

# READING GUIDE

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The following readings are intentionally broad. Use them to become familiar with the sweep of the biblical story; and with the events, reflections upon those events, and broader themes which integrate the story.

My assumption is that the Bible is one story which finds its ultimate resolution in Jesus Christ. [See for example Luke 24: 13–49, John 2:19–22, Acts 2:14–39, Romans 1:2–4, Galatians 3:26–4:7, Ephesians 1:9–10; 3:2–11, and Hebrews 1:1–4.]

The readings are roughly in chronological order according to the events they describe.

## TIPS FOR READING

The goal is familiarity. Here are my tips for reading:

1. Get a notebook and make lots of notes as you go. Stick to the texts and your growing sense of the links between them
2. Get some friends to join you. Swap notes every now and then
3. Do not try to memorise
4. Read the 'Core texts' passages first. Read through them again. And once more!
5. Read each line of 'Key specific texts' at least twice before moving to the next
6. Always start at the big picture. Let the detail come later through multiple readings
7. Don't force it. You may feel you're getting nowhere. You will be. But you can't force it
8. When you finish the list...start again. And build in any new passages you discover.
9. If you get opportunities to teach and preach, work from these passages, if you can. There's nothing like teaching others to make something clear to us.

	Big chunks	Core texts	Key specific texts
1	Genesis 1–17	1–3; 12:1–3	9:1–17; 11:1–9; 15; 17
2	Exodus 1–33	6:1–12; 15:1–18; 19:3–6	1–3; 12:31–50; 20; 24; 32–33
3	Leviticus		19; 25
4	Numbers		11:21–30
5	Deuteronomy		4; 6; 12; 17:14–20; 28–29
6	Joshua		3–4; 23–24
7	Judges		5, 6
8	1&2 Samuel	1 Sam 15–17; 2 Sam 5–7	1 Sam 2; 3:1–4:10; 8–10; 2 Sam 1:1–2:7; 22:1–23:7
9	1&2 Chronicles	2 Chron 5–7	1 Chron 11–17; 2 Chron 29:1–30:9; 34–35; 36:15–23
10	Psalms	1–2; 8; 18; 89	19; 21; 22; 24; 51; 80; 93; 105–106; 150
11	Proverbs 1–9		1; 4; 9
12	Amos		5:18–27
13	Micah		6–7
14	Isaiah 1–12, 40–66	4:2–6, 9:1–7, 42:1–9; 49:1–6; 50:4–9; 51–54; 61:1–2; 65:17–25	2; 5:1–7; Chap 24–27; 40:1–5; 44:1–5; Chap 45; 49; 58; 61
15	Joel		2:28–32
16	Jeremiah	31:31–37	7:1–29; 11:1–17; 13:15–27; 25:15–38
17	Ezekiel 34–37, 40–48	47:1–12	10; 34–37; 40:1–4; 48:35b
18	Daniel	7	7–12
19	Zechariah		9–14
20	Haggai		Whole book
21	Ezra		1; 3–7
22	Matthew	28:16–20	1–4
23	Mark	8:27–38	9:30–32; 10:32–34
24	Luke	1:1–3:23; 4:1–30; 6:1–11; 14:15–16:18; 22–24	Whole book
25	John	2:12–25; 13–17	6:25–59; 10:1–21
26	Acts	2	3:11–26; 4:8–20; 7:1–8:4; 9–11; 13; 15; 17:16–34; 28:17–31
27	Romans	1:2–4; 1:16–3:31; 5; 8	Whole book
28	Ephesians	1	1–4:16; 6
29	Philippians		2:1–16
30	Colossians		1:15–20
31	1 Corinthians	13:1–13; 15:1–28	12–15
32	Galatians		5–6
33	Hebrews	1:1–4	2:5–18; 4:14–5:10; 8; 12:18–29
34	1 Peter		2:4–12
35	1 John		4
36	Revelation	22:1–6	4–5; 21–22