

A LOOK AT CREATION WEEK



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This study of the creation week will be a little different than learning about what God created each day. We will be looking a little deeper into the symbolism of God's magnificent creation and how it points to Jesus, the saviour of the world.

I pray you are blessed by this study.



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"4 For the word of the LORD is right; and all his works are done in truth.

5 He loveth righteousness and judgment: the earth is full of the goodness of the LORD.

6 By the word of the LORD were the heavens made; and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth.

7 He gathereth the waters of the sea together as an heap: he layeth up the depth in storehouses.

8 Let all the earth fear the LORD: let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him.

9 For he spake, and it was done; he commanded, and it stood fast."

– Psalm 33: 4-9

Lesson 1: In the Beginning

Begin this lesson by reading the whole chapter of Genesis 1. The whole chapter is available for you in the [Appendix](#) for your convenience. Our focus today will be on verse 1.

Study of Today's Text

We are beginning our study here in the first chapter of Genesis and right in verse one God packs a punch. We see that it says, 'In the beginning.' What beginning? We know that God always was and forever will be, so here we are talking about the beginning of time.

"I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty."

– Revelation 1:8

Time is a creation of God. God lives outside of time. That is why he says, 'one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as a day.' (2 Peter 3:8) Some misinterpret this to mean that each day to God is equal to a thousand years to us. This misinterpretation causes many to go outside of God creating the world in six literal twenty-four hour days. All he is saying here is that God does not operate within time as we understand it. Our life here on earth is but a drop in the ocean compared to eternity which is outside of time as we know it.

"For a thousand years in thy sight are but as yesterday when it is past, and as a watch in the night." – Psalms 90:4

He created time for his creation to measure seasons, months, years, etc.

We see in the book of John chapter one that John also begins with the words, 'In the beginning.' He tells us that, 'In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.'

We know that the Word is Jesus, and that Jesus is God. John 1:3 tells us that, 'All things were made by him: and without him was not anything made that was made.'

"For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for

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him: And he is before all things, and by him all things consist."
– Colossians 1:16-17

When we say 'God' we tend to think of the Father, but God consists of all three persons of the trinity: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost. They were all present at creation and all had their part in creation.

John here is explaining the eternal sonship of Jesus. He has always been. He did not come into being in Mary's womb. He is from everlasting. John is making it clear that Jesus is God; he is deity.

"And sware by him [Jesus] that liveth for ever and ever, who created heaven, and the things that therein are, and the earth, and the things that therein are, and the sea, and the things which are therein, that there should be time no longer:" – Revelation 10:6

This verse summarizes what we just learned. This verse is talking about Jesus. It says he 'liveth for ever and ever.' It explains that he is the creator and that one day there will 'be time no longer.' When we are in heaven, there is no need of time. When the world comes to an end, there will be no need for time.

Next, we see that he created the heaven. Another word for heaven is firmament. Later we learn that he divided the firmament into three parts:

1. The sky where the birds fly.
2. Space where the sun, moon, and stars reside.
3. The third heaven where God resides.

Lastly, we see that he created the earth, where we live. He does not say when he created the other planets, but he might have created them at the same time he created earth.

So, all in verse one, we have time, we have space, and we have matter.

Isn't our God AMAZING!! Praise God today for who he is. He is the Father, the Son, the Holy Ghost; the Almighty, the Comforter, our Judge. He is our Provider, our Protector, our King!



Hebrews 1:10-12 [kjv]

“And, Thou, Lord, in the beginning hast laid the foundation of the earth; and the heavens are the works of thine hands:

They shall perish; but thou remainest; and they all shall wax old as doth a garment;

And as a vesture shalt thou fold them up, and they shall be changed: but thou art the same, and thy years shall not fail.”

Copy the verses:



In My Own Words...



Life Application...

How can I apply this verse to my life today?



My Prayer...

Lesson 2: Light and Darkness

We are continuing our look at creation week in Genesis 1. Our focus today will be on verse 2-5.

Study of Today's Text

In verse two we see that the earth was without form and void. This is just stating that it was empty. Some religions teach that it was in a state of chaos. This is false. God is the God of order, not chaos.

We also see in verse two that darkness was upon the face of the deep and the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. Darkness is simply the absence of light and represents the world in a state of sin. 'There is none that doeth good, no not one.' (Romans 3:12) God will take care of that shortly. The Spirit is the Holy Spirit, the third person of the Trinity. The whole earth was filled with water. It is interesting that when God wanted to 'start over' in chapter six with Noah, he flooded the whole earth so that it was filled once again with water.

In verse three God speaks light into existence. The light represents Jesus who is the light of the world. He came to bring light to those who sit in darkness. Jesus says in John 9:5, 'As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.'

He called the light day and the darkness he called night. This is also symbolic of the saved person and the unsaved person. The saved are called 'the children of the day' in 1 Thessalonians 5:5. The unsaved are called 'of the night' as we see in that same verse.

"Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness." – 1 Thessalonians 5:5

Light and darkness are used throughout the bible when talking about good and evil, the righteous and the wicked.

Light and darkness are opposites as is day and night. The Christian life is opposite of the unsaved life and should reflect that in how we live. Sadly, today many Christians and churches look like and act like the world.

