

Reading Through the Bible Historically

Ninety-Day Reading Plan

MONTH #1

EARLY WORLD

- 1. Genesis 1-4
- 2. Genesis 5-8
- 3. Genesis 9-11

PATRIARCHS

- 4. Genesis 12-16
- 5. Genesis 17-20
- 6. Genesis 21-24
- 7. Genesis 25-28
- 8. Genesis 29-32

- 9. Genesis 33-36
- 10. Genesis 37-40
- 11. Genesis 41-45
- 12. Genesis 46-50

EGYPT AND EXODUS

- 13. Exodus 1-4
- 14. Exodus 5-8
- 15. Exodus 9-12
- 16. Exodus 13-16
- 17. Exodus 17-20

- 18. Exodus 21-24
- 19. Exodus 25-28
- 20. Exodus 29-32
- 21. Exodus 33-36
- 22. Exodus 37-40

DESERT

WANDERINGS

- 23. Numbers 1-4
- 24. Numbers 5-8
- 25. Numbers 9-12

- 26. Numbers 13-16
- 27. Numbers 17-20
- 28. Numbers 21-24
- 29. Numbers 25-28
- 30. Numbers 29-32
- 31. Numbers 33-36

MONTH #2

CONQUEST AND JUDGES

- 32. Joshua 1-4
- 33. Joshua 5-8
- 34. Joshua 9-12
- 35. Joshua 13-16
- 36. Joshua 17-20
- 37. Joshua 21-24
- 38. Judges 1-4
- 39. Judges 5-8
- 40. Judges 9-12
- 41. Judges 13-16

- 42. Judges 17-21
- 43. 1 Samuel 1-4
- 44. 1 Samuel 5-8

ROYAL KINGDOM

- 45. 1 Samuel 9-12
- 46. 1 Samuel 13-16
- 47. 1 Samuel 17-20
- 48. 1 Samuel 21-24
- 49. 1 Samuel 25-28
- 50. 1 Samuel 29-31

- 51. 2 Samuel 1-4
- 52. 2 Samuel 5-8
- 53. 2 Samuel 9-12
- 54. 2 Samuel 13-16
- 55. 2 Samuel 17-20
- 56. 2 Samuel 21-24
- 57. 1 Kings 1-4
- 58. 1 Kings 5-8
- 59. 1 Kings 9-11

MONTH #3

DIVIDED KINGDOM

- 60. 1 Kings 12-15
- 61. 1 Kings 16-19
- 62. 1 Kings 20-22
- 63. 2 Kings 1-4
- 64. 2 Kings 5-8
- 65. 2 Kings 9-12
- 66. 2 Kings 13-16

EXILE

- 67. 2 Kings 17-20
- 68. 2 Kings 21-25

RETURN

- 69. Ezra 1-5
- 70. Ezra 6-10

- 71. Nehemiah 1-4
- 72. Nehemiah 5-8
- 73. Nehemiah 9-13

MACCABEAN REVOLT

- 74. 1 Maccabees 1-4
- 75. 1 Maccabees 5-8
- 76. 1 Maccabees 9-12
- 77. 1 Maccabees 13-16

