



40 DAYS OF BIBLE READING

– GUIDELINES –

1 Dec 2023 – 9 Jan 2024

WHY 40 DAYS?

Whenever God wanted to prepare someone for His purposes, it often took 40 days:

- >> Moses was completely transformed by twice spending 40 days in God's presence on Mount Sinai.
- >> The entire city of Nineveh was transformed after 40 days.
- >> Jesus was empowered for His earthly ministry after 40 days of fasting and prayer in the wilderness.

GROUP RULES

Group rules are there to create order and protect people with limited data from being overwhelmed by too many posts. It also helps to keep the focus of the group – please kindly adhere to these guidelines throughout the 40 Days. If you have any questions, please send one of the Administrators on the Telegram Group a private message.

HOW TO SAVE DATA

To save data, make sure your Telegram message settings are set to 'download over Wi-Fi only'.

WHAT IS NOT ALLOWED

1. It is against the POPI Act to use numbers on this group, without the permission of individuals, in order to add them to your own groups for any purpose – business or private.
2. Do not post links to videos, worship songs, teachings.
3. Do not post advertisements of your business, books, ministry, teachings on this group.
4. If anyone on this group privately contacts you to ask for money or send you inappropriate info, please report them to a Group Administrator immediately! They will be REMOVED without any explanation.

WHAT IS ALLOWED

1. To post a Scripture and reference that stood out for you on a particular day. Please do not post a whole chapter! Up to 4 verses are perfectly fine.
2. You can create and manage your own WhatsApp group for personal contacts who are not on Telegram, but who want to read along.
3. You can forward guidelines and info on the Telegram Group to your own groups to keep people reading!

HOW MUCH TIME DO I HAVE TO COMMIT?

>> **LESS IS MORE** – Do not overcommit. You want to enjoy and encounter God by reading through Scripture more than simply to accomplish a task!

>> **CHOOSE A READING PLAN** that will fit your schedule best, so you won't feel guilty when falling behind.

- **PLAN 1 – THE WHOLE BIBLE** – It will take someone with an average reading speed about 2 hours a day to cover the daily portion and finish the whole Bible in 40 days.
- **PLAN 2 – NT, PSALMS, PROVERBS, ECCLECIASTES** – It will take about 40 minutes a day to cover the daily portion to finish this reading plan in 40 days.
- **PLAN 3 – PSALMS, PROVERBS, ECCLECIASTES** – It will take about 10-15 minutes a day to cover the daily portion to finish this reading plan in 40 days.

>> **PRINT OUT** – Print out the *Reading Plan* of your choice posted in the group to help you keep track of your daily progress.

>> **IF YOU FALL BEHIND** – Just keep on reading, even if it takes 50 or 60 days to read through. Remember the focus is more on enjoying God through Scripture than accomplishing a task!

>> **POST IN THE GROUP** – When a specific passage stands out to you on a specific day, you are welcome to post that reference in the group. Please do not post any videos, images or links.

>> **ENJOY** spending time and growing deeper in **LOVE** with the **LIVING WORD** as you read the **WRITTEN WORD!**

AVERAGE READING TIME PER BIBLE BOOK

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| 1. Genesis – 3h30 | 23. Isaiah – 3h45 | 45. Romans – 1h00 |
| 2. Exodus – 3h00 | 24. Jeremiah – 4h00 | 46. 1 Corinthians – 1h00 |
| 3. Leviticus – 2h00 | 25. Lamentations – 20m | 47. 2 Corinthians – 40m |
| 4. Numbers – 3h00 | 26. Ezekiel – 3h45 | 48. Galatians – 20m |
| 5. Deuteronomy – 2h30 | 27. Daniel – 1h15 | 49. Ephesians – 20m |
| 6. Joshua – 1h45 | 28. Hosea – 30m | 50. Philippians – 14m |
| 7. Judges – 1h45 | 29. Joel – 12m | 51. Colossians – 13m |
| 8. Ruth – 15m | 30. Amos – 25m | 52. 1 Thessalonians – 12m |
| 9. 1 Samuel – 2h15 | 31. Obadiah – 4m | 53. 2 Thessalonians – 7m |
| 10. 2 Samuel – 1h45 | 32. Jonah – 8m | 54. 1 Timothy – 16m |
| 11. 1 Kings – 2h00 | 33. Micah – 20m | 55. 2 Timothy – 11m |
| 12. 2 Kings – 2h15 | 34. Nahum – 8m | 56. Titus – 7m |
| 13. 1 Chronicles – 2h00 | 35. Habakkuk – 9m | 57. Philemon – 3m |
| 14. 2 Chronicles – 2h30 | 36. Zephaniah – 10m | 58. Hebrews – 45m |
| 15. Ezra – 40m | 37. Haggai – 7m | 59. James – 16m |
| 16. Nehemiah – 1h00 | 38. Zechariah – 40m | 60. 1 Peter – 16m |
| 17. Esther – 30m | 39. Malachi – 11m | 61. 2 Peter – 10m |
| 18. Job – 1.75 h | 40. Matthew – 2h30 | 62. 1 John – 16m |
| 19. Psalms – 4h30 | 41. Mark – 1h30 | 63. 2 John – 2m |
| 20. Proverbs – 1h45 | 42. Luke – 2h30 | 64. 3 John – 2m |
| 21. Ecclesiastes – 30m | 43. John – 2h00 | 65. Jude – 4m |
| 22. Songs – 20m | 44. Acts – 2h15 | 66. Revelation – 1h15 |