

THE NEW TESTAMENT

Structural Chapter Reading Chart

THE GOSPELS

MATTHEW

Jesus's birth

c. 1 AD

1	2
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Ministry

c. 31 AD

Beginning of ministry
Ministry to the multitudes
Teaching the disciples
Going to Jerusalem

3	4
5	6
7	8
9	10
11	12
13	14
15	16
17	18
19	20

Final week

c. 34 AD

Teaching in Jerusalem
Last supper and atonement

21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28		

MARK

Ministry

c. 31 AD

Beginning of ministry
Ministry to the multitudes
Teaching the disciples
Going to Jerusalem

1						
2	3	4	5	6	7	

Final week

c. 34 AD

Teaching in Jerusalem
Last supper and atonement

11	12	13
14	15	16

LUKE

Jesus's birth

c. 1 AD

1	2
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Ministry

c. 31 AD

Beginning of ministry
Ministry to the multitudes
Teaching the disciples
Going to Jerusalem

3	4	5
6	7	8
9		

Final week

c. 34 AD

Teaching in Jerusalem
Last supper and atonement

19	20	21
22	23	24

JOHN

Ministry

c. 31 AD

Beginning of ministry
Feasts of the Jews

2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
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Final week

c. 34 AD

Passover in Jerusalem
Last supper
The atonement

	13	14	15	16	17
	18	19	20	21	

HISTORY

ACTS

Jerusalem

c. 34 AD

Judea and Samaria

c. 36 AD

The uttermost part of the earth

Journey of Peter

c. 40 AD

Journey of Barnabas and Paul

c. 46 AD

Journeys of Paul

c. 50 AD

Paul's imprisonment

c. 60 AD

LETTERS

Epistles of Paul

ROMANS

Doctrines

Practices

1 CORINTHIANS

Answers to questions

2 CORINTHIANS

God's creations

Visits to Corinth

GALATIANS

EPHESIANS

PHILIPPIANS

COLOSSIANS

1 THESSALONIANS, 2 THESSALONIANS

1 TIMOTHY, 2 TIMOTHY

TITUS

PHILEMON

General epistles

HEBREWS

The greater high priest

The new covenant

JAMES

1 PETER, 2 PETER

1 JOHN, 2 JOHN, 3 JOHN

JUDE

PROPHETCY

REVELATION

Letters to the seven churches

Sealed book and seven trumpets

Wonders and seven vials

The new heaven and earth

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8	9					

10	11	12	13
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14	15
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16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28		

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17	18	19	20	21	22
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The structure used here is suggested by Dennis Bratcher, "The Shape of the Gospel Story."

The New Testament has 260 chapters and at 2 chapters/day can be read in 19 weeks. The subdivisions of the books on this chart are based in part on the Structured Edition, which you can download for free at NathanRichardson.com.

THE OLD TESTAMENT

Structural Chapter Reading Chart

THE LAW (or, Torah, Pentateuch, books of Moses)

GENESIS

Primeval history	c. 1800BC
Abraham and Isaac	
Jacob	
Joseph	

EXODUS

Plagues and passover	c. 1400BC
Traveling to Sinai	
Covenant at Sinai	
Tabernacle and priests	
Golden calf rebellion	
Tabernacle furnishings	

LEVITICUS

Types of offerings	
Ceremonial cleanness	
Various laws	
Holy days and times; Promises	

NUMBERS

Order and laws	
Rebellion at Canaan	
Levite authority	
Fighting Edom and Moab	
Laws and feasts	
Tribal territories	

DEUTERONOMY

Historical review	
Law review	
Worship laws	
Societal laws	
Promised blessings and curses	
Leadership changes	

HISTORY

JOSHUA

Conquest of Canaan	c. 1300BC
Territorial divisions	

JUDGES

Cycles of captivity and deliverance	
Samson	
Wickedness	

RUTH

1 SAMUEL

Samuel, the last judge	
Reign of Saul	
David in Saul's court	
David the outlaw	

2 SAMUEL — Reign of David

Reign over united Israel	c. 1000BC
David's sin, Absalom's rebellion	
Final years	

1 AND 2 KINGS*

United Israel under Solomon	c. 970BC
Divided kingdoms	c. 930BC
House of Jeroboam: Calf worship	
House of Omri: Elijah versus Baal	
House of Omri: Elisha versus Syria	
House of Jehu: Elisha versus Syria	
Assyrian crisis	
Southern kingdom alone	c. 720BC
Babylonian crisis	

1 CHRONICLES

Genealogies	c. 1000BC
Reign of David	
Reign over united Israel	
Preparing for the temple	

2 CHRONICLES

United Israel under Solomon	c. 970BC
Divided kingdoms	c. 930BC
Time of the house of Jeroboam	
Time of the house of Omri	
Time of the house of Jehu	
Assyrian crisis	
Southern kingdom alone	c. 720BC

EZRA

NEHEMIAH

Dedicating the walls	c. 445BC
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ESTHER

JOB

First cycle of speeches	
Second cycle of speeches	
Third cycle of speeches	
Elihu's response	
The Lord's response	

*The books of 1 and 2 Kings were originally one book that was later divided. The same is true of 1 and 2 Chronicles, and 1 and 2 Samuel.

