



2024
January - March

BIBLE READING PLAN





Christ Central Bible Reading Plan

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We read the bible together each Sunday. We also read the bible in our mid-week growth groups. But at Christ Central we also encourage the personal discipline of reading consistently and systematically through the bible for ourselves. As we take up a habit of bible reading, we let God's truth and his gospel penetrate our hearts and minds, and that's something we all need as followers of Jesus – *"Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will."* Romans 10:2.

Here's some info and tips for this bible reading plan:

- 1.** The weekly plan involved 5 days out of 7, giving you 2 days as a 'catch up buffer'.
- 2.** We're supplying an Old Testament reading as well as a New Testament reading, and if you want to go further there's an option of an Additional Reading which is either a Psalm or part of Proverbs.
- 3.** Many of us struggle to perfectly keep to a plan – we forget, we get busy, we just get slack. So when we stop reading the bible for a period of time, the important thing is to start again!
- 4.** We're better at keeping to a plan when we stick to a consistent time – eg. before breakfast, over breakfast, on the train, before bed.
- 5.** Start and finish your bible reading with prayer.

2 Kings, 1 Chronicles, 2 Chronicles, Mark

This term we will be reading the second book of Kings, and first and second Chronicles. 2 Kings continues the history of the nation of Israel, which in the previous book of 1 Kings had divided into two nations – Israel and Judah – a degradation caused by human rulers that disobeyed God and His commands. When the kings served the Lord, the nation prospered. When they opposed him, God sent prophets to warn them His judgement was at hand. When they refused to obey the prophets, God punished their nations. There were many wars – including a war between Israel and Judah – and eventually, God allowed Assyria to destroy Israel. After a period of grace due to obedient kings, when Judah again turned from the Lord He allowed the nation to follow Israel in destruction by the hand of Babylon.

1 Chronicles contains the same story as the Books of Samuel and Kings, written after the destruction and exile of the Israelites and Judahites for those returning to Israel. The first nine chapters are comprised of lists and genealogies, which are scattered across the rest of the book, and then the story of King David – with special focus on his careful instruction to the priests on construction of the temple and acceptable worship, concluding with David's son Solomon ascending to the throne. 2 Chronicles continues with Solomons' reign and the construction of the temple his father planned in Jerusalem – then records the separation, decline and destruction of Israel and Judah and the temple. Little of the evil kings or the failures of the good kings is mentioned, with emphasis placed on the spiritual reformers who seek for the people to return to the Lord.

From the New Testament, we will be reading Gospel of Mark, the second account of Jesus' ministry on earth. The stark comparison between the earthly, wicked kings of Israel and Judah, and our holy, faultless king Jesus, reminds us how far from His grace we fall, how desperately we need Him, and how merciful He is to turn our hearts to Him and His eternal and perfect rule.

Leading up to Easter, the New Testament readings cover the chapters on the crucifixion of Jesus in the three other Gospels, Matthew, Luke and John. We encourage you to take this time to truly dwell on the great sacrifice our God made – simultaneously descending to earth in human form and sending His only son, dying a gruesome death we deserve as punishment for breaking His holy law, and raising to life again, seated at the right hand of the Father – where He is to this day, waiting for the time to come for us to enter His kingdom cloaked in His righteousness.



1 & 2 KINGS Video



MARK Video



1 & 2 CHRONICLES Video

JANUARY 1-8

- ☐ 2 Kings 1 - 2; Mark 1: 1 - 11
- ☐ 2 Kings 3; Mark 1: 12 - 20
- ☐ 2 Kings 4; Mark 1: 21 - 34
- ☐ 2 Kings 5; Mark 1: 35 - 45
- ☐ 2 Kings 6 - 7: 1; Mark 2: 1 - 17

