

Reading the Word Together

Following the plan provided in the *Anchored in the Word* booklets will allow you to read through the entire Bible in 2020. Since you'll be reading along with others in our church, it will be easier to discuss what you are reading with other believers. Sharing your insights and questions will greatly encourage others to dive into God's life-giving Word.

Here's what you will find inside:

- A weekly section to keep track of your Bible reading, record insights, and review the weekly memory verse.
- Introductions to each Biblical book that will be read during the month.
- A brief overview of how to do more in-depth Bible study.
- A listing of church events for the month.
- Blank note pages to record key blessings & lessons

Nothing will impact your life like consistently reading and reflecting on God's Word. You will grow in your knowledge of God and His ways. You will find strength and insight for each day. There is abundant hope and help in God's Word for you!

"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 (NKJV)



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Introduction to Leviticus

Leviticus begins with the people of Israel at the foot of Mount Sinai. The glory of the Lord had just filled the tabernacle (Ex. 40:34-38) and God now tells Moses to instruct the Levitical priests and the people of Israel concerning sacrifices, worship, the priesthood, ceremonial cleanness, the Day of Atonement, feasts and holy days, and the Year of Jubilee.

The central message is that God is holy and he requires his people to be holy and gives them specific instructions as to what that looks like. The book also shows that God graciously provides atonement for sin through the shedding of blood.

Moses is the writer of the book of Leviticus, writing sometime after giving the law.

A Visual Introduction

We highly recommend the book introduction videos published by The Bible Project on their YouTube channel. Scan the QR code on the right through your smartphone's camera app to quickly watch this video.



Holiness - A Topical Study



The word “holy” appears frequently in the book of Numbers and deserves some study. The Bible Project has published a helpful topical study on holiness which can be watched using the QR code on the left.

Introduction to Numbers

The English title "Numbers" comes from the two censuses that are central features of this book; however, the Hebrew title, "In the Wilderness," is more descriptive of the book.

Numbers tells how God's people traveled from Mount Sinai to the border of the Promised Land. When they refused to take possession of their promised land out of fear of its inhabitants, God made them wander in the wilderness for nearly forty years.

Throughout the book, God is seen as both holy and faithful. God's holiness is evident in that he cannot ignore rebellion or unbelief and allow them to go unchecked. His faithfulness is evident in how he keeps his covenant and patiently provides for the needs of his people. Numbers ends with a new generation preparing for the conquest of Canaan.

Moses is the writer of the book of Numbers, writing during the final year of his life.

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How to Read the Law – A Visual Explanation



Different literature types require different reading approaches to get the most from them. The video code at left links to a Bible Project video presentation with tips on how to read law literature effectively.

Week Five

My Reading Journal

Reading Schedule

✓	Date	Day	Text
	2/2	Sunday	Exodus 33-35
	2/3	Monday	Exodus 36-38
	2/4	Tuesday	Exodus 39-40
	2/5	Wednesday	Leviticus 1-4
	2/6	Thursday	Leviticus 5-7
	2/7	Friday	Leviticus 8-9
	2/8	Saturday	Leviticus 10-12

Memory Verse

“Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock: and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock.

Matthew 7:24–25

Discovery Questions

What character does the Lord reveal in His name in Exodus 34:14?

What are the six, symbolic furniture items that make up the tabernacle equipment?

What criteria did the law give for determining which seafood creatures were “clean” to eat?

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Week Six

My Reading Journal

Reading Schedule

✓	Date	Day	Text
	2/9	Sunday	Leviticus 13
	2/10	Monday	Leviticus 14-15
	2/11	Tuesday	Leviticus 16-18
	2/12	Wednesday	Leviticus 19-21
	2/13	Thursday	Leviticus 22-23
	2/14	Friday	Leviticus 24-25
	2/15	Saturday	Leviticus 26-27

Memory Verse

“But everyone who hears these sayings of Mine, and does not do them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand: and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it fell. And great was its fall.”

Matthew 7:26-27

Discovery Questions

What modern term gets its meaning from the animal that would carry the sins of the people?

What happened every 50 years and what was this event called?

What did God threatened to do for the land's sake if Israel refused to let the land rest (Sabbath) every seven years?

This image shows a single page from a notebook or ledger. It features approximately 20 evenly spaced horizontal blue lines running across the width of the page. The margins are consistent on all sides, providing ample space for writing or drawing. There is no handwriting or other markings on the page.

