

## **PLAN 1: Jesus's story first with the Old Testament coming after for perspective**

240 days (roughly 15 minutes per day)

*In this plan, we will look at the life of Jesus FIRST along with the rest of the New Testament (not including Revelation), and then the Old Testament, ultimately ending our time in the final book of the Bible, Revelation. This could benefit a newer reader because the New Testament is often easier to understand, while the Old Testament (which is basically the context leading up to Jesus and the story behind why we need Him) and Revelation (the final warning to humanity and details of the end) tend to be extremely confusing and often violent, leading many less educated to leave the faith or hold on to misconceptions that weigh them down. Hearing about Jesus first should help with that.*

**Day 1:** John 1-3

**Day 2:** John 4-6

**Day 3:** John 7-8

**Day 4:** John 9-11

**Day 5:** John 12-15

**Day 6:** John 16-18

**Day 7:** John 19-21

**Day 8:** Acts 1-4

**Day 9:** Acts 5-8

**Day 10:** Acts 9-12

**Day 11:** Acts 13-15

**Day 12:** Acts 16-19

**Day 13:** Acts 20-22

**Day 14:** Acts 23-26

**Day 15:** Acts 27-28, Romans 1-2

**Day 16:** Romans 3-7

**Day 17:** Romans 8-11

**Day 18:** Romans 12-16

**Day 19:** 1 Corinthians 1-6

**Day 20:** 1 Corinthians 7-12

**Day 21:** 1 Corinthians 13-16

**Day 22:** 2 Corinthians 1-7

**Day 23:** 2 Corinthians 8-13

**Day 24:** Galatians 1-6

**Day 25:** Ephesians 1-6

**Day 26:** Philippians 1-4

**Day 27:** Colossians 1-4, 1 Thessalonians 1-3

**Day 28:** 1 Thessalonians 4-5, 2 Thessalonians 1-3, 1 Timothy 1-4

**Day 29:** 1 Timothy 5-6, 2 Timothy 1-4

**Day 30:** Titus 1-3, Philemon, Hebrews 1-5

**Day 31:** Hebrews 6-10

**Day 32:** Hebrews 11-13, James 1-2

**Day 33:** James 3-5, 1 Peter 1-3

**Day 34:** 1 Peter 4-5, 2 Peter 1-3, 1 John 1-2

**Day 35:** 1 John 3-5, 2 John, 3 John, Jude then read the following COMMENTARY on the text: So this is the New Testament, besides the book of Revelation, which we will read later on to end this plan. We started here with the very beginning ("in the beginning was the Word" - John 1:1). We then saw the life and ministry of Jesus, how He selflessly died on the cross to forgive our sins, and then we saw the disciples and followers of Jesus go off and lead the Early Church in the book of Acts (which represents their "Acts" or actions as leaders of the Church after Jesus died). We then saw the writings and ministry of those leaders, which included Paul (who wrote

from Romans-Philemon), and then other writers like Jesus's brother James and His followers Peter and John and Jude). We will now move into the Old Testament, which is the story of how we got to what we have just read. You have read the second half of this story, and we now move into the first. Why do it this way? Because because the New Testament is often easier to understand, while the Old Testament (which is basically the context leading up to Jesus and the story behind why we need Him) and Revelation (the final warning to humanity and details of the end) tend to be extremely confusing and often violent, leading many less educated to leave the faith or hold on to misconceptions that weigh them down - hearing about Jesus first should help with this. So here we go, the Old Testament: the story of how humanity came into being and eventually sinned so much that Jesus had to come to Earth and do what we saw Him do (die for our sins).

