17-19 & 2 Kings 1-2, 4-5 (OT prophets Elijah & Elisha)

Or for shorter readings:

Mon 2 Chronicles 10 After King Solomon dies, North rebels;
Divided kingdom : North called Israel (or Ephriam); South Judah (rarely Israel)
Tues 2 Chron. 12 God allows enemy attack unfaithful Judah
Wed 2 Chron. 13 Israel attacks Judah, God gave victory to Judah
Thur 2 Chron. 21 Judah wicked, but God kept promise to David d
dynesty to be fulfilled in Jesus
(vs, 12 was time of Elijah)
Fri 1 Kings 18-19 Prophet Elijah calls Israel to forsake idolatry
Sat 2 Kings 2 & 5 Elijah to heaven; Prophet Elisha preforms miacles

July 17 5th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Proper 11 Is. 44:6-8 Rom. 8:18-27 Matt. 13:24-30, 36-43

Full reading for week: Philippians + Colossians +
+ Psalms. & Proverb listed below

Or for shorter readings (left column)

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Mon Philippians 1-2 Psalm 33
Tues Philippians 3-4 Ps 58
Wed Proverbs 25 Proverbs 25
Thur Colossians 1-2 Ps 119
Fri Colossians 3-4
Sat Psalm 142 Ps 142

July 24 6th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Proper 12 Deut.7:6-9 Rom. 8:28-39 Matt. 13:44-52

Full reading for week: Hosea Joel Amos Obadiah Jonah Micah
*Chronologically, these prophets fit after the Prophet Elisha in 2 weeks ago readings.
These short Bible books plus 6 other short prophets' books are called "The 12 Minor
Prophets," and placed together at the end of the Old Testament.
Chronologically, the "12 Minor Prophets" fall into general time periods 1,2,& 4 below:*

1/ The divided kingdom to fall of north kingdom (2 Chronicles 10-28)

(1 Kg. 12 thru 2 Kg.17 are same time period; read in our alternate yr schedule.)

In this time period are these prophets (listed in chronological order:)

Obadiah, Joel, Jonah, Amos, Hosea, Micah

Major prophet Isaiah is at end of this time period and into time period 2 (below)

2/ Fall of north kingdom till fall of south kingdom (2 Chron. 29-36).

(2 Kg.18-25 covers same time period read in our alternate year schedule.)

In this time period are Minor Prophets: Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah.

(Major (by size) prophet Jeremiah is after Isaiah, and thru the end of this period.)

3/ Babylonian exile - Major Prophets Ezekiel & Daniel are in Babylon in exile

4/ After Babylonian exile to 400BC (History in Ezra, Nehemiah, & Esther)

In this time period are Minor Prophets: Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi

Or for shorter readings: (below, first read above notes)

Mon	Obadiah	God's judgment upon those who oppose Him/His people
Tues	Joel 1,3	1: God calls to the people to repent 3: God's judgment on wicked; blessings upon His people
Wed	Jonah 1-4	God directs Jonah to call enemy nation to repentance
Thur	Amos 7	King rejects prophet's telling God's judgment on wicked Israel
Fri	Hosea 8	Prophet tells God's judgement on Israel's wickedness
Sat	Micah 2	False prophets vs God's prophet after judgment God will bless the repentant

July 31 7th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Proper 13 Is. 55:1-5 Rom. 9:1-5 (6-13) Matt. 14:13-21

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

Or for shorter readings (left column):

Mon	1 Thess. 1-2	↓ Ps 15
Tues	1 Thess. 3	Prov 26
Wed	1 Thess. 4	Ps 18
Thur.	1 Thess. 5	Ps 20
Fri	2 Thess. 1	Ps 21
Sat	2 Thess. 2-3	Ps 35

August 7 8th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Proper 14 Job 38:4-18 Rom. 10:5-17 Matt. 14:22-33

Full reading for week:: 2 Chronicles 29-36 + Psalm 137
+ Isaiah 1-12

Or for shorter readings:

Mon	2 Chronicles 29	Good King Hezekiah restores the temple
Tues	2 Chron 30	People again celebrate the Passover
Wed	2 Chron 36	Babylonians capture & destroy Jerusalem
Thur	Isaiah 1	vs 1 Isaiah served during reigns of Judah's kings Uzziah (2 Chron 26) - Hezekiah (2 Chron 32)
Fri	Isaiah 6	God calls Isaiah to be His prophet
Sat	Isaiah 7	Virgin birth to be a sign of promised Savior