JANUARY 8-14

- ☐ 2 Kings 7:2 - 20; Mark 2: 18 - 28
- ☐ 2 Kings 8; Mark 3: 1 - 12
- ☐ 2 Kings 9; Mark 3: 13 - 21
- ☐ 2 Kings 10; Mark 3: 22 - 35
- ☐ 2 Kings 11 - 12; Mark 4: 1 - 20

JANUARY 15-21

- ☐ 2 Kings 13 - 14; Mark 4: 21 - 34
- ☐ 2 Kings 15; Mark 4: 35 - 41
- ☐ 2 Kings 16; Mark 5: 1 - 20
- ☐ 2 Kings 17; Mark 5: 21 - 43
- ☐ 2 Kings 18; Mark 6: 1 - 13

JANUARY 22-28

- ☐ 2 Kings 19; Mark 6: 14 - 29
- ☐ 2 Kings 20 - 21; Mark 6: 30 - 44
- ☐ 2 Kings 22; Mark 6: 45 - 56
- ☐ 2 Kings 23; Mark 7: 1 - 13
- ☐ 2 Kings 24 - 25; Mark 7: 14 - 23

Extra Reading

- ☐ Ecclesiastes 1
- ☐ Ecclesiastes 2
- ☐ Ecclesiastes 3
- ☐ Ecclesiastes 4
- ☐ Ecclesiastes 5

Extra Reading

- ☐ Ecclesiastes 6
- ☐ Ecclesiastes 7: 1 - 13
- ☐ Ecclesiastes 7: 14 - 29
- ☐ Ecclesiastes 8
- ☐ Ecclesiastes 9

Extra Reading

- ☐ Ecclesiastes 10
- ☐ Ecclesiastes 11
- ☐ Ecclesiastes 12
- ☐ Proverbs 1: 1 - 19
- ☐ Proverbs 1: 20 - 33

Extra Reading

- ☐ Proverbs 2
- ☐ Proverbs 3: 1 - 12
- ☐ Proverbs 3: 13 - 35
- ☐ Proverbs 4
- ☐ Proverbs 5

JANUARY 29 - FEBRUARY 4

- ☐ 1 Chronicles 1; Mark 7: 24 - 30
- ☐ 1 Chronicles 2; Mark 7: 31 - 37
- ☐ 1 Chronicles 3 - 4; Mark 8: 1 - 10
- ☐ 1 Chronicles 5; Mark 8: 11 - 21
- ☐ 1 Chronicles 6; Mark 8: 22 - 30

FEBRUARY 5-11

- ☐ 1 Chronicles 7; Mark 8: 31- 9: 1
- ☐ 1 Chronicles 8; Mark 9: 2 - 13
- ☐ 1 Chronicles 9 - 10; Mark 9: 14 - 29
- ☐ 1 Chronicles 11; Mark 9: 30 - 37
- ☐ 1 Chronicles 12; Mark 9: 38 - 42

FEBRUARY 12-18

- ☐ 1 Chronicles 13 - 14; Mark 9: 43 - 50
- ☐ 1 Chronicles 15; Mark 10: 1 - 16
- ☐ 1 Chronicles 16; Mark 10: 17 - 31
- ☐ 1 Chronicles 17 - 18; Mark 10: 32 - 45
- ☐ 1 Chronicles 19 - 20; Mark 10: 46 - 52

FEBRUARY 19-25

- ☐ 1 Chronicles 21; Mark 11: 1 - 11
- ☐ 1 Chronicles 22 - 23; Mark 11: 12 - 26
- ☐ 1 Chronicles 24 - 25; Mark 11: 27 - 33
- ☐ 1 Chronicles 26; Mark 12: 1 - 12
- ☐ 1 Chronicles 27 - 28; Mark 12: 13 - 27

FEBRUARY 26 - MARCH 3

- ☐ 1 Chronicles 29; Mark 12: 28 - 34
- ☐ 2 Chronicles 1 - 3; Mark 12: 35 - 44
- ☐ 2 Chronicles 4 - 5; Mark 13: 1 - 13
- ☐ 2 Chronicles 6; Mark 13: 14 - 27
- ☐ 2 Chronicles 7 - 8; Mark 13: 28 - 37