Darkness usually represents evil as the bible says in John 3:19b, 'and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.'

Lesson 2: Light and Darkness

When people do evil deeds such as robbery, murder, drunkenness, etc., it is usually done under the cover of the darkness of night.

The light exposes the wicked deeds of darkness. Jesus came and made known the sins of men. We too, as light, need to make known the sinfulness of this world. How do we do that? For starters, preachers need to preach against sin from the pulpit so that it does not creep into the churches. Christians need to stand their ground and not be tolerant of sin around them. We need to rebuke it as John the Baptist rebuked King Herod for marrying his brother's wife (Mark 6:18), and as Jesus rebuked the Pharisees throughout the gospels.

"And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them." – Ephesians 5:11

We also need to set the example and live the Christian life before the world.

"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." – Matthew 5:16

Ask God today to help you to be a light to your family, friends, and others around you. Pray for wisdom, boldness, and to be filled with the Holy Spirit.

"But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear:" – 1 Peter 3:15



Ephesians 5:8 [kjv]

"For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light: "

Copy the verse:



In My Own Words...



Life Application...

How can I apply this verse to my life today?



My Prayer...

Lesson 3: The Firmament & After His Kind

We are continuing our study in Genesis 1. Read Genesis 1:6-13, 20-25. We will focus on these verses today.

Study of Today's Text

The Firmament

In our last lesson, we spoke briefly about the firmament and how God divided it into three parts:

1. The sky where the birds fly. (Genesis 1:20)
2. Space where the sun, moon, and stars reside. (Genesis 1:17)
3. The third heaven where God resides. (2 Corinthians 12:2)

"I knew a man in Christ above fourteen years ago, (whether in the body, I cannot tell; or whether out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;) such an one caught up to the third heaven."

—2 Corinthians 12:2

The firmament is simply the heavens. We are fascinated with the heavens because we do not know much about them, especially outer space and the third heaven.

"By the word of the LORD were the heavens made; and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth." —Psalms 33:6

The bible says, 'the heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork.' (Psalm 19:1)

We wonder how the earth hangs on nothing. We are amazed at the precision of the earth's distance from the sun so that the earth does not burn. We are awed with solar eclipses. We look for 'shooting' stars and observe the phases of the moon. We like to look at the stars and make out patterns and the constellations. God even mentions some of the constellations in the bible.

"Canst thou bind the sweet influences of Pleiades, or loose the bands of Orion? Canst thou bring forth Mazzaroth in his season? or canst thou guide Arcturus with his sons?" – Job 38:31-32

It is hard not to understand how someone can look at God's creation and not attribute it to him but instead want to say it appeared through a big bang or

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something as ridiculous. No, God, the only true God, spoke creation into existence and we are without excuse because his creation is evidence and proof enough of his existence and of his power.

“For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse:” – Romans 1:20

After His Kind

On the third day, God gathered the waters ‘together unto one place, and let the dry land appear:’ (Genesis 1:9) He then proceeded to create the vegetation for his creation.

On the fifth day, he created the sea creatures and the fowl.

On the sixth day, he created the land animals, and mankind.

Now, what we notice with all three is that we are told that they bring forth ‘after their kind’, meaning an apple seed will bring forth an apple tree, fish will produce fish, a cow will bring forth a cow, and a human being will bring forth another human being. Sounds simple and logical right? Well, many are being taught, deceived more like it, that plants, animals, and humans evolved from something other than their kind. The most common is that an ape evolved into a human. WRONG! This is what the bible calls ‘science falsely so called.’ (1 Timothy 6:20)

‘Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools,’ Romans 1:22 tells us. Psalm 53:1 says, ‘The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God.’

When you want to take God out of the equation, you come up with outrageous conclusions, false conclusions. Those who teach this do so because they do ‘not like to retain God in their knowledge.’ (Romans 1:28) They want nothing to do with him, so they would rather believe a lie.

To us who ‘loveth righteousness and judgment: the earth is full of the goodness of the LORD.’ (Psalm 33:5) We cannot but see God’s masterpiece in the leaves of Autumn, or the mountain ranges, in the sunrise and in the sunset. We cannot but feel God’s power in the sound of thunder and in the midst of a hurricane. We cannot but enjoy God’s beauty in the horse or lion. We cannot but stand in awe of God’s majesty as we gaze at the night sky.

There is a verse in Psalms that says, ‘What is man, that thou art mindful of

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him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him?' (Psalm 8:4) I am so thankful and so very grateful that he was mindful of man that he sent his only begotten Son to die for us so that we can be reconciled with God and have fellowship with him and will one day 'ever be with the Lord.' (1 Thessalonians 4:17) Amen!

The last thing I want to mention about 'after his kind' is that when Christians go soul winning, and a soul is won to Christ, that also is bringing forth after his kind because only a Christian can get another person saved. It is impossible for a lost person to save another lost person.

The bible talks about how 'a good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit.' (Matthew 7:17) We as christians (good tree) can only produce another christian (good fruit). An unsaved person (corrupt tree) cannot produce a christian (good fruit).