MESSIANIC FULFILLMENT

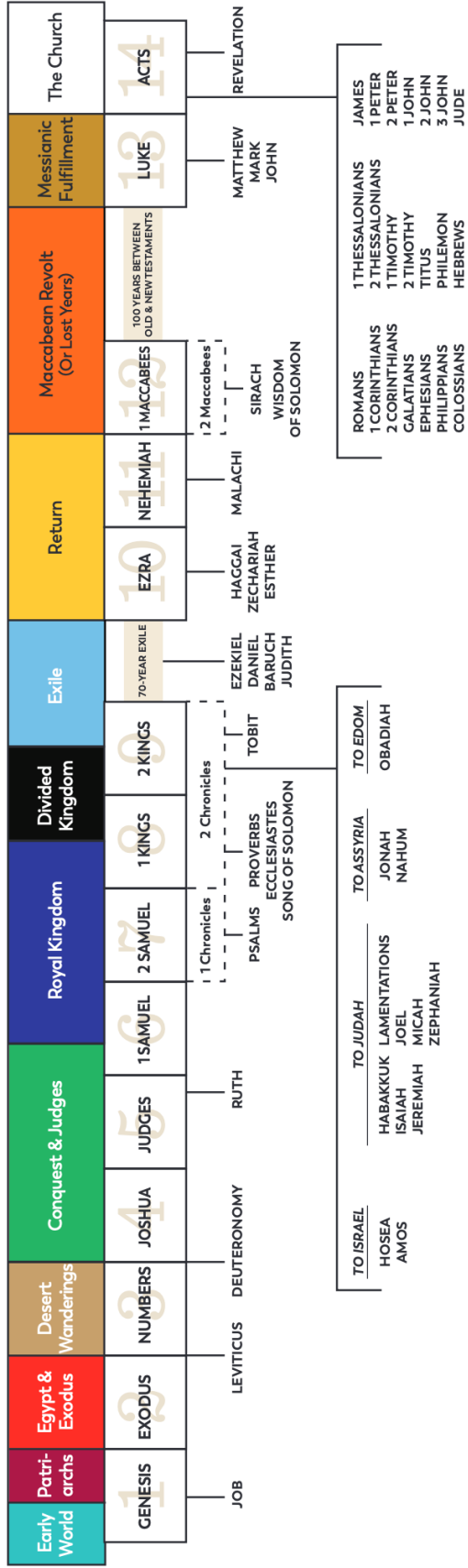
- 78. Luke 1-4
- 79. Luke 5-8
- 80. Luke 9-12
- 81. Luke 13-16
- 82. Luke 17-20

- 83. Luke 21-24

THE CHURCH

- 84. Acts 1-4
- 85. Acts 5-8
- 86. Acts 9-12
- 87. Acts 13-16
- 88. Acts 17-20
- 89. Acts 21-24
- 90. Acts 25-28

Narrative and Supplemental Books*



Key to Period Colors

- The color of the earth viewed from space
- God's blood covenant with Abraham
- The Red Sea
- The color of the desert
- The green hills of Canaan
- The color of royalty
- Israel's darkest period
- Judah "singing the blues" in Babylon
- Judah returning home to brighter days
- Fire in the oil lamps in the purified Temple
- Gifts of the Magi
- The spotless Bride of Christ

*To read Scripture in the context of the underlying narrative of God's plan, fourteen of the Bible's narrative books have been arranged chronologically in *The Bible Timeline*SM Learning System so that they tell the entire story from the beginning to the end. The remaining books, called "supplemental" books on *The Bible Timeline*SM Chart, are no less important than the narrative books but are arranged on the Chart and in this diagram in such a way that their relationship to particular time periods can be seen easily.

Outline of Bible Periods

Each numbered event corresponds to a numbered event on *The Bible Timeline Chart*.

EARLY WORLD (TURQUOISE) Creation to 2200 BC

1. Creation Genesis 1:1–2:24
2. Fall Genesis 3:1-24
3. Curse and promise Genesis 3:8-24
4. Flood Genesis 6:1–9:17
5. People scattered at Babel Genesis 11:1-9

PATRIARCHS (BURGUNDY) 2200–1800 BC

6. God calls Abram out of Ur Genesis 12:1-4
7. Melchizedek blesses Abraham Genesis 14:18-20
8. Covenant with Abraham
 First covenant (Land Promise) Genesis 15:1-21
 Second covenant (Kingdom Promise) Genesis 17:1-11
 Third covenant (Promise of Worldwide Blessing) Genesis 22:1-9
9. Sodom and Gomorrah Genesis 18:16–19:39
10. Binding of Isaac Genesis 22
11. Jacob steals blessing and flees Genesis 27:1-46
12. Jacob wrestles with God Genesis 32:22-31
13. Joseph sold into slavery Genesis 37:12-36
14. Jacob's family moves to Egypt Genesis 46

