

THE BIBLE IN TEN MONTHS

Can you spare 75 hours in 2019? That's just over 6 hours per month...less than 1 ½ hours per week...only 12 minutes a day. If you can, then you have the time to read the Bible from cover to cover! In fact, I bet you wouldn't even need an entire year. If you carved out just 1 hour and 45 minutes every week, you could finish the Bible in just 10 months. How does that sound?

Of course, for me, when it comes to reading the Bible, it's not the difficulty of the task, it's all the distractions. I start off well enough, but quickly lose focus. That's why I need help if I'm going to pull this off. Like dieting and exercise or any good discipline, I need partners...teammates to help keep me motivated. And that's what I'm looking for. It's been several years since I've read through the Bible systematically and it would do me well.

So, I have a plan to do this in 2019, beginning in February and ending in November. Now that may sound strange, but this gives me a month to prepare and recruit help and it gives me an extra month at the end of the year in case I fall behind.

Here is the breakdown by month and approximate time of reading in parenthesis. Each month will have goals for books in the Old and New Testaments.

MONTH	OT READING	NT READING
FEBRUARY	Genesis-Exodus (6.5 hours)	Matthew (2.5 hours)
MARCH	Leviticus - Deuteronomy (5 hours)	Mark (1.5 hours)
APRIL	Joshua - 1 Samuel (5.75 hours)	Luke (2.5 hours)
MAY	2 Samuel - 2 Kings (6.25 hours)	John (2 hours)
JUNE	1 Chronicles - Esther (6.75 hours)	Acts (2.25 hours)
JULY	Job-Psalms (6.75 hours)	Romans (1 hour)
AUGUST	Proverbs - Isaiah (6.25 hours)	1-2 Corinthians (1.75 hours)
SEPTEMBER	Jeremiah-Lamentations (4.5 hours)	Galatians-2 Thess (1.5 hours)
OCTOBER	Ezekiel - Daniel (5 hours)	1 Timothy - 2 Peter (2 hours)
NOVEMBER	Hosea-Malachi (3 hours)	1 John - Revelation (1.75 hours)

NOTE: There is no daily schedule. Rather than setting aside a few minutes every day, I'll try to block out approximately 2 hours for reading each week.

So, if you are interested in reading (or even listening to) the Bible with me throughout the year, please let me know. If there is enough interest, we could meet once a month on a Sunday evening to encourage and pray for one another.

God bless