Jesus also says in John 15:4, 'Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me'. Jesus is the vine, and we are the branches. We cannot bear fruit, save a soul, unless we are in Christ. Therefore, an unsaved person cannot get another unsaved person saved.

"The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life; and he that winneth souls is wise." – Proverbs 11:30

Thank the Lord today for the beauty he has put all around you. Thank him for blessing you with a loving family and thank Jesus for always doing the will of the Father so that he came and died for us. Ask the Lord to help you to be a fruitful branch abiding in him always.



John 15:5 [kjv]

"I am the vine, ye are the branches: he that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing."

Copy the verse:



In My Own Words...



Life Application...

How can I apply this verse to my life today?



My Prayer...

Lesson 4: Two Great Lights

We are continuing our lesson in Geneses 1. Read Genesis 1:14-19. We will focus on these verses today.

Study of Today's Text

On the fourth day of creation, God made the sun, moon, and stars. These light up our sky. The sun during the day gives us light and heat. The moon at night gives us light also. The bible tells us the lights are given for 'signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years.' So, these lights also help us with knowing time, and measuring time. Think of the 365 days in a year, the time it takes the earth to go around the sun.

"He appointed the moon for seasons: the sun knoweth his going down."
– Psalms 104:19

The sun is the greater light that rules the day. It represents Jesus who is the light of the world. As the sun gives life giving light to the planet, for we cannot live without the sun, so does Jesus give life to those who sit in darkness.

We need the sun to survive, it is important to our physical growth. If we never got any sun, but sat in the dark all day, we would surely wither away and die; so it is with your spiritual life. As a Christian, do not live as the world lives, in darkness, as it will hinder your spiritual growth or stunt it all together. Instead, bask in the Son and feel alive and refreshed in him.

"And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand." – John 10:28

The sun also represents Jesus in that it reminds us of Christ's resurrection as it rises each day and sets each night. Christ was laid in the tomb (sunset) but he rose again (sunrise). As the sun rises in the east to bring each new day, so did Jesus rise from the dead to bring new life.

"And very early in the morning the first day of the week, they came unto the sepulchre at the rising of the sun." – Mark 16:2

Sunrise services are symbolic of Jesus' resurrection. 'They came unto the sepulchre at the rising of the sun' which represent the rising of the Son, the Son of God. We look forward to one day being resurrected and receiving our incorruptible bodies to forever be with our Lord.

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The moon has no light of its own and is the lesser light. It gets its light from the sun. The sun's light reflects off of the moon, this is why it has different phases depending on its position to the sun. In like manner, we, as Christians, have no light of our own, but we shine the light of Jesus. We are told to be light to the world, but we can only be light if we have the greater light within us, then can our light shine.

"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." – Matthew 5:16

As these give light to the earth, so should we give light to the world in the giving of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

In giving of this light, they might find life through Jesus Christ, for the light, Jesus, is life.

"I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father but by me." – John 14:6

In verse sixteen of Genesis 1, we see God add the words 'he made the stars also.' Their light is not as bright as the sun and moon, but they do shine in the night sky and are used also for signs and seasons. The bible tells us that there are multitudes of stars. He told Abraham,

"And he brought him [Abraham] forth abroad, and said, Look now toward heaven, and tell the stars, if thou be able to number them: and he said unto him, So shall thy seed be." – Genesis 15:5

God knows how many stars there are, and he knows them all by name.

"He telleth the number of the stars; he calleth them all by their names."
– Psalms 147:4

The stars here can symbolize you and me. God knows the number of hairs on our head, and he knows us by our names, he fashioned us in our mother's womb. Though there are multitudes of saved people from the beginning of time, he knows each and every one of us and cares for each and every one of us. How amazing is our God!

"Praise ye him, sun and moon: praise him, all ye stars of light."
–Psalms 148:3

I pray your heart's desire is to be a light for Jesus in this dark world. Ask the Holy Spirit within you to guide you into all truth as you read the word each

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day. If you have not read your bible cover to cover, I encourage you to do so. It takes 15-20 minutes a day and will bless you greatly. There is a schedule in the [Appendix](#) that you may use for your convenience.

“Thou, even thou, art LORD alone; thou hast made heaven, the heaven of heavens, with all their host, the earth, and all things that are therein, the seas, and all that is therein, and thou preservest them all; and the host of heaven worshippeth thee.” – Nehemiah 9:6



Matthew 5:16 [kjv]

“Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.”

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Life Application...

How can I apply this verse to my life today?



My Prayer...

Lesson 5: In Our Image

Today we will focus on verses 26-30 of Genesis 1. Read those before proceeding with the lesson.

Study of Today's Text

In His Image

On the sixth day, God created man. In verse 26 it says, 'Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion...'

Notice it says 'us'. This is the first mention of the trinity specifically in the bible. The 'us' is God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost. There is a false doctrine out there that teaches that God is speaking to the angels. This is false. The angels are created beings and not creators themselves. No, this is the Godhead speaking.

Another false teaching out there is that God has a feminine side to him, and is/or can be, feminine. This is a new age teaching and has been propagated in recent years by the book and the movie, *'The Shack'* by William P. Young. This is an old heresy that is brought out every now and again to feminize God. Flee from this garbage. God is in no way, shape, or form feminine. He tells men it is a sin to be effeminate, so why would he have a feminine side: makes no sense.

"Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind,"

– 2 Corinthians 6:9

No, God is masculine and he has masculine characteristics. He is our protector, our provider, our leader (shepherd), our Father: all are attributes he gave to men.

The scripture says in verse 27, '... in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.' He is distinguishing who he made in his image in relation to the attributes mentioned in the previous paragraph.

We all were created in the image of God, that is three-in-one. The Godhead consists of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, in like manner we are spirit, body, and soul.

Lesson 5: In Our Image

But men were created to be leaders and heads of their home as Christ is the head of the church, they are created to protect as God protects his people, they are the providers of their families as God provides for his people, they are to teach and lead their families in the word of God as the Holy Spirit guides and teaches us through the word of God.

The Bible calls the female the weaker vessel (1 Peter 3:7) and therefore she needs leadership, protection, provision, etc.

“Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with them according to knowledge, giving honour unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life; that your prayers be not hindered.”

– 1 Peter 3:7

This is a beautiful picture of our need for Christ and our dependency on him to care for us.

So, to put God as a female or to make him feminine is to take away from his splendor, his strength, etc. and it makes him weaker in a sense; a girly-man if you will.

Men are to be masculine.

Women are to be feminine.

Men are to act as men and not as women.

Women are to act as women and not as men.

This doctrine of the new age, which is infiltrating some churches, is a dangerous and blasphemous doctrine as it blurs the line of the two genders that God created to be distinct one from the other.

“But from the beginning of creation God made them male and female.”

– Mark 10:6

Dominion

Dominion means God gave man authority over his creation, to govern or rule over. He was to tend to and care for creation.

“Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands; thou hast put all things under his feet:” – Psalms 8:6

God supplied the food in the ‘herb bearing seed...to you it shall be for meat’

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and watered the earth with a mist. Both man and animals ate vegetation. The King James Bible uses the word meat which simply means food.

“But there went up a mist from the earth, and watered the whole face of the ground.” – Genesis 2:6

Adam and Eve were not limited to the Garden of Eden. They had dominion of the whole earth. The garden is where the tree of life and the tree of knowledge of good and evil were placed; it is where Adam and Eve lived.

God gave them the command to be fruitful and multiply before they sinned. So, if they had not sinned, they still would have had children and the earth would eventually be full of humans and animals.

Now, when they did sin, God banished them from the garden and placed cherubim and a flaming sword at the entrance; but before that, I believe they were free to come and go if they chose to.

“So he drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden Cherubims, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life.” – Genesis 3:24

Thank the Lord today for his provision and protection. He cares for you and takes care of you. Thank God that his word is pure and true, and that it never faileth.

“But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.” – Matthew 6:33



Psalms 18:2 [kjv]

"The LORD is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, and my high tower."

Copy the verse:



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Life Application...

How can I apply this verse to my life today?



My Prayer...

Lesson 6: The Sabbath Day

For the last day of the creation week, we will head into chapter two of Genesis. Our focus today will be on verses 1-3.

Study of Today's Text

God created the heaven and the earth in six literal days, and on the seventh day he rested from all his work. The bible talks a lot about work, we are not to be lazy. 'Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work.' (Exodus 20:9) The seventh day is a day of rest.

The seventh day is also known as the sabbath day and is included in the ten commandments, 'Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy.' (Exodus 20:8) The Israelites were to do no work on the sabbath, it was a day of rest. The penalty for working was death. (Numbers 15:32-36)

We no longer observe the sabbath as the Israelites did because the sabbath was a picture of salvation and Jesus fulfilled this commandment when he died and rose again. Jesus is our sabbath. Also, this can be considered a ceremonial law given only to the children of Israel and not a moral law that is given to all peoples.

Salvation is by grace through faith, not of works, lest any man should boast. (Ephesians 2:8-9) Jesus did all the work. Jesus is our sabbath: our rest. You can't work for salvation. If you are working your way to heaven, then you are not saved and the penalty is death. You need to stop working and trust in Jesus and his finished work on the cross and rest in Him. Hebrews 4:10 says, 'For he that is entered into his (Jesus) rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God did from his.'

"Come unto me all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." – Matthew 11:28

The labour and heavy laden Jesus was/is speaking about are those lost in traditions of men, trying to work their way to heaven. Working in your own might is taxing and it will get you nowhere. Jesus is telling those people to come to him, believe on him and he will give them rest.

Matthew 11:29-30 says, 'Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.'

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A yoke is what two oxen would be fastened to and it would be attached to a plow. They would then work side by side sharing the burden of pulling the plow through the earth getting it ready for planting. Jesus is inviting you to yoke up with him. He has done all the work therefore his yoke is easy and his burden is light.

For those of us who are saved, we need to remember that Jesus is our rest. When you go through trying times, rest in knowing Jesus is with you, he promises to never leave you nor forsake you.

“Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.” –John 14:27

Today, thank Jesus for taking it all upon himself and for doing all the work. Thank him for laying his life down willingly so that we might be saved.