August 14 9th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Proper 15 Is. 56:1, 6-8 Rom. 11:1-2a, 13-15, 28-32 Matt. 15:21-28

Full reading for week: Isaiah 13 - 42

Or for shorter readings:

Mon	Isaiah 13	Prophecy: Babylon will capture Israel; later B. will be punished
Tues	Is 14	God will later restore Israel in promised land
Wed	Is 25	God's eternal salvation for His people, the believers
Thur	Is 26	God blesses His people ; v19 the resurrection
Fri	Is 40	God's people who trust Him will soar like eagles - vs 31
Sat	Is 42	Peophecy of Savior Jesus

August 21 10th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Proper 16 Is. 51:1-6 Rom. 11:33—12:8 Matt. 16:13-20

Full reading for week: Isaiah 43 - 66

Or for shorter readings:

Mon	Isaiah 43	There is no other God, no other Savior
Tues	Is 46	God will sustain His people
Wed	Is 48	God, the Creator, will deliver His people from Babylon exile
Thur	Is 49	Christ will display God's salvation for all peoples
Fri	Is 53	Passion of Jesus foretold in explicit detail
Sat	Is 55	Everyone Invited to God's salvation

August 28 11th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Proper 17 Jer. 15:15-21 Rom. 12:9-21 Matt. 16:21-28

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

Or for shorter readings (left column):

Mon	1 Tim. 1-2	Ps 39
Tues	1 Tim. 3-4	Ps 44
Wed	1 Tim. 5-6	"Elders"- here is equivalent of pastor Ps 48
Thur	2 Tim. 1-2	Ps 52
Fri	2 Tim. 3-4	Ps 53
Sat	Psalm 53	Ps 58

September 4 12th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Proper 18 Ezek. 33:7-9 Rom. 13:1-10 Matt. 18:1-20

Full reading for week: Nahum + Habakkuk + Zephaniah

These prophets served after fall of north kingdom & before Babylonian exile

Or for shorter readings:

Labor Day	Nahum 1-2	God will destroy Nineveh, enemy of God's people, Israel
Tues	Habakkuk 1	Question: Why does God let wicked prosper?
Wed	Habakkuk 2	God will take care of things; just live by faith Hab 2:4 Righteous live by faith (compare Romans 1:17)
Thur	Habakkuk 3	Trust God no matter what occurs in your life
Fri	Zephaniah 1	Judgment upon the wicked
Sat	Zeph 3	God will punish wicked; bless the righteous

September 11 13th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Proper 19 Gen. 50:15-21 Rom. 14:1-12 Matt. 18:21-35

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

Or for shorter readings (left column):

Mon	Proverbs ch 22	Prov 22, 23
Tues	Proverbs ch 24	Prov 24, 28
Wed	Titus 1	Paul's instructions to Titus re: church Ps 59,60,61
Thur	Titus 2	We have God's grace--act like Christians Ps 63,64,82
Fri	Titus 3	v 5 think about Baptism Ps 83,87,88
Sat	Philemon	Paul returns converted runaway slave. Ps 95, 96 Message to owner; show him Christian love

September 18 14th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Proper 20 Is. 55:6-9 Phil. 1:12-14, 19-30 Matt. 20:1-16

Full reading for week: Jeremiah 1 - 20

Jeremiah 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
Tues	Jer 4	Enemy army will attack wicked Israelites Israelites
Wed	Jer 7	Israelites worshipped idols, rejected God's prophets
Thur	Jer 10	Do not fear helpless idols, God, the Creator will chastize
Fri	Jer 15	Disaster for wicked; --repentance will bring blessing
Sat	Jer 19	Jeremiah preaches devastation upon idolators; visual illustration is broken jar

September 25 15th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Proper 21 Ezek. 18:1-4, 25-32 Phil. 2:1-4(5-13)14-18 Matt. 21:23-27(28-32)

Full reading for week: Jeremiah 21 - 36

Or for shorter readings:

