

# Guided Tour

**A Guided Tour of the Bible** This reading plan offers a kind of bird's-eye-view. The daily readings consist of 180 selected passages. You can read both the chapter and its accompanying note from the NIV Student Bible in 15 minutes per day.

**Time Commitment:** 180 days

**Goal:** To present the underlying story of the Bible

**Note:** Completing this plan requires the full version of the NIV Student Bible.

## The Plot Unveiled

- Genesis 1: A Book of Beginnings
- Genesis 2: One Shining Moment
- Genesis 3: The Crash
- Genesis 4: Crouching at the Door
- Genesis 7: Under Water
- Genesis 8: The Rainbow
- Genesis 15: The Plan
- Genesis 19: A Catastrophe Sent from God
- Genesis 22: Final Exam
- Genesis 27: Jacob Gets the Blessing
- Genesis 28: Something Undeserved
- Genesis 37: Family Battles
- Genesis 41: Behind the Scenes
- Genesis 45: A Long Forgiveness

## Birthing a Nation

- Exodus 3: Time for Action
- Exodus 10-11: The Ten Plagues
- Exodus 14: Miracle at the Red Sea
- Exodus 20: The Ten Commandments
- Exodus 32: The Dream Dies
- Leviticus 26: Legal Matters
- Numbers 11: Trials in the Desert
- Numbers 14: Open Mutiny
- Deuteronomy 4: Never Forget
- Deuteronomy 8: Dangers of Success
- Deuteronomy 28: Loud and Clear
- Joshua 2: New Spies, New Spirit
- Joshua 6: Strange Tactics
- Joshua 7: Slow Learners
- Joshua 24: Home at Last
- Judges 6: Unlikely Leader
- Judges 7: Military Upset
- Judges 16: Superman's Flaws
- Ruth 1: Tough Love

## The Golden Age

- 1 Samuel 3: Transition Team
- 1 Samuel 16: Tale of Two Kings
- Psalm 23: A Shepherd's Song
- 1 Samuel 17: Giant-Killer
- Psalm 19: Outdoor Lessons
- 1 Samuel 20: Jonathan's Loyalty
- Psalm 27: Ups and Downs
- 2 Samuel 6: King of Passion
- 1 Chronicles 17: God's House

- Psalm 103: The Goodness of God
- 2 Samuel 11: Adultery and Murder
- 2 Samuel 12: Caught in the Act
- Psalm 51: True Confession
- Psalm 139: David's Spiritual Secret
- 1 Kings 3: Raw Talent
- 1 Kings 8: High-water Mark
- Psalm 84: Home Sweet Home
- Proverbs 4: Life Advice
- Proverbs 10: One-liners
- Proverbs on Words: Verbal Dynamite (Page 676)
- Song of Songs 2: Love Story
- Ecclesiastes 3: A Time for Everything

## The Northern Kingdom

- 1 Kings 17: The Prophets
- 1 Kings 18: Mountaintop Showdown
- 2 Kings 5: Double Portion
- Joel 2: Word Power
- Jonah 3-4: Beloved Enemies
- Amos 4: Street-Corner Prophet
- Hosea 1, 3: Parable of Love
- Hosea 11: Wounded Lover
- 2 Kings 17: Postmortem

## The Southern Kingdom

- 2 Chronicles 20: Meanwhile in Jerusalem
- Micah 6: Pollution Spreads
- 2 Chronicles 30: Hezekiah's Festival
- Isaiah 6: Power Behind the Throne
- Isaiah 25: Eloquent Hope
- 2 Chronicles 32: Battlefield Lessons
- Nahum 1: Enemy Justice
- Zephaniah 3: Rotten Ruling Class
- 2 Kings 22: Boy Wonder
- Jeremiah 2: National Adultery
- Jeremiah 15: Balking Prophet
- Jeremiah 31: Israel's Future
- Jeremiah 38: Prophet's Perils
- Habakkuk 1: Debating God
- Lamentations 3: Poet In Shock
- Obadiah: No Room to Gloat