“Therefore doth my Father love me, because I lay down my life, that I might take it again. No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This commandment have I received of my Father.” – John 10:17-18



Ephesians 2:8-9 [kjv]

"For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: not of works, lest any man should boast."

Copy the verse:



In My Own Words...



Life Application...

How can I apply this verse to my life today?



My Prayer...

Appendix

Psalms 148

1 Praise ye the LORD. Praise ye the LORD from the heavens: praise him in the heights.

2 Praise ye him, all his angels: praise ye him, all his hosts.

3 Praise ye him, sun and moon: praise him, all ye stars of light.

4 Praise him, ye heavens of heavens, and ye waters that *be* above the heavens.

5 Let them praise the name of the LORD: for he commanded, and they were created.

6 He hath also stablished them for ever and ever: he hath made a decree which shall not pass.

7 Praise the LORD from the earth, ye dragons, and all deeps:

8 Fire, and hail; snow, and vapour; stormy wind fulfilling his word:

9 Mountains, and all hills; fruitful trees, and all cedars:

10 Beasts, and all cattle; creeping things, and flying fowl:

11 Kings of the earth, and all people; princes, and all judges of the earth:

12 Both young men, and maidens; old men, and children:

13 Let them praise the name of the LORD: for his name alone is excellent; his glory *is* above the earth and heaven.

14 He also exalteth the horn of his people, the praise of all his saints; *even* of the children of Israel, a people near unto him. Praise ye the LORD.

Genesis 1

1 In the beginning God created the Heaven and the earth.

2 And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.

3 And God said, Let there be light: and there was light.

4 And God saw the light, that it was good: and God divided the light from the darkness.

5 And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day.

6 And God said, Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters.

7 And God made the firmament, and divided the waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament: and it was so.

8 And God called the firmament Heaven. And the evening and the morning were the second day.

9 And God said, Let the waters under the heaven be gathered together unto one place, and let the dry land appear: and it was so.

10 And God called the dry land Earth; and the gathering together of the waters called he Seas: and God saw that it was good.

11 And God said, Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, and the fruit tree yielding fruit after his kind, whose seed is in itself, upon the earth: and it was so.

12 And the earth brought forth grass, and herb yielding seed after his kind, and the tree yielding fruit, whose seed was in itself, after his kind: and God saw that it was good.

13 And the evening and the morning were the third day.

14 And God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years:

15 And let them be for lights in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth: and it was so.

16 And God made two great lights; the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night: he made the stars also.

17 And God set them in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth,

18 And to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness: and God saw that it was good.

19 And the evening and the morning were the fourth day.

20 And God said, Let the waters bring forth abundantly the moving creature that hath life, and fowl that may fly above the earth in the open firmament of heaven.

21 And God created great whales, and every living creature that moveth, which the waters brought forth abundantly, after their kind, and every winged fowl after his kind: and God saw that it was good.

22 And God blessed them, saying, Be fruitful, and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let fowl multiply in the earth.

23 And the evening and the morning were the fifth day.

24 And God said, Let the earth bring forth the living creature after his kind, cattle, and creeping thing, and beast of the earth after his kind: and it was so.

25 And God made the beast of the earth after his kind, and cattle after their kind, and every thing that creepeth upon the earth after his kind: and God saw that it was good.

26 And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

28 And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.

29 And God said, Behold, I have given you every herb bearing seed, which is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in the which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for meat.

30 And to every beast of the earth, and to every fowl of the air, and to every thing that creepeth upon the earth, wherein there is life, I have given every green herb for meat: and it was so.

31 And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day.

Genesis 2:1-3

1 Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them.

2 And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made; and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made.

3 And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it: because that in it he had rested from all his work which God created and made.

One Year Bible Reading Plan

On the following pages is a reading plan to get you through your bible in one year. Most agree that between 15-20 minutes a day is all you need.

After reading my bible through a few times and after using the One Year Bible and other reading schedules, I found making my own works best. I loved the One Year Bible as it is what got me reading the bible every day. But I found out that I do not like to read a little of the Old Testament and a little of the New Testament a day along with pieces of Psalms and Proverbs.

The schedule I put together for myself and the one below, goes through each book one at a time.

I choose to start my bible reading time with a Psalm each day. The Psalms are so beautiful, and they are perfect to begin each day with. You will get through the Psalms in five months. Feel free to start over for the second half of the year.

For the first month, I also read a Proverb a day. I like it this way instead of breaking the chapters up into pieces or reading multiple chapters a day. The Proverbs are so full of wisdom, that you cannot read more than one a day without getting information overload; at least that is how it is for me. I find it easiest to read one chapter a day.

I also alternate Old Testament and New Testament. So, I begin with Genesis and after reading the whole book, I proceed with Matthew. After Matthew, I read Exodus and then Mark, and so on.

The schedule is not dated either with months. I scheduled it out by day that way you can start any day of the year. As a homeschooling mom, I like to keep my weeks at-a-glance, so each separation is seven days. You can easily count how many weeks you have left or how many you have read.

Lastly, I schedule it shy a few weeks of a year. This is just a buffer for me if I miss a day for some reason such as getting sick.