EGYPT AND EXODUS (RED) 1800–1446 BC

15. Israel enslaved in Egypt Exodus 1:8-22
16. The burning bush Exodus 3:1–6:30
17. Ten plagues Exodus 7:1–11:10
18. Exodus and first Passover Exodus 12:1–14:31
19. Crossing of the Red Sea Exodus 13:17–15:21
20. God provides manna Exodus 16
21. Covenant with Moses Exodus 24
22. Golden calf Exodus 32:1-35
23. Appointment of Levites Exodus 32:25-29
24. Tabernacle Exodus 36–38

DESERT WANDERINGS (TAN) 1446–1406 BC

25. Twelve spies sent out Numbers 13:1-33
26. Aaron's rod Numbers 17
27. Moses strikes the rock Numbers 20:1-13
28. Bronze serpent Numbers 21:4-9
29. Covenant in Moab Deuteronomy 29:1-29

CONQUEST AND JUDGES (GREEN) 1406–1050 BC

30. Israel crosses the Jordan Joshua 3–4
31. Fall of Jericho Joshua 5:13–6:27
32. Covenant renewal Joshua 8:30-35
33. Southern campaign Joshua 9–10
34. Northern campaign Joshua 11
35. Tribal allotment Joshua 13–21
36. Israel asks for a king I Samuel 8:1-22

ROYAL KINGDOM (PURPLE) 1050–930 BC

37. David kills Goliath 1 Samuel 17:1-31
38. Ark moved to Jerusalem 2 Samuel 6
39. Covenant with David 2 Samuel 7:1-29
40. First Temple built 1 Kings 5:1–8:66

DIVIDED KINGDOM (BLACK) 930–722 BC

- 41. The kingdom divides. 1 Kings 12:16-20
- 42. Jezebel leads Israel astray 1 Kings 18–21; 2 Kings 9
- 43. Elijah defeats the prophets of Baal 1 Kings 18:20-40

EXILE (BABY BLUE) 722–538 BC

- 44. Israel falls to Assyria 2 Kings 17:1-23
- 45. Foreign possession of Samaria 2 Kings 17:24-41
- 46. Image of the five kingdoms Daniel 2
- 47. Judah falls to Babylon 2 Kings 25:1-30
- 48. First Temple destroyed 2 Kings 25:8-17

RETURN (YELLOW) 538–167 BC

- 49. Zerubbabel rebuilds the Temple Ezra 3–6
- 50. Ezra returns and teaches Ezra 7:1–8:36
- 51. Esther saves her people Esther
- 52. Nehemiah returns and rebuilds Jerusalem walls Nehemiah 3:1–4:23

MACCABEAN REVOLT (ORANGE) 167 BC – AD 1

- 53. Antiochus desecrates the Temple 1 Maccabees 1:20-62, 4:43
- 54. Purification of the Temple 1 Maccabees 4:36-61

MESSIANIC FULFILLMENT (GOLD) AD 1–33

- 55. Annunciation Luke 1:26-38
- 56. Baptism of Jesus Luke 3:21-22
- 57. Sermon on the Mount Matthew 5–7; Luke 6:20-46
- 58. Wedding at Cana John 2:1-12
- 59. Keys to Peter Matthew 16:13-20
- 60. Transfiguration Luke 9:28-36
- 61. Last Supper Luke 22:7-38
- 62. Passion Luke 22:39–23:56
- 63. Jesus gives his mother to the Church John 19:25-27
- 64. Resurrection Luke 24:1-12

THE CHURCH (WHITE) AD 33–

- 65. Ascension Luke 24:44-53; Acts 1:6-11
- 66. Witness in Jerusalem Acts 1:1–8:4
 - Pentecost Acts 2:1-13
 - Choosing of the seven (diaconate) Acts 6:1-7
 - Stephen martyred Acts 6:8–7:60
- 67. Witness in Judea and Samaria Acts 8:4–13:1
 - Saul's conversion Acts 9
 - Peter's vision Acts 10
 - Peter's arrest and deliverance Acts 12
- 68. Witness to the ends of the earth Acts 13:1–28:31
 - Paul's three missionary journeys
 - First journey Acts 13:1–14:28
 - Second journey Acts 15:36–18:22
 - Third journey Acts 18:23–21:16
 - Council of Jerusalem Acts 15
 - John's Apocalypse Revelation
- 69. Destruction of the Jerusalem Temple
- 70. The Second Coming of Christ