

April 2023

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	Deuteronomy 2 - 3		Acts 2		1	
2	Deuteronomy 4		Acts 3		2	
3	Deuteronomy 5 - 6		Acts 4		3	
4	Deuteronomy 7 - 8		Acts 5 - 6		4	
5	Deuteronomy 9 - 10		Acts 7		5	
6	Deuteronomy 11 - 12		Acts 8		6	
7	Deuteronomy 13-14		Acts 9		7	
8	Deuteronomy 15-16		Acts 10		8	
9	Deuteronomy 17-18		Acts 11 - 12		9	
10	Deuteronomy 19-20		Acts 13		10	
11	Deuteronomy 21-22		Acts 14 - 15:21		11	
12	Deuteronomy 23-24		Acts 15:22 - 16:40		12	
13	Deuteronomy 25-26		Acts 17		13	
14	Deuteronomy 27		Acts 18 - 19:22		14	
15	Deuteronomy 28		Acts 19:23 - 20		15	
16	Deuteronomy 29-30		Acts 21		16	
17	Deuteronomy 31 - 32:47		Acts 22		17	
18	Deuteronomy 32:48 - 34		Acts 23 - 24		18	
19	Joshua 1-2		Acts 25 - 26		19	
20	Joshua 3-4		Acts 27		20	
21	Joshua 5-6		Acts 28		21	
22	Joshua 7-8		Romans 1		22	
23	Joshua 9-10		Romans 2 - 3		23	
24	Joshua 11-12		Romans 4 - 5		24	
25	Joshua 13-14		Romans 6 - 7		25	
26	Joshua 15-16		Romans 8		26	
27	Joshua 17-18		Romans 9		27	
28	Joshua 19-20		Romans 10 - 11		28	
29	Joshua 21-22		Romans 12 - 13		29	
30	Joshua 23-24		Romans 14 - 15:22		30	

Books in April

JOSHUA

Moses has passed away and the people of Israel are once again standing on the edge of their promise. What will they decide to do? Joshua takes up the mantle of leadership and along with Caleb are the only 2 people from the previous generation that get to enter the promised land because they were the only 2 who tried to convince Israel to follow God the first time around.

This promised land is a long time coming! God promised this land to Abraham more than 500 years before Joshua stood ready to lead Israel into it!

Joshua is actually a pretty remarkable person. Of his entire story, there is really only one moment where his following of God and his leadership faltered. Joshua was completely loyal to God, and throughout the years was loyal to Moses as well, right to the end of Moses' life.

The timeline of this book also marks another important moment for the nation of Israel. Having only ever had one leader, Moses, the nation is now led by Joshua as they conquer the land of Canaan and settle there. But when Joshua dies there is no new commissioned leader and Israel moves into what we call, the age of the judges, where God would periodically raise a leader to lead the people in battle, or to deliver them from their enemies.

When was Joshua written?

Joshua was written about 1375 BC. It is traditionally assumed that Joshua wrote this book, and that possibly Phinehas, the high priest, or someone else, finished the last few chapters that include the death of Joshua.

Who was Joshua written for?

Joshua's primary purpose is to be a historical account of Israel taking over the promised land that God had said Abraham's descendants would live in. It is a book of conquest. The book is for those who came after, that they would never forget their history and the miracles that God did for them in giving them the Promised Land. This book is full of God's awesome power and might, and proves over and over again His faithfulness toward Israel, and his covenant with them.

What stories will we read in Joshua?

There are some well known stories in the book of Joshua. Rahab saving the Israelite spies in the city of Jericho. Israel marching around the city walls and God miraculously making them crumble to the ground. In another part of the book, God parts another body of water, this time the Jordan River, and the entire nation walks across on dry ground.

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ROMANS

Romans is the 1st letter in the Bible that was written by Paul, the Apostle. The overarching theme of the book of Romans is that all of humanity has fallen short of God's standard and that salvation from sin is found in Jesus Christ alone.

Paul was on his way to Spain, but on that journey wanted to stop by Rome and meet the church there. He had friends who knew the Christians in the city and was excited to meet them and minister to them. In advance of his arrival he wrote them a letter that would serve as the foundation of his ministry once he arrived.

When was Romans written?

Romans was written during Paul's third missionary journey around 55-56 AD.

Who was Romans written for?

Romans is written to the Christians in Rome. This isn't a letter to people Paul knew, but rather a letter to the people he had not yet visited. This was basically an introduction before he arrived. Romans is written more like a document to bring particular information rather than a letter to someone you know. Some call it a "theology textbook" because of its thorough explanation of the Christian life. In some ways it was written to help resolve the tension between Jews and Gentiles in Rome and to show that both groups were equal in God's sight. In doing this, Paul explains the gospel as a whole and its importance in being used for ministry advancement. This was new to the world, God was no longer just the "God of Israel", or the "God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob", but Jesus had opened the door for salvation for all mankind. This needed good, sound explanations and a foundation for how to live the Christian life together.

What stories will we read in Romans?

In Paul's letters you won't find stories as much as you'll find his teaching of the gospel of Jesus Christ. There are three main themes in Romans. In chapters 1-8 Paul talks about the Christian Gospel, chapters 9-11 talk through the Gospel and Israel, and chapters 12-16 talk about living out the Christian life. It's a manual for Christian living that will be of great benefit to you!