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180 Days - Guided Tour of the Bible:

The plan offers a kind of bird's-eye-view. The daily readings consist of 180 selected passages, including at least one chapter from each of the Bible's 66 books. You can read both the chapter and its accompanying note in 15 minutes per day.

This "Guided Tour" is exactly that, a guide-assisted tour of the Bible's high points. Such a plan is no substitute for mastering the whole Bible, of course, but it may help lower barriers and point the way down a path for further study. Think of it as an introductory tour through a great art museum. You won't get to see every painting in the museum, but you will learn the basic layout, and may also acquire a taste for art that will entice you to return again and again.

With a few exceptions, the Biblical material appears in rough chronological order. You will read the psalms attributed to David as you read about David's life. You will read the prophets along with their background history. Portions from the Gospels, too, are interspersed, giving a composite picture of Jesus' life on earth; and Paul's letters are scattered throughout the record of his life. This arrangement should help convey the Bible's "plot."

Since "A Guided Tour" is arranged in 180 separate readings, most people will find it convenient to read one designated passage each day, along with the introductory notes. If you miss a few days, don't worry. Just resume reading when you can.

Time Commitment: 180 Days
Goal: To present underlying story of the Bible

The Plot Unveiled

Day 1. Genesis 1: A Book of Beginnings
Day 2. Genesis 2: One Shining Moment
Day 3. Genesis 3: The Crash
Day 4. Genesis 4: Crouching at the Door
Day 5. Genesis 7: Under Water
Day 6. Genesis 8: The Rainbow
Day 7. Genesis 15: The Plan
Day 8. Genesis 19: A Catastrophe Sent from God
Day 9. Genesis 22: Final Exam
Day 10. Genesis 27: Jacob Gets the Blessing
Day 11. Genesis 28: Something Undeserved
Day 12. Genesis 37: Family Battles
Day 13. Genesis 41: Behind the Scenes
Day 14. Genesis 45: A Long Forgiveness

Birthing a Nation

Day 15. Exodus 3: Time for Action
Day 16. Exodus 10-11: The Ten Plagues
Day 17. Exodus 14: Miracle at the Red Sea
Day 18. Exodus 20: The Ten Commandments
Day 19. Exodus 32: The Dream Dies
Day 20. Leviticus 26: Legal Matters
Day 21. Numbers 11: Trials in the Desert
Day 22. Numbers 14: Open Mutiny
Day 23. Deuteronomy 4: Never Forget
Day 24. Deuteronomy 8: Dangers of Success
Day 25. Deuteronomy 28: Loud and Clear
Day 27. Joshua 6: Strange Tactics
Day 28. Joshua 7: Slow Learners
Day 29. Joshua 24: Home at Last
Day 30. Judges 6: Unlikely Leader
Day 31. Judges 7: Military Upset
Day 32. Judges 16: Superman's Flaws
Day 33. Ruth 1: Tough Love

The Golden Age

Day 34. 1 Samuel 3: Transition Team
Day 35. 1 Samuel 16: Tale of Two Kings
Day 36. Psalm 23: A Shepherd's Song
Day 37. 1 Samuel 17: Giant-Killer
Day 38. Psalm 19: Outdoor Lessons
Day 39. 1 Samuel 20: Jonathan's Loyalty
Day 40. Psalm 27: Ups and Downs
Day 41. 2 Samuel 6: King of Passion
Day 42. 1 Chronicles 17: God's House
Day 43. Psalm 103: The Goodness of God
Day 44. 2 Samuel 11: Adultery and Murder
Day 45. 2 Samuel 12: Caught in the Act
Day 46. Psalm 51: True Confession
Day 47. Psalm 139: David's Spiritual Secret
Day 48. 1 Kings 3: Raw Talent
Day 49. 1 Kings 8: High-water Mark
Day 50. Psalm 84: Home Sweet Home
Day 51. Proverbs 4: Life Advice
Day 52. Proverbs 10: One-liners
Day 53. Proverbs on Words: Verbal Dynamite
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Day 54. Song of Songs 2: Love Story
Day 55. Ecclesiastes 3: A Time for Everything