Week Seven

My Reading Journal

Reading Schedule

✓	Date	Day	Text
	2/16	Sunday	Numbers 1-2
	2/17	Monday	Numbers 3-4
	2/18	Tuesday	Numbers 5-6
	2/19	Wednesday	Numbers 7
	2/20	Thursday	Numbers 8-10
	2/21	Friday	Numbers 11-13
	2/22	Saturday	Numbers 14-15

Memory Verse

“Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you..”

1 Thessalonians 5:16–18

Discovery Questions

When God arranged the 12 tribes around the tabernacle, He counted Manasseh and Ephraim with them. How could these two “tribes” replace two of the original 12 brethren?

What age group of Levites were responsible for moving the tabernacle around?

Why might someone who took the Nazarite vow be a bad hunter?

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Week Eight

My Reading Journal

Reading Schedule

✓	Date	Day	Text
	2/23	Sunday	Numbers 16-18
	2/24	Monday	Numbers 19-21
	2/25	Tuesday	Numbers 22-24
	2/26	Wednesday	Numbers 25-26
	2/27	Thursday	Numbers 27-29
	2/28	Friday	Numbers 30-31
	2/29	Saturday	Numbers 32-33

Memory Verse

“I will set nothing wicked before my eyes;
I hate the work of those who fall away; It shall not cling to me.”

Psalm 101:3

Discovery Questions

What two references does Balaam make to the Messiah?

What significant legal precedent did the daughters of Zelophehad bring about?

Why did Moses insist that Reuben and Gad cross the Jordan river with the others even though their inheritance was not over there?

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Appendix A - The Inductive Study Method

Observation – What do I see?

Start by reading the passage once through to get the big picture. Then read it again slower: pause at punctuation, identify grammar, and notice how thoughts connect. Let the scene develop in your mind.

Now, “zoom out” in stages to get the **context**

- Immediate context – What is going on?
- Surrounding context – What happened before and after?
- Larger context – What is this book about?

Next, consider how the **literary style** might be contributing

- Biographical – narrative built on key persons
- Geographical – location is center of narrative
- Historical – narrative around key events
- Chronological – emphasis on sequence
- Ideological – argument around an idea or concept

Finally, “**interview**” the passage with these questions:

- Who? – What is significant to know about each person?
- What? – What is happening? What is being said or done?
- Where? – Lookup every location you encounter!
- When? – When did this occur? to other Scripture?
- Why? – Look for reasons and explanations. Connect them!
- How? – Are methods described or instructions given?

Of course, not all of these questions will have relevant answers, but as good observation skills become second nature methods you will begin noticing more details that will contribute to a rewarding Bible study. Practice, practice, and more practice!

Interpretation – What does it mean?

When interpreting Scripture, always keep in mind that “meaning” is not our subjective thoughts read into the text, but God’s objective truth read out of the text. Using the analogy of a puzzle, try applying the “four C’s” of accurate interpretation:

- *Content* – Do I have all the pieces? Observation is critical
- *Context* – Where does this piece belong in the big picture?
 - Literary context – what type of literature is this?
 - Historical context – what events surround this text?
 - Cultural context – what were the “norms” then?
 - Geographic context – does location matter?
 - Theological context – what did they know of God?
- *Comparison* – Where does this piece fit with the others?
 - The greatest interpreter of Scripture is Scripture
- *Consultation* – Does this piece really fit here?
 - Commentaries are great consultation resources

And never forget the golden rule of interpretation:

“When the plain sense of Scripture makes common sense, seek no other sense...or it will be nonsense.”

Application – How does it affect me?

To find out how the principles you’ve discovered might apply to you, it helps to restate them as a question to yourself like this:

“How does that fact that [...principle from the Bible...] affect me?”

Then ask yourself what action you should take based on what you now know. Seek God’s will in prayer for this. Permit the Holy Spirit to answer these questions for you and open your eyes to God’s perspective.

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Events in February

Faithful Men	Saturday the 8 th @ 6 PM
Ladies Book Study	Monday the 10 th @ 7 PM
Teen Preaching Rally	Saturday the 15 th @ 9 AM
Church Outreach	Saturday the 22 nd @ 1 PM
Members Meeting	Sunday the 19th @ 6 PM

Weekly Gatherings

Sunday Worship Service	Sundays @ 10:30 AM
“Answers” Bible Classes	Sundays @ 9:30 AM
Sunday Evening Service	Sundays @ 5:00 PM
Covina Fellowship Group*	Wednesdays @ 7:00 PM
West Covina Fellowship Group*	Wednesdays @ 6:30 PM
Seniors Fellowship Group*	Fridays @ 2:00 PM

**Meeting locations and times vary and sometimes change. Please see a pastor for information and to enroll*

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