

*Anchored*  
IN THE WORD

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# Read the Word Daily for your Soul

I'm excited to read through the Bible again this year. Why? Because it keeps my focus on Jesus. When I don't receive the word of God day by day, my faith weakens, my love fades, and my witness diminishes. I've found that there is nothing like a regular, substantial intake of the word to nourish my spiritual life. That normally means reading through the entire Bible at least one time per year.

Some struggle with this since it requires a long-term persistence. When you fall behind, you are tempted to just give up. This is why I love the plan that we are using this year. You'll only have assigned readings for 25 days out of each month. This will allow 5-6 days each month to catch up, get ahead, or read elsewhere. This year's plan also balances out reading from different portions of Scripture. It provides two readings for each day. The first reading alternates between Old and New Testament books. The second reading takes you through a chapter of the wisdom literature and Isaiah.

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.

Blessings on your reading!

Pastor Jack

Psalm 1:2

# Introduction to Psalms

The book of Psalms is filled with the songs and prayers offered to God by the nation of Israel. Their expressions of praise, faith, sorrow, and frustration cover the range of human emotions. Some of the Psalms dwell on the treasure of wisdom and God's Word. Others reveal the troubled invite others to join in song. This diversity is unified by one element: they are centered upon the one and only living God. This Creator God is King of all the earth and a refuge to all who trust in him. Many of the Psalms are attributed to King David.



# Introduction to 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians

The city of Corinth was at the heart of an important trade route in the ancient world. Like many cities that thrive on trade, Corinth had a reputation for sexual immorality, religious diversity, and corruption. The church that Paul planted there floundered under all of these influences and began to divide over various issues. This book addresses many practical questions dividing the church, such as spiritual gifts, marriage, food offered to idols, and the resurrection. Paul ultimately urged the Corinthians to be unified and to give themselves fully to "the work of the Lord".



## Introduction to Ecclesiastes

Ecclesiastes contains reflections of an old man, the "Preacher," as he considered the question of meaning in life. He looked back and saw the futility ("vanity") of chasing after even the good things this life can offer, including wisdom, work, pleasure, and wealth. Even if such things are satisfying for a time, death is certain to end this satisfaction; yet the person who lives in the fear of the Lord can enjoy God's good gifts.



## Introduction to Chronicles

First and Second Chronicles, originally one book, was written sometime after Judah began to return from the Babylonian exile in 538 B.C. and focuses primarily on the history of Judah. First Chronicles begins with several genealogies, with special emphasis on David and Solomon. The "chronicler" moves next to the history of the kingdom under David, stressing David's interest in worship and his detailed plans for the construction of the temple-which would be built by his son Solomon. Second Chronicles recalls the greatness of Solomon's reign; however, most of the book focuses on Judah's fall into sin which led to the exile. Judah had several godly kings, especially Hezekiah and Josiah, but it still declined into sin. Yet God remained faithful to his covenant people, and as the book closes it jumps ahead several years, recording the decree of Cyrus that allowed the Jewish exiles to return to their Promised Land.



# Introduction to Song of Solomon

According to the most common interpretation, the Song of Solomon is a collection of love poems between a man and a woman, celebrating the relationship God intended for marriage. God established marriage, and Israelite wisdom literature treasures the physical union of marriage as the appropriate expression of human sexuality (Prov. 5:15-20). The Song of Solomon has also been understood as an illustration of the mutual love of Christ and his church.



# Introduction to Hosea

Hosea ministered in the golden age of the northern kingdom (Israel), with a peace and prosperity not seen since the days of Solomon. Unfortunately, with this prosperity came moral decay, and Israel forsook God to worship idols. Hosea proclaimed God's complaint against Israel and warned of the punishment that would come unless the people returned to the Lord and remained faithful to him.



# Week Twenty-Seven

## Read

✓	Date	Day	Text
	7/4	Sunday	1 Chron 1-4   Ecclesiastes 9
	7/5	Monday	1 Chron 5-8   Ecclesiastes 10
	7/6	Tuesday	1 Chron 9-11   Ecclesiastes 11
	7/7	Wednesday	1 Chron 12-14   Ecclesiastes 12
	7/8	Thursday	1 Chron 15-17   Song of Songs 1
	7/9	Friday	1 Chron 18-20   Song of Songs 2
	7/10	Saturday	<i>Reflection</i>

## Reflect

*Ecclesiastes describes the meaninglessness of living without God.  
What examples of this stood out the most to you?*

## Remember

You shall diligently keep the commandments of the Lord your God, His testimonies, and His statutes which He has commanded you.

Deuteronomy 6:17

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# Week Twenty-Eight

## Read

✓	Date	Day	Text
	7/11	Sunday	1 Chron 21-23   Song of Songs 3
	7/12	Monday	1 Chron 24-26   Song of Songs 4
	7/13	Tuesday	1 Chron 27-29   Song of Songs 5
	7/14	Wednesday	Hosea 1-4   Song of Songs 6
	7/15	Thursday	Hosea 5-8   Song of Songs 7
	7/16	Friday	Hosea 9-11   Song of Songs 8
	7/17	Saturday	<i>Reflection</i>

## Reflect

*Hosea provides several vivid pictures of Israel's failures. Look for them and then consider which might apply to you.*

## Remember

Keep your heart with all diligence, For out of it spring the issues of life.

Proverbs 4:23



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# Week Twenty-Nine

## Read

✓	Date	Day	Text
	7/18	Sunday	Hosea 12-14   Psalm 95
	7/19	Monday	1 Corinthians 1-2   Psalm 96
	7/20	Tuesday	1 Corinthians 3-5   Psalm 97
	7/21	Wednesday	1 Corinthians 6-8   Psalm 98
	7/22	Thursday	1 Corinthians 9-11   Psalm 99
	7/23	Friday	1 Corinthians 12-14   Psalm 100
	7/24	Saturday	<i>Reflection</i>

## Reflect

*1 Corinthians addresses many challenges that local churches face. What lessons can you learn about working together in the church?*

## Remember

Therefore, beloved, looking forward to these things, be diligent to be found by Him in peace, without spot and blameless;

2 Peter 3:14

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# Week Thirty

## Read

✓	Date	Day	Text
	7/25	Sunday	1 Corinthians 15-16   Psalm 101
	7/26	Monday	2 Chron 1-4   Psalm 102
	7/27	Tuesday	2 Chron 5-7   Psalm 103
	7/28	Wednesday	2 Chron 8-11   Psalm 104:1-23
	7/29	Thursday	2 Chron 12-15   Psalm 104:24-35
	7/30	Friday	2 Chron 16-18   Psalm 105
	7/31	Saturday	<i>Reflection</i>

## Reflect

*2 Chronicles is one of the last books of the OT to be written. How does it wrap up the history of Israel and look forward to the future?*

## Remember

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Your sight, O Lord, my strength and my Redeemer.

Psalm 19:14

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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: noticing punctuation, identifying grammar, and observing 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 all about?

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

- Historical narrative – Factual retellings of events
- Law – God’s commands to His covenant people
- Poetry – Scripture written in verse
- Wisdom – Principles from generations of godly people
- Prophecy – Revelation from God about the future
- Argument – Ideas built upon each other to make a whole

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? In other Scripture?
- Why? – Look for reasons and explanations. Connect them!
- How? – Are methods described or instructions given?

## 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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## Weekly Gatherings

Sunday Worship Service

Sundays @ 10:30 AM

Sunday Evening Service

Sundays @ 5:00 PM

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- Print just this page of instruction to serve as a checklist
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