Mon	Jeremiah 22	God pronounces judgment upon wicked kings
Tues	Jer 23	God promises the righteous Branch--Jesus
Wed	Jer 27	Prophet foretells the Babylonian exile
Thur	Jer. 30	God promises restoration of Israel--to be God's people
Fri	Jer. 31	Prophecy of New Testament times
Sat	Jer. 33	Promise of the Savior from David's line

October 2 16th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Proper 22 Is. 5:1-7 Phil. 3:4b-14 Matt. 21:33-46

Full reading for week: Jeremiah 37-52 + Lamentations
+ Psalm 137

Or for shorter readings:

Mon	Jeremiah 40	Jeremiah not taken to exile; remnant left behind plots
Tues	Jer 41	Rebels kill governor & flee to Egypt
Wed	Jer 42-43	God tells remnant: remain in Promised Land; they flee to Egypt
Thur	Jer. 44	Idolaters who fled from Jerusalem to Egypt are doomed
Fri	Jer. 52	Reviewing fall of Jerusalem & entry to Babylonian exile
Sat	Lamentations 2	A lament re: destruction of temple & Jerusalem

October 9 17th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Proper 23 Is. 25:6-9 Phil. 4:4-13 Matt. 22:1-14

Full reading for week: John chapters 1 - 12

Or for shorter readings:

Mon	John 1	Jesus is true God; John the Baptist ; 1 st diaxiplea
Tues	John 3	If you have not yet done so, Memorize Jn 3:16
Wed	John 4	Jesus reveals His identity & offers salvation to a non-Jew
Thur	John 6	Jesus feeds many; reveals Himself as he Bread of Life
Fri	John 10	Jesus is the Good Shepherd
Sat	John 12	Palm Sunday; non-Jews seek Jesus; Jesus predicts His death

October 16 18th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Proper 24 Is. 45:1-7 1 Thess. 1:1-10 Matt. 22:15-22
Full reading for week: John chapters 13 - 21

Or for shorter readings:

Mon	John 14	Heavenly mansions; helper the Holy Spirit promised
Tues	John 17	Jesus prayed for the disciples and all believers
Wed	John 18	Jesu's trial before religious court & civil court
Thur	John 19	Mob chooses Jesus; Jesus' crucifixion, burial
Fri	John 20	Jesus" resurecion and appearances
Sat	John 21	Jesus re-instates Peter as one of the apostles

October 23 19th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Proper 25 Lev. 19:1-2, 15-18 1 Thess. 2:1-13 Matt. 22:34-46
Full reading for week: Ezekiel 1 - 30 (Prophet in Babylon exile)

Or for shorter readings:

Mon	Ezekiel 1-2	Ezekiel has visions of God & receives call to serve
Tues	Ezek 4	Ezekiel, in Babylon, to symbolize siege against Jerusalem
Wed	Ezek 10	Ezekiel has vision of God's presence leaving Jerusalem temple
Thur	Ezek 16	Unfaithful Israel pictured as prostitute
Fri	Ezek 20	God distributes Israel because of its wickedness
Sat	Ezek 24	Ezekielnot to mourn wife's death -- illustrating God's just destrucion of wicked Jerusalem

October 30 REFORMATION SUNDAY (fro m Reformation Day-Oct 31)
Rev. 14:6-7 Rom. 3:19-28 John 8:31-36 or Matt. 11:12-19
Full reading for week: Ezekiel 31 - 48

(Latter 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 33	Warn the wicked; Jerusalem has fallen to Babylonians
Tues	Ezek 34	God will shepherd His people; v.23 prophecy of Savior
Wed	Ezek 35	God's judgment against Edom (desendants of Esau)
Thur	Ezek 36	Israel will be blessed in Savor Jesus' reign in NT Church
Fri	Ezek 37	God creates spiritual life under descendant of David (i.e. Jesus)
Sat	Ezek 43	Vision God"s return to Jerusalem temple foretelling God blessing believers in New Testament days & finally in heaven

November 6 21st SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Proper 27 Amos 5:18-24 I Thess. 4:13-18 Matt. 25:1-13
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 2	By God's help, Daniel interprets king's dream
Wed	Dan 3	3 men in the fiery furnace; trust God no matter what
Thur	Dan 5	Daniel interprets writing on wall; Babylon falls 1
Fri	Dan 6	Daniel worships only God; God protects him in lion's den
Sat	Dan 12	Resurrection, splendor of evangelizers in heaven