**Day 36:** Genesis 1-5

**Day 37:** Genesis 6-10

**Day 38:** Genesis 11-16

**Day 39:** Genesis 17-20

**Day 40:** Genesis 21-24

**Day 41:** Genesis 25-27

**Day 42:** Genesis 28-30

**Day 43:** Genesis 31-34

**Day 44:** Genesis 35-38

**Day 45:** Genesis 39-41

**Day 46:** Genesis 42-45

**Day 47:** Genesis 46-50

**Day 48:** Exodus 1-4

**Day 49:** Exodus 5-8

**Day 50:** Exodus 9-11

**Day 51:** Exodus 12-15

**Day 52:** Exodus 16-19

**Day 53:** Exodus 20-23

**Day 54:** Exodus 24-27

**Day 55:** Exodus 28-30

**Day 56:** Exodus 31-34

**Day 57:** Exodus 35-38

**Day 58:** Exodus 39-40, Leviticus 1-2

**Day 59:** Leviticus 3-5

**Day 60:** Leviticus 6-9

**Day 61:** Leviticus 10-13

**Day 62:** Leviticus 14-15

**Day 63:** Leviticus 16-18

**Day 64:** Leviticus 19-22

**Day 65:** Leviticus 23-25

**Day 66:** Leviticus 26-27

**Day 67:** Numbers 1-3

**Day 68:** Numbers 4-6

**Day 69:** Numbers 7-9

**Day 70:** Numbers 10-13

**Day 71:** Numbers 14-16

**Day 72:** Numbers 17-20

**Day 73:** Numbers 21-23

**Day 74:** Numbers 24-27

**Day 75:** Numbers 28-30

**Day 76:** Numbers 31-33

**Day 77:** Numbers 34-36

**Day 78:** Deuteronomy 1-4

**Day 79:** Deuteronomy 5-8

**Day 80:** Deuteronomy 9-12

**Day 81:** Deuteronomy 13-16

**Day 82:** Deuteronomy 17-20

**Day 83:** Deuteronomy 21-24

**Day 84:** Deuteronomy 25-28

**Day 85:** Deuteronomy 29-32

**Day 86:** Deuteronomy 33-34, Joshua 1-2

**Day 87:** Joshua 3-5

**Day 88:** Joshua 6-8

**Day 89:** Joshua 9-12

**Day 90:** Joshua 13-17

**Day 91:** Joshua 18-21

**Day 92:** Joshua 22-24

**Day 93:** Judges 1-4

**Day 94:** Judges 5-7

**Day 95:** Judges 8-10

**Day 96:** Judges 11-14

**Day 97:** Judges 15-18

**Day 98:** Judges 19-21

**Day 99:** Ruth 1-4

**Day 100:** 1 Samuel 1-4

**Day 101:** 1 Samuel 5-9

**Day 102:** 1 Samuel 10-13

**Day 103:** 1 Samuel 14-16

**Day 104:** 1 Samuel 17-19

**Day 105:** 1 Samuel 20-22

**Day 106:** 1 Samuel 23-25

**Day 107:** 1 Samuel 26-29

**Day 108:** 1 Samuel 30-31, 2 Samuel 1-3

**Day 109:** 2 Samuel 4-7

**Day 110:** 2 Samuel 8-12

**Day 111:** 2 Samuel 13-15

**Day 112:** 2 Samuel 16-18

**Day 113:** 2 Samuel 19-21

**Day 114:** 2 Samuel 22-24

**Day 115:** 1 Kings 1-3

**Day 116:** 1 Kings 4-6

**Day 117:** 1 Kings 7-8

**Day 118:** 1 Kings 9-11

**Day 119:** 1 Kings 12-13

**Day 120:** 1 Kings 14-17

**Day 121:** 1 Kings 18-20

**Day 122:** 1 Kings 21-22

**Day 123:** 2 Kings 1-4

**Day 124:** 2 Kings 5-7

**Day 125:** 2 Kings 8-10

**Day 126:** 2 Kings 11-13

**Day 127:** 2 Kings 14-16

**Day 128:** 2 Kings 17-19

**Day 129:** 2 Kings 20-22

**Day 130:** 2 Kings 23-25

**Day 131:** 1 Chronicles 1-5

**Day 132:** 1 Chronicles 6-9

**Day 133:** 1 Chronicles 10-13

**Day 134:** 1 Chronicles 14-18

**Day 135:** 1 Chronicles 19-23

**Day 136:** 1 Chronicles 24-29

**Day 137:** 2 Chronicles 1-3

**Day 138:** 2 Chronicles 4-7

**Day 139:** 2 Chronicles 8-12

**Day 140:** 2 Chronicles 13-17

**Day 141:** 2 Chronicles 18-22

**Day 142:** 2 Chronicles 23-25

**Day 143:** 2 Chronicles 26-29

**Day 144:** 2 Chronicles 30-33

**Day 145:** 2 Chronicles 34-36

**Day 146:** Ezra 1-4

**Day 147:** Ezra 5-8

**Day 148:** Ezra 9-10, Nehemiah 1-2

**Day 149:** Nehemiah 3-6

**Day 150:** Nehemiah 7-10

**Day 151:** Nehemiah 11-13

**Day 152:** Esther 1-5

**Day 153:** Esther 6-10

**Day 154:** Job 1-8

**Day 155:** Job 9-15

**Day 156:** Job 16-22

**Day 157:** Job 23-30

**Day 158:** Job 31-36

**Day 159:** Job 37-42

**Day 160:** Psalm 1-16

**Day 161:** Psalm 17-26



**Day 162:** Psalm 27-35

**Day 163:** Psalm 36-44

**Day 164:** Psalm 45-55

**Day 165:** Psalm 56-67

**Day 166:** Psalm 68-75

**Day 167:** Psalm 76-83

**Day 168:** Psalm 84-93

**Day 169:** Psalm 94-104

**Day 170:** Psalm 105-112

**Day 171:** Psalm 113-119

**Day 172:** Psalm 120-136

**Day 173:** Psalm 137-150

**Day 174:** Proverbs 1-7

**Day 175:** Proverbs 8-13

**Day 176:** Proverbs 14-19

**Day 177:** Proverbs 20-25

**Day 178:** Proverbs 26-31

**Day 179:** Ecclesiastes 1-6

**Day 180:** Ecclesiastes 7-12

**Day 181:** Song