Extra Reading

- ☐ Proverbs 6: 1 - 19
- ☐ Proverbs 6: 20 - 35
- ☐ Proverbs 7
- ☐ Proverbs 8: 1 - 21
- ☐ Proverbs 8: 22 - 36

Extra Reading

- ☐ Proverbs 9
- ☐ Proverbs 10: 1 - 14
- ☐ Proverbs 10: 15 - 32
- ☐ Proverbs 11: 1 - 15
- ☐ Proverbs 11: 16 - 31

Extra Reading

- ☐ Proverbs 12
- ☐ Proverbs 13
- ☐ Proverbs 14: 1 - 21
- ☐ Proverbs 14: 22 - 35
- ☐ Proverbs 15: 1 - 19

Extra Reading

- ☐ Proverbs 15: 20 - 33
- ☐ Proverbs 16: 1 - 16
- ☐ Proverbs 16: 17 - 33
- ☐ Proverbs 17
- ☐ Proverbs 18: 1 - 10

Extra Reading

- ☐ Proverbs 18: 11 - 24
- ☐ Proverbs 19
- ☐ Proverbs 20: 1 - 19
- ☐ Proverbs 20: 20 - 30
- ☐ Proverbs 21: 1 - 15

MARCH 4-10

- ☐ 2 Chronicles 9 - 10; Mark 14: 1 - 9
- ☐ 2 Chronicles 11 - 12; Mark 14: 10 - 21
- ☐ 2 Chronicles 13 - 14; Mark 14: 22 - 31
- ☐ 2 Chronicles 15 - 17; Mark 14: 32 - 42
- ☐ 2 Chronicles 18 - 19; Mark 14: 43 - 52

MARCH 11-17

- ☐ 2 Chronicles 20; Mark 14: 53 - 65
- ☐ 2 Chronicles 21 - 22; Mark 14: 66 - 72
- ☐ 2 Chronicles 23; Mark 15: 1 - 15
- ☐ 2 Chronicles 24; Mark 15: 16 - 32
- ☐ 2 Chronicles 25; Mark 15: 33 - 41

MARCH 18-24

- ☐ 2 Chronicles 26; Mark 15: 42 - 47
- ☐ 2 Chronicles 27 - 28; Mark 16: 1 - 8
- ☐ 2 Chronicles 29; Mark 16: 9 - 13
- ☐ 2 Chronicles 30; Mark 16: 14 - 20
- ☐ 2 Chronicles 31; Matthew 26

MARCH 25-31

- ☐ 2 Chronicles 32; Luke 22
- ☐ 2 Chronicles 33; John 18
- ☐ 2 Chronicles 34; Matthew 27
- ☐ 2 Chronicles 35; Luke 23
- ☐ 2 Chronicles 36; John 19

Extra Reading

- ☐ Proverbs 21: 16 - 31
- ☐ Proverbs 22: 1 - 16
- ☐ Proverbs 22: 17 - 29
- ☐ Proverbs 23: 1 - 18
- ☐ Proverbs 23: 19 - 35

Extra Reading

- ☐ Proverbs 24: 1 - 22
- ☐ Proverbs 24: 23 - 34
- ☐ Proverbs 25: 1 - 14
- ☐ Proverbs 25: 15 - 28
- ☐ Proverbs 26: 1 - 17

Extra Reading

- ☐ Proverbs 26: 18 - 28
- ☐ Proverbs 27: 1 - 11
- ☐ Proverbs 27: 12 - 27
- ☐ Proverbs 28: 1 - 14
- ☐ Proverbs 28: 15 - 28

Extra Reading

- ☐ Proverbs 29
- ☐ Proverbs 30: 1 - 14
- ☐ Proverbs 30 : 15 - 33
- ☐ Proverbs 31: 1 - 9
- ☐ Proverbs 31: 10 - 31