November 13 22nd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Proper 28 Zeph. 1:7-16 1 Thess. 5:1-11 Matt. 25:14-30

Full reading for week: Hebrews + James

Mon	Heb. 1-2	Jesus is true God, come in the flesh to be our Savior
Tues	Heb. 3	Pay attention to Jesus, our Savior
Wed	Heb. 4	Sabbath day of rest pictures heaven
Thur	Heb. 10	Jesus' perfect sacrifice replaces & fulfills OT sacrifices
Fri	Heb. 11-12:3	Continue in faith as many faith believers in the past did
Sat	James 1,3	Live godly lives and be careful what you say

Nov 20 LAST SUNDAY .IN THE CHURCH YEAR

Proper 29 Ezek. 34:11-16, 20-24 1 Cor. 15:20-28 Matt. 25:31-46

Full reading for week: Esther + Psalms. below

*Esther: God spared descendants of Abraham
from whom Savior to be born*

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Or for shorter readings: (left column only)

Mon	Esther 1-2	Psalm 103
Tues	Esther 3	Ps 105
Wed	Esther 4-5	Ps 106
Thanksgiving	Esther 6-7	Ps 118
Fri	Esther 8	Ps 135
Sat	Esther 9-10	Ps 138

Nov 27 1st SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Is. 64:1-9 1 Cor 1:3-9 Mk 11:1-10 or Mk 13:24-37

Full reading for week: Ezra 1-6 Haggai Zechariah

Or for shorter readings:

Mon	Ezra 1	King Cyrus OK's Jews to return to Promised Land, rebuild temple
Tues	Ezra 3:1-4:5	Returned Jews offer sacrifices & start on temple; enemies hinder
Wed	Ezra 6	Renewed authorization to rebuild temple
Thur	Haggai 1-2	Prophet Haggai encourages people in rebuilding temple
Fri	Zechariah 2	New Testament church described in OT terms of Jerusalem
Sat	Zech 12-13	Pictures NT believers in God's care; hints of Jesus' passion;

December 4 2nd SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Is 40:1-11 2 Ptr 3:8-14 Mk 1:1-8

Full reading for week: 1 & 2 Peter; 1,2,3 John; Jude

Or for shorter readings:

Mon	1 Peter 2-3	Blessed believers called to Christian life-style
Tues	2 Peter 3	Description of the Last Day which is certainly coming
Wed	1 John 3	Reflecting God's love in our lives
Thur	2 John	Do not heed religious persons who do not teach Jesus
Fri	3 John	Christian hospitality to godly teachers
Sat	Jude	Beware false religious teachers; Stay in the true faith

December 11 3rd SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Is 61:1-4, 8-11 1 Thess 5:16-24 Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

Full reading for week: Ezra 7-10 Nehemiah Malachi

Or for shorter readings:

Mon Ezra 7 Yrs later Priest Ezra goes to Jerusalem leading another wave of returnees

Tues Ezra 9-10 Ezra corrects intermarriage with pagans

Wed Nehemiah 2 Nehemiah, new governor, goes to Jerusalem to rebuild city walls

Thur Neh 6 Wall rebuilt even thru much opposition from enemies

Fri Malachi 1-2 God displeased with half-hearted sacrifices

Sat Malachi 3-4 Day of Jesus' appearance will come; Jesus likened to Elijah

December 18 4th SUNDAY IN ADVENT

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

Full reading for week: Revelation 1 - 22

Or for shorter readings:

Mon Revelation 1 Jesus is the Son of God

Tues Rev 4 A vision of heaven

Wed Rev 7 A vision of the saved believers in heaven

Thur Rev 12 Vision of Satan unable to prevent Jesus' work

Fri Rev 19 Vision of praises to victorious Jesus

Christmas Eve Psalm 2 OT prophecy of Christ Jesus

CHRISTMAS DAY & WEEK OF CHRISTMAS

Full readings for week: All Psalms & Proverbs listed

Or for shorter readings: First reading listed for each day

Mon Ps 111 3 11 Proverbs 27

Tues Ps 150 5 81 Proverbs 29

Wed Ps 146 7 140 Proverbs 30

Thur Ps 67 9 10

Fri Ps 48 12 28

New Year's Eve Ps 90

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