of Solomon 1-8

**Day 182:** Isaiah 1-7

**Day 183:** Isaiah 8-12

**Day 184:** Isaiah 13-19

**Day 185:** Isaiah 20-25

**Day 186:** Isaiah 26-30

**Day 187:** Isaiah 31-35

**Day 188:** Isaiah 36-39

**Day 189:** Isaiah 40-43

**Day 190:** Isaiah 44-47

**Day 191:** Isaiah 48-52

**Day 192:** Isaiah 53-36

**Day 193:** Isaiah 57-62

**Day 194:** Isaiah 63-66

**Day 195:** Jeremiah 1-4

**Day 196:** Jeremiah 5-8

**Day 197:** Jeremiah 9-12

**Day 198:** Jeremiah 13-16

**Day 199:** Jeremiah 17-21

**Day 200:** Jeremiah 22-25

**Day 201:** Jeremiah 26-29

**Day 202:** Jeremiah 30-32

**Day 203:** Jeremiah 33-35

**Day 204:** Jeremiah 36-38

**Day 205:** Jeremiah 39-43

**Day 206:** Jeremiah 44-47

**Day 207:** Jeremiah 48-50

**Day 208:** Jeremiah 51-52

**Day 209:** Lamentations 1-5

**Day 210:** Ezekiel 1-4

**Day 211:** Ezekiel 5-9

**Day 212:** Ezekiel 10-13

**Day 213:** Ezekiel 14-16

**Day 214:** Ezekiel 17-20

**Day 215:** Ezekiel 21-23

**Day 216:** Ezekiel 24-26

**Day 217:** Ezekiel 27-30

**Day 218:** Ezekiel 31-33

**Day 219:** Ezekiel 34-37

**Day 220:** Ezekiel 38-40

**Day 221:** Ezekiel 41-44

**Day 222:** Ezekiel 45-48

**Day 223:** Daniel 1-3

**Day 224:** Daniel 4-6

**Day 225:** Daniel 7-9

**Day 226:** Daniel 10-12

**Day 227:** Hosea 1-6

**Day 228:** Hosea 7-14

**Day 229:** Joel 1-3, Amos 1-3

**Day 230:** Amos 4-9

**Day 231:** Obadiah, Jonah 1-4, Micah 1-2

**Day 232:** Micah 3-7, Nahum 1-3

**Day 233:** Habakkuk 1-3, Zephaniah 1-3

**Day 234:** Haggai 1-2, Zechariah 1-5

**Day 235:** Zechariah 6-12

**Day 236:** Zechariah 13-14, Malachi 1-4 then read the following COMMENTARY on the text: If you thought that was rough, you're right. At the very beginning of Genesis we saw the creation of everything take place ("In the beginning God created" - Genesis 1:1). Humanity is the key creation - the first human being was Adam. From Adam in Genesis 3, all the way to the Israelites in Malachi, and ABSOLUTELY EVERYTHING in between, we can see that humans (including ourselves) are disobedient and sinful towards God. This, the Old Testament, is the reason for Jesus - without His sacrifice on the cross, our sins are not forgiven. A price had to be paid. God wouldn't just forgive us for free, because that's not real, there's no real sacrifice. It would be like if I said "here's a million bucks" and then gave you nothing - there's nothing real there. But Jesus DID go to the cross and die and so our sins ARE forgiven for all time (those before, during, and after the crucifixion). The only thing we have to do is accept Jesus into our hearts and live our lives wholeheartedly for Him, as the New Testament detailed. We now turn to the final book of the New Testament, Revelation, to show us what the end of time will look like and to receive the final warning from God.

**Day 237:** Revelation 1-6

**Day 238:** Revelation 7-12

**Day 239:** Revelation 13-17

**Day 240:** Revelation 18-22 then read the following COMMENTARY on the text: So that's the Bible. The true order would have been Genesis-Malachi first, then John-Jude (there are other Gospels - Matthew, Mark, and Luke - but I only had you read John because they all tell the same story with slight variations), and then Revelation. But we read out of order for the reasons stated at the top. We see here what Hell really looks like (the "lake of fire"), and we see that anyone that isn't written in Jesus's Book of Life will be thrown into it eternally (Revelation 20:15). Our names are in that Book because of what Jesus did on the cross, but now what? The way

we live the rest of our lives, according to what we have read here in the Bible, will determine if our names are still there on that fateful Judgment Day. Remember: Jesus died to forgive ALL your sins, but you have to live for Him and not for sin. It's not a contradiction - He can forgive all your sins and you can still be thrown into Hell if you make no effort to live for Him in the daily. Let Revelation serve as a stern warning - live for God in everything. Thanks for reading.