

Annual Bible Reading Chart

Year: _____

...that you may walk worthy of the Lord,
fully pleasing *Him*, being fruitful in every good work
and increasing in the knowledge of God
(Colossians 1:10)

Choose the plan that you would like to follow:

- 4 Chapters Per Day: 43 Weeks
- 23 Chapters Per Week: 52 Weeks
- 24 Chapters Per Week: 50 Weeks

Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the
ungodly, nor stands in the path of sinners, nor sits in the
seat of the scornful; But his delight is in the law of the LORD,
And in His law he meditates day and night.
(Psalm 1:1-2)

Instructions:

1. Cross off ☒ or highlight chapters read.
2. Read in any order desired!
3. Each Saturday, count total chapters read and mark a spot for that week's vertical line. Stay above the diagonal target line.
4. When you complete a line, fill in the double line to the left || to keep track of total by 50's.

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The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul; The testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple; The statutes of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; The commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes; The fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever; The judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether. More to be desired are they than gold, Yea, than much fine gold; Sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb. Moreover by them Your servant is warned, And in keeping them there is great reward. (Psalm 19:7-11)

I updated this chart based on the original chart created by Dr. William H. Smallman, of Baptist Mid-Missions. A big thanks to him for the outstanding design and effort!

How To Use This Bible Reading Chart

This is a double chart, one imposed on the other.

First, the grid counts off all of the 1189 chapters of the Bible, though Psalm 119 is subdivided into 5 squares. As you read the books of the Bible in *any* order you find helpful, simply mark off the box for each chapter. These are arranged in rows of 50 to simplify your counting and to encourage you to finish a bit early.

Each Saturday you will add up all the chapters you have read. When you complete any full row of chapters, simply fill in the small box at the far left end of that row. This serves as a convenient marker of 50. You only need to add up the marked boxes in any incomplete rows and then add in the multiples of 50 for your running total.

The second chart is a graph with the number of chapters read recorded on the vertical axis. The horizontal axis counts the Saturdays for the year. You will find it helpful to get a calendar and write the dates for each Saturday under the number (e.g. Jan. 5,12,19,26). When you have added up your running total of chapters read (paragraph #2), simply find the vertical line for that Saturday and go up that line. Mark a dot on the line at the number of chapters read so far.

Each week, you can connect that dot to the previous week's dot. The growing line of your reading progress should be kept *above* the target line printed on the graph. You will always know just how many chapters or weeks you are ahead of (or behind) schedule.

You can modify this chart for a more accelerated reading program. Simply draw a new target line from the lower left corner to the top of the line for your target week (30th week, 40th week). Or, if you finish the Bible in July and want to reread the New Testament by Thanksgiving, just draw a new target line from the bottom of the last July Saturday to 260 up the last Saturday line in November.

Do you wish to read through the Bible in two years instead of one? Simply mark the Saturday lines with the dates of every other Saturday. This simple system puts you in charge of your Bible-reading program while motivating you reach your goal. Read, meditate, obey.

Please feel free to make copies of this chart for your own use or for distribution. I first devised it in 1972 and have found it stimulating and flexible.

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