I hope you find this schedule helpful. If not, there are plenty out there on the internet or pick up one of those handy One Year Bibles.

Blessings,
Cynthia

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WK	Day	Bible Text	Psalms	Proverbs
1	1	Genesis 1-2	1	1
	2	Genesis 3-4	2	2
	3	Genesis 5-6	3	3
	4	Genesis 7-8	4	4
	5	Genesis 9-10	5	5
	6	Genesis 11-12	6	6
	7	Genesis 13-14	7	7
2	1	Genesis 15-16	8	8
	2	Genesis 17-18	9	9
	3	Genesis 19-20	10	10
	4	Genesis 21-22	11	11
	5	Genesis 23-24	12	12
	6	Genesis 25-26	13	13
	7	Genesis 27-28	14	14
3	1	Genesis 29-30	15	15
	2	Genesis 31-32	16	16
	3	Genesis 33-34	17	17
	4	Genesis 35-36	18	18
	5	Genesis 37-38	19	19
	6	Genesis 39-40	20	20
	7	Genesis 41-42	21	21
4	1	Genesis 43-44	22	22
	2	Genesis 45-46	23	23
	3	Genesis 47-48	24	24
	4	Genesis 49-50	25	25
	5	Matthew 1-2	26	26
	6	Matthew 3-4	27	27
	7	Matthew 5-6	28	28

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WK	Day	Bible Text	Psalms	Proverbs
5	1	Matthew 7-8	29	29
	2	Matthew 9-10	30	30
	3	Matthew 11-12	31	31
	4	Matthew 13-14	32	
	5	Matthew 15-16	33	
	6	Matthew 17-18	34	
	7	Matthew 19-20	35	
6	1	Matthew 21-22	36	
	2	Matthew 23-24	37	
	3	Matthew 25-26	38	
	4	Matthew 27-28	39	
	5	Exodus 1-2	40	
	6	Exodus 3-4	41	
	7	Exodus 5-6	42	
7	1	Exodus 7-8	43	
	2	Exodus 9-10	44	
	3	Exodus 11-12	45	
	4	Exodus 13-14	46	
	5	Exodus 15-16	47	
	6	Exodus 17-18	48	
	7	Exodus 19-20	49	
8	1	Exodus 21-22	50	
	2	Exodus 23-24	51	
	3	Exodus 25-26	52	
	4	Exodus 27-28	53	
	5	Exodus 29-30	54	
	6	Exodus 31-32	55	
	7	Exodus 33-34	56	

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WK	Day	Bible Text	Psalms
9	1	Exodus 35-36	57
	2	Exodus 37-38	58
	3	Exodus 39-40	59
	4	Mark 1-2	60
	5	Mark 3-4	61
	6	Mark 5-6	62
	7	Mark 7-8	63
10	1	Mark 9-10	64
	2	Mark 11-12	65
	3	Mark 13-14	66
	4	Mark 15-16	67
	5	Leviticus 1-2	68
	6	Leviticus 3-4	69
	7	Leviticus 5-6	70
11	1	Leviticus 7-8	71
	2	Leviticus 9-10	72
	3	Leviticus 11-12	73
	4	Leviticus 13-14	74
	5	Leviticus 15-16	75
	6	Leviticus 17-18	76
	7	Leviticus 19-20	77
12	1	Leviticus 21-22	78
	2	Leviticus 23-24	79
	3	Leviticus 25-26	80
	4	Leviticus 27	81
	5	Luke 1-2	82
	6	Luke 3-4	83
	7	Luke 5-6	84

WK	Day	Bible Text	Psalms
13	1	Luke 7-8	85
	2	Luke 9-10	86
	3	Luke 11-12	87
	4	Luke 13-14	88
	5	Luke 15-16	89
	6	Luke 17-18	90
	7	Luke 19-20	91
14	1	Luke 21-22	92
	2	Luke 23-24	93
	3	Numbers 1-2	94
	4	Numbers 3-4	95
	5	Numbers 5-6	96
	6	Numbers 7-8	97
	7	Numbers 9-10	98
15	1	Numbers 11-12	99
	2	Numbers 13-14	100
	3	Numbers 15-16	101
	4	Numbers 17-18	102
	5	Numbers 19-20	103
	6	Numbers 21-22	104
	7	Numbers 23-24	105
16	1	Numbers 25-26	106
	2	Numbers 27-28	107
	3	Numbers 29-30	108
	4	Numbers 31-32	109
	5	Numbers 33-34	110
	6	Numbers 35-36	111
	7	John 1-2	112

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WK	Day	Bible Text	Psalms
17	1	John 3-4	113
	2	John 5-6	114
	3	John 7-8	115
	4	John 9-10	116
	5	John 11-12	117
	6	John 13-14	118
	7	John 15-16	119:1-40
18	1	John 17-18	119:41-88
	2	John 19-21	119:89-136
	3	Deut 1-2	119:137-176
	4	Deut3-4	120
	5	Deut 5-6	121
	6	Deut7-8	122
	7	Deut 9-10	123
19	1	Deut 11-12	124
	2	Deut 13-14	125
	3	Deut 15-16	126
	4	Deut 17-18	127
	5	Deut 19-20	128
	6	Deut 21-22	129
	7	Deut 23-24	130
20	1	Deut 25-26	131
	2	Deut 27-28	132
	3	Deut 29-30	133
	4	Deut 31-32	134
	5	Deut 33-4	135
	6	Acts 1-2	136
	7	Acts 3-4	137