The Northern Kingdom

Day 56. 1 Kings 17: The Prophets
Day 57. 1 Kings 18: Mountaintop Showdown
Day 58. 2 Kings 5: Double Portion
Day 59. Joel 2: Word Power
Day 60. Jonah 3-4: Beloved Enemies
Day 61. Amos 4: Street-Corner Prophet
Day 62. Hosea 1, 3: Parable of Love
Day 63. Hosea 11: Wounded Lover
Day 64. 2 Kings 17: Postmortem

The Southern Kingdom

Day 65. 2 Chronicles 20: Meanwhile in Jerusalem
Day 66. Micah 6: Pollution Spreads
Day 67. 2 Chronicles 30: Hezekiah's Festival
Day 68. Isaiah 6: Power behind the Throne
Day 69. Isaiah 25: Eloquent Hope
Day 70. 2 Chronicles 32: Battlefield Lessons
Day 71. Nahum 1: Enemy Justice
Day 72. Zephaniah 3: Rotten Ruling Class
Day 73. 2 Kings 22: Boy Wonder
Day 74. Jeremiah 2: National Adultery
Day 75. Jeremiah 15: Balky Prophet
Responses to Jesus
- Day 119. John 6: Food that Endures
- Day 120. Mark 7: Poles Apart
- Day 121. Matthew 18: Out of Bondage
- Day 122. John 10: No Secrets
- Day 123. Mark 8: Turning Point
- Day 124. Mark 9: Slow Learners
- Day 126. Mark 10: Servant Leadership
- Day 127. Mark 11: Opposition Heats Up
- Day 128. Mark 12: Balting Jesus
- Day 129. Mark 13: A Day to Dread
- Day 130. Mark 14: A Scent of Doom

Final Days
- Day 131. John 14: One Final Meal Together
- Day 132. John 15: Vital Link
- Day 133. John 16: Grief into Joy
- Day 134. John 17: Commissioning
- Day 135. Matthew 26: Appointment with Destiny
- Day 136. Matthew 27: No Justice
- Day 137. Mark 15: The Last Temptation
- Day 138. Matthew 28: A Rumor of Life
- Day 139. John 20: The Rumor Spreads

The Word Spreads
- Day 141. Acts 1: Departure
- Day 142. Acts 2: Explosion
- Day 143. Acts 5: Shock Waves
- Day 144. Acts 9: About-face
- Day 145. Galatians 3: Legalism
- Day 146. Acts 16: Detour
- Day 147. Philippians 2: Downward Mobility
- Day 148. Acts 17: Mixed Results
- Day 149. 1 Thessalonians 3:4: Preparing for the End
- Day 150. 2 Thessalonians 2: Rumor Control
- Day 151. 1 Corinthians 13: The Love Chapter
- Day 152. 1 Corinthians 15: The Last Enemy
- Day 153. 2 Corinthians 4: Baked Dirt
- Day 154. 2 Corinthians 12: Boasting of Weakness

Paul's Legacy
- Day 155. Romans 3: Remedy
- Day 156. Romans 7: Limits of the Law
- Day 157. Romans 8: Spirit Life
- Day 158. Romans 12: Down-To-Earth Problems
- Day 159. Acts 26: Unexpected Passage
- Day 161. Acts 28: Rome at Last
- Day 162. Ephesians 2: Prison Letter
- Day 163. Ephesians 3: Success Story
- Day 164. Colossians 1: Spanning the Gap
- Day 165. Philemon: A Personal Favor
- Day 166. Titus 2: Paul's Troubleshooter
- Day 167. 1 Timothy 1: Growth Pains
- Day 168. 2 Timothy 2: Final Words

Vital Letters
- Day 169. Hebrews 2: The Great Descent
- Day 171. Hebrews 12: Marathon Race
- Day 172. James 1: Walk the Talk
- Day 173. 1 Peter 1: Converted Coward
- Day 174. 2 Peter 1: Hidden Dangers
- Day 175. Jude: Sounding the Alarm
- Day 176. 1 John 3: Merest Christianity
- Day 177. 2 and 3 John: Pesky Deceivers
- Day 178. Revelation 1: The Final Word
- Day 179. Revelation 12: Another Side of History
- Day 180. Revelation 21: An End and a Beginning