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The people of God are a people of the book. But that doesn't mean that everyone has always enjoyed access to the book. To that end, here is an alternative **Redemptive-Historical Bible reading plan** which I put together for ordinary folks just like you. It might suit those who feel intimidated by tackling the whole Bible every year, feel frustrated and guilty for quitting in Leviticus (again!), or feel overwhelmed with real life and pressed for time

When you use this **Redemptive-Historical Bible reading plan**, take your time and enjoy God's word. Seriously! *There is no rush, no pressure, no obligation.* When you finish one cycle, no matter how long it takes, you move on to the next cycle, then the next one, and so forth, until Jesus comes. The goal is not to finish *ever* but to keep on reading and reflecting *always*.

**Cycle One:** 227 Chapters

[Genesis](#)  
[Psalms 1-41](#)  
[Ezekiel](#)  
[Daniel](#)  
[Haggai](#)  
[Zechariah](#)  
[Esther](#)  
[John](#)  
[Revelation](#)  
[1 John](#)  
[2 John](#)  
[3 John](#)

**Cycle Two:** 209 Chapters

[Exodus](#)  
[Joshua](#)  
[1 Samuel](#)  
[2 Samuel](#)  
[Psalms 42-72](#)  
[Ecclesiastes](#)  
[Micah](#)  
[Jonah](#)  
[Nahum](#)  
[Obadiah](#)  
[Mark](#)  
[1 Peter](#)  
[2 Peter](#)  
[Jude](#)  
[Proverbs 1-9](#)

**Cycle Three:** 231 Chapters

[Leviticus](#)  
[Hebrews](#)  
[Psalms 73-89](#)  
[1 Kings](#)  
[2 Kings](#)  
[Jeremiah](#)  
[Lamentations](#)  
[Hosea](#)  
[Malachi](#)  
[Matthew](#)  
[James](#)  
[Proverbs 10-31](#)

**Cycle Four:** 211 Chapters

[Numbers](#)  
[Judges](#)  
[Ruth](#)  
[Psalms 90-106](#)  
[Song of Solomon](#)  
[Joel](#)  
[Amos](#)  
[Habakkuk](#)  
[Luke](#)  
[Acts](#)  
[1 Thessalonians](#)  
[1 Corinthians](#)  
[Galatians](#)  
[2 Corinthians](#)  
[2 Thessalonians](#)  
[Romans](#)

**Cycle Five:** 233 Chapters

[Deuteronomy](#)  
[Psalm 107-150](#)  
[1 Chronicles](#)  
[2 Chronicles](#)  
[Ezra](#)  
[Nehemiah](#)  
[Zephaniah](#)  
[Isaiah](#)  
[Ephesians](#)  
[Philippians](#)  
[Colossians](#)  
[Philemon](#)  
[1 Timothy](#)  
[Titus](#)  
[2 Timothy](#)

## **A Method to the Message**

There are five cycles because I started with the *five* books of the Law, the *five* books of the Psalms, and the “*five*” books of the Gospels. (Actually, there are only four Gospels and Isaiah which is often called the fifth gospel.)

First, I put one book of the Law, Psalms, and Gospels in each cycle according to similar themes and tone. Example, Cycle One has Genesis and John — “In the beginning...”

Next, I tried to match other books to the major books according to similar theme, topic, or tone. Example, Cycle Three combines books addressing predominantly Jewish recipients — Leviticus and Hebrews; 1-2 Kings and Matthew.

Finally, I tried to strike a balance of genre and length between each cycle. Some cycles appear to be longer than others, but keep in mind that actual length of books and chapters varies.

This **Redemptive-Historical Bible reading plan** is intended to help you read the Holy Scriptures forward and backward with a view towards Christ who is the end-goal of the Bible.