WK	Day	Bible Text	Psalms
21	1	Acts 5-6	138
	2	Acts 7-8	139
	3	Acts 9-10	140
	4	Acts 11-12	141
	5	Acts 13-14	142
	6	Acts 15-16	143
	7	Acts 17-18	144
22	1	Acts 19-20	145
	2	Acts 21-22	146
	3	Acts 23-24	147
	4	Acts 25-28	148
	5	Joshua 1-4	149
	6	Joshua 5-8	150
	7	Joshua 9-12	
23	1	Joshua 13-16	
	2	Joshua 17-20	
	3	Joshua 21-24	
	4	Romans 1-4	
	5	Romans 5-8	
	6	Romans 9-12	
	7	Romans 13-16	
24	1	Judges 1-4	
	2	Judges 5-8	
	3	Judges 9-12	
	4	Judges 13-16	
	5	Judges 17-21	
	6	1 Corinthians 1-4	
	7	1 Corinthians 5-8	

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WK	Day	Bible Text
25	1	1 Corinthians 9-12
	2	1 Corinthians 13-14
	3	Ruth 1-4
	4	2 Corinthians 1-4
	5	2 Corinthians 5-8
	6	2 Corinthians 9-13
	7	1 Samuel 1-3
26	1	1 Samuel 4-6
	2	1 Samuel 7-9
	3	1 Samuel 10-12
	4	1 Samuel 13-15
	5	1 Samuel 16-18
	6	1 Samuel 19-21
	7	1 Samuel 22-24
27	1	1 Samuel 25-27
	2	1 Samuel 28-31
	3	2 Samuel 1-3
	4	2 Samuel 4-6
	5	2 Samuel 7-9
	6	2 Samuel 10-12
	7	2 Samuel 13-15
28	1	2 Samuel 16-18
	2	2 Samuel 19-21
	3	2 Samuel 22-24
	4	Galatians 1-6
	5	1 Kings 1-3
	6	1 Kings 4-6
	7	1 Kings 7-9

WK	Day	Bible Text
29	1	1 Kings 10-12
	2	1 Kings 13-15
	3	1 Kings 16-18
	4	1 Kings 19-22
	5	2 Kings 1-3
	6	2 Kings 4-6
	7	2 Kings 7-9
30	1	2 Kings 10-12
	2	2 Kings 13-15
	3	2 Kings 16-18
	4	2 Kings 19-21
	5	2 Kings 22-25
	6	Ephesians 1-6
	7	1 Chronicles 1-3
31	1	1 Chronicles 4-6
	2	1 Chronicles 7-9
	3	1 Chronicles 10-12
	4	1 Chronicles 13-15
	5	1 Chronicles 16-18
	6	1 Chronicles 19-21
	7	1 Chronicles 22-24
32	1	1 Chronicles 25-27
	2	1 Chronicles 28-29
	3	2 Chronicles 1-4
	4	2 Chronicles 5-8
	5	2 Chronicles 9-12
	6	2 Chronicles 13-16
	7	2 Chronicles 17-20

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33	1	2 Chronicles 21-24
	2	2 Chronicles 25-28
	3	2 Chronicles 29-32
	4	2 Chronicles 33-36
	5	Philippians 1-4
	6	Ezra 1-4
	7	Ezra 5-8
34	1	Ezra 9-10
	2	Nehemiah 1-4
	3	Nehemiah 5-8
	4	Nehemiah 9-13
	5	Colossians 1-4
	6	Esther 1-3
	7	Esther 4-6
35	1	Esther 7-10
	2	Job 1-4
	3	Job 5-8
	4	Job 9-12
	5	Job 13-16
	6	Job 17-20
	7	Job 21-24
36	1	Job 25-28
	2	Job 29-32
	3	Job 33-36
	4	Job 37-40
	5	Job 41-42
	6	1 Thessalonians 1-5
	7	2 Thessalonians 1-3

WK	Day	Bible Text
37	1	Ecclesiastes 1-4
	2	Ecclesiastes 5-8
	3	Ecclesiastes 9-12
	4	Song of Solomon 1-4
	5	Song of Solomon 5-8
	6	1 Timothy 1-6
	7	2 Timothy 1-4
38	1	Isaiah 1-3
	2	Isaiah 4-6
	3	Isaiah 7-9
	4	Isaiah 10-12
	5	Isaiah 13-15
	6	Isaiah 16-18
	7	Isaiah 19-21
39	1	Isaiah 22-24
	2	Isaiah 25-27
	3	Isaiah 28-30
	4	Isaiah 31-33
	5	Isaiah 34-36
	6	Isaiah 37-39
	7	Isaiah 40-42
40	1	Isaiah 43-45
	2	Isaiah 46-48
	3	Isaiah 49-51
	4	Isaiah 52-54
	5	Isaiah 55-57
	6	Isaiah 58-60
	7	Isaiah 61-63