## Starting Over

- Ezekiel 1: In Exile
- Ezekiel 2-3: Toughening Up
- Ezekiel 4: Write Large and Shout
- Ezekiel 37: Resurrection Time
- Daniel 1: Enemy Employers
- Daniel 3: Ordeal by Fire

- Daniel 5: Like Father, Like Son
- Daniel 6: Daniel's Longest Night
- Ezra 3: Home at Last
- Haggai 1: A Needed Boost
- Zechariah 8: Raising Sights
- Nehemiah 2: A Man for All Seasons
- Nehemiah 8: Mourning into Joy
- Esther 4: A Race's Survival
- Malachi 2: Low-grade Disappointment

## Cries of Pain

- Job 1-2: Is God Unfair?
- Job 38: God Speaks to Job
- Job 42: Happy Ending
- Isaiah 40: Who's in Charge?
- Isaiah 52: The Suffering Servant
- Isaiah 53: Wounded Healer
- Isaiah 55: The End of It All

## A Surprising Messiah

- Luke 1: One Final Hope
- Luke 2: No Fear
- Mark 1: Immediate Impact
- Mark 2: Signal Fires of Opposition
- John 3: Late-Night Rendezvous
- Mark 3: Miracles and Magic
- Mark 4: Hard Soil
- Mark 5: Jesus and Illness
- Matthew 5: Inflammatory Word
- Matthew 6: Sermon on the Mount
- Matthew 13: Kingdom Tales
- Mark 6: Contrast in Power
- Luke 16: Of Two Worlds
- Luke 12: Jesus on Money
- Luke 18: Underdogs

## Responses to Jesus

- Luke 15: Master Storyteller
- John 6: Food that Endures
- Mark 7: Poles Apart
- Matthew 18: Out of Bondage
- John 10: No Secrets
- Mark 8: Turning Point
- Mark 9: Slow Learners
- Luke 10: Mission Improbable
- Mark 10: Servant Leadership
- Mark 11: Opposition Heats Up
- Mark 12: Baiting Jesus
- Mark 13: A Day to Dread
- Mark 14: A Scent of Doom

## Final Days

- John 14: One Final Meal Together
- John 15: Vital Link
- John 16: Grief into Joy
- John 17: Commissioning

- Matthew 26: Appointment with Destiny
- Matthew 27: No Justice
- Mark 15: The Last Temptation
- Matthew 28: A Rumor of Life
- John 20: The Rumor Spreads
- Luke 24: The Final Link

## The Word Spreads

- Acts 1: Departure
- Acts 2: Explosion
- Acts 5: Shock Waves
- Acts 9: About-face
- Galatians 3: Legalism
- Acts 16: Detour
- Philippians 2: Downward Mobility
- Acts 17: Mixed Results
- 1 Thessalonians 3-4: Preparing for the End
- 2 Thessalonians 2: Rumor Control
- 1 Corinthians 13: The Love Chapter
- 1 Corinthians 15: The Last Enemy
- 2 Corinthians 4: Baked Dirt
- 2 Corinthians 12: Boasting of Weakness

## Paul's Legacy

- Romans 3: Remedy
- Romans 7: Limits of the Law
- Romans 8: Spirit Life
- Romans 12: Down-To-Earth Problems
- Acts 26: Unexpected Passage
- Acts 27: Perfect Storm
- Acts 28: Rome at Last
- Ephesians 2: Prison Letter
- Ephesians 3: Success Story
- Colossians 1: Spanning the Gap
- Philemon: A Personal Favor
- Titus 2: Paul's Troubleshooter
- 1 Timothy 1: Growth Pains
- 2 Timothy 2: Final Words

## Vital Letters

- Hebrews 2: The Great Descent
- Hebrews 11: What Is True Faith?
- Hebrews 12: Marathon Race
- James 1: Walk the Talk
- 1 Peter 1: Converted Coward
- 2 Peter 1: Hidden Dangers
- Jude: Sounding the Alarm
- 1 John 3: Merest Christianity
- 2 and 3 John: Pesky Deceivers
- Revelation 1: The Final Word
- Revelation 12: Another Side of History
- Revelation 21: An End and a Beginning