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You will read from three sections of the Bible each day. The Old Testament, New Testament and Proverbs. When you have read each section, place a checkmark in the area provided to keep track of your progress.

Date	Old Testament	✓	New Testament	✓	Proverbs	✓
1	Exodus 11-12		Mark 4			1
2	Exodus 13-14		Mark 5			2
3	Exodus 15		Mark 6			3
4	Exodus 16-17		Mark 7			4
5	Exodus 18-19		Mark 8			5
6	Exodus 20-21		Mark 9			6
7	Exodus 22-23		Mark 10			7
8	Exodus 24-25		Mark 11			8
9	Exodus 26-27		Mark 12			9
10	Exodus 28-29		Mark 13			10
11	Exodus 30-31		Mark 14			11
12	Exodus 32		Mark 15			12
13	Exodus 33-34		Mark 16			13
14	Exodus 35-36		Luke 1			14
15	Exodus 37-38		Luke 2			15
16	Exodus 39		Luke 3			16
17	Exodus 40		Luke 4			17
18	Leviticus 1-2		Luke 5			18
19	Leviticus 3-4		Luke 6			19
20	Leviticus 5-6		Luke 7			20
21	Leviticus 7-8		Luke 8			21
22	Leviticus 9-10		Luke 9			22
23	Leviticus 11 - 12		Luke 10			23
24	Leviticus 13		Luke 11			24
25	Leviticus 14		Luke 12			25
26	Leviticus 15		Luke 13			26
27	Leviticus 16 - 17		Luke 14			27
28	Leviticus 18 - 19		Luke 15			28

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LEVITICUS

Leviticus is set at the base of the mountain Sinai. Here God is teaching Israel how to live holy lives before Him. And as they are there, Moses is led up the mountain by God where he is given the “Law”, or the instructions and regulations for living a life before God that would absolutely command blessing for the people of Israel. Remember, God didn’t institute these instructions and regulations to put a damper on the people, to be a “buzz kill”, but to give them a pathway to blessing. God is always wanting to bless His people. That includes you! Never think that making the decision to follow after God means rules that you better follow or you’ll be punished, but rather, an invitation to live a life that will command blessing as you listen and learn to live by His way!

When was Leviticus written?

We know that the Law was given to Moses at Mt. Sinai in 1446BC, but there is a possibility that it wasn’t written down until just before his death 40 years later. So, sometime between 1450 - 1410 BC, the same time as Genesis.

Who was Leviticus written for?

The book of Leviticus was written as a handbook for the priests and Levites outlining their duties in worship; a guidebook of holy living for the Hebrews. The Levites were the descendants of Levi, one of Jacob’s 12 sons who would become one of the 12 tribes of Israel.

This tribe, the Levites, were responsible for the serving God in the Holy Temple. Most served everyday roles like, playing music, opening and closing the gates, and standing guard. When Israel was wandering in the desert and didn’t have a temple, but a Tabernacle, which needed to be taken down and put up every time they moved, the Levitical tribe was responsible for that too. Packing up, transporting, and reconstructing the Tabernacle wherever the Israelites traveled to next.

The most sacred tasks of the Tabernacle / Temple, which included bringing the sacrifices, were reserved for the priests, who were the descendants of Aaron, the brother of Moses, who was a Levite himself.

What stories will we read in Leviticus?

We might not find too many stories here that you recognize. And the book of Leviticus has sometimes been dubbed a “difficult book to read”. But in its pages is life, just like the rest of the Bible. Remember, the Bible is GOOD for you, no matter what part you’re reading. I want to challenge you, as you read Leviticus, be open to the Holy Spirit speaking to you through it. And make sure you let me know what you find!

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LUKE

Luke as mentioned in our write up Mark is one of the three books called the synoptic gospels. Luke was written by the man of the same name, Luke. Three interesting facts about Luke are that:

1. Luke was not Jewish. He was a “Gentile” Christian. A believer in Jesus Christ, and is the only non Jewish believer to write any of the New Testament Books.
2. Luke was a Doctor, and a close friend and companion of Paul.
3. Luke also wrote the book of Acts.

Luke is the most comprehensive of the Gospels. The way it was written shows that Luke was an educated man. He also makes frequent references to illnesses and diagnoses that someone without the education of a doctor would not make. Luke also stresses Jesus’ relationship with people; emphasizing prayer, miracles and angels. A large portion, Luke 9:51 - 18:35 is not found in any of the other gospels. Luke also gives a prominent place to women within his writings.

When was Luke written?

Luke was most likely written about 58-62 AD, during Paul’s imprisonment in Caesarea or Rome.

Who was Luke written for?

Luke is very interesting in the way it is written. The book is written to off an accurate account of the life of Jesus Christ, presenting him as the perfect human and Savior, in a way that you can tell it was written by a gentile, and in a way that a gentile would be able to understand it.

What stories will we read in Luke?

Of course you will find many of the stories found in Matthew and Mark, but he also says the most about the birth of John the Baptist (Jesus’ cousin), and the story of Jesus birth. The shepherds, Mary & Joseph bringing baby Jesus to the temple, Prophecies by Simeon and Anna, all found in the book of Luke.

The story of Jesus being a twelve year old and being left behind by his parents in Jerusalem. They finally realize they left him and find him in the temple talking to the religious teachers, asking them questions!

As mentioned there is a large portion of Luke that is not found in the other gospels that include many stories, parables and events in the ministry of Jesus.