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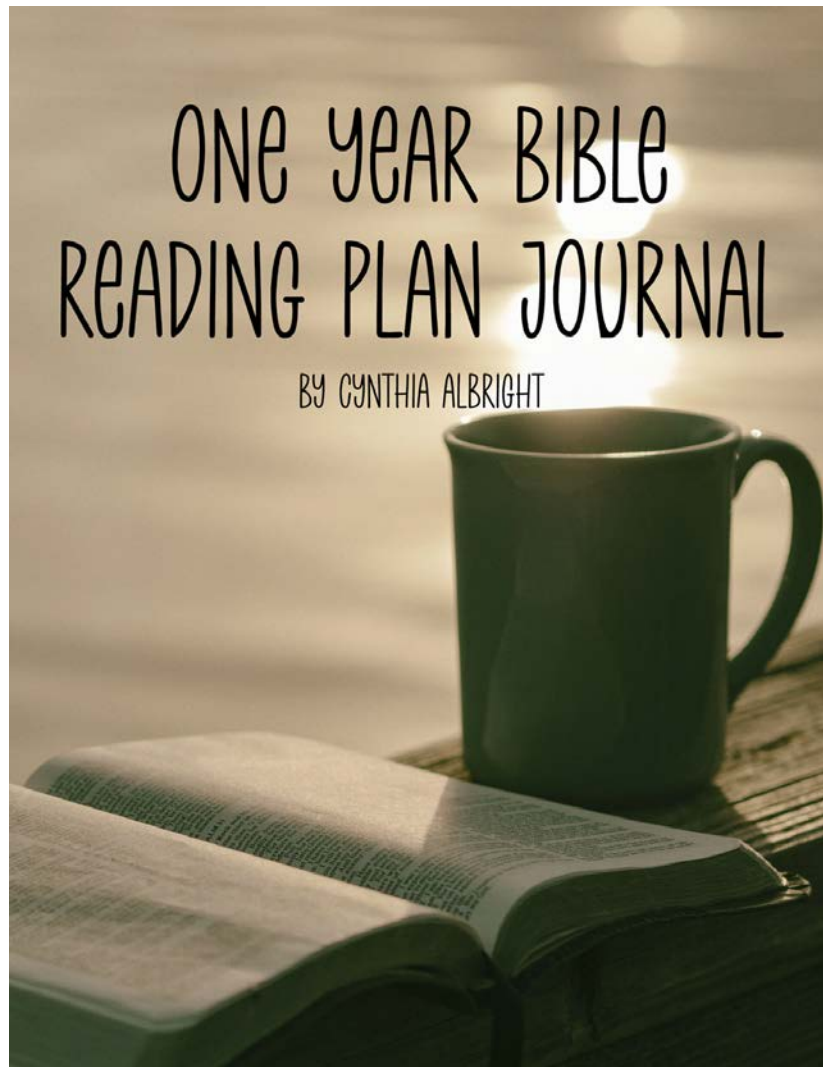
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41	1	Isaiah 64-66
	2	Philemon 1 Hebrews 1-3
	3	Hebrews 4-6
	4	Hebrews 7-9
	5	Hebrews 10-13
	6	Jeremiah 1-3
	7	Jeremiah 4-6
42	1	Jeremiah 7-9
	2	Jeremiah 10-12
	3	Jeremiah 13-15
	4	Jeremiah 16-18
	5	Jeremiah 19-21
	6	Jeremiah 22-24
	7	Jeremiah 25-27
43	1	Jeremiah 28-31
	2	Jeremiah 32-34
	3	Jeremiah 35-37
	4	Jeremiah 38-40
	5	Jeremiah 41-43
	6	Jeremiah 44-46
	7	Jeremiah 47-49
44	1	Jeremiah 50-52
	2	Lamentations 1-5
	3	James 1-5
	4	Ezekiel 1-3
	5	Ezekiel 4-6
	6	Ezekiel 7-9
	7	Ezekiel 10-12

WK	Day	Bible Text
45	1	Ezekiel 13-15
	2	Ezekiel 16-18
	3	Ezekiel 19-21
	4	Ezekiel 22-24
	5	Ezekiel 25-27
	6	Ezekiel 28-30
	7	Ezekiel 31-33
46	1	Ezekiel 34-36
	2	Ezekiel 37-39
	3	Ezekiel 40-42
	4	Ezekiel 43-45
	5	Ezekiel 46-48
	6	1 Peter 1-5
	7	2 Peter 1-3
47	1	Daniel 1-4
	2	Daniel 5-8
	3	Daniel 9-12
	4	Hosea 1-4
	5	Hosea 5-8
	6	Hosea 9-12
	7	Hosea 13-14
48	1	Joel 1-3
	2	1 John 1-5
	3	2 John, 3 John, Jude
	4	Amos 1-3
	5	Amos 4-6
	6	Amos 7-9, Obadiah 1
	7	Jonah 1-4

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WK	Day	Bible Text
49	1	Revelation 1-4
	2	Revelation 4-8
	3	Revelation 9-12
	4	Revelation 13-16
	5	Revelation 17-20
	6	Revelation 21-22
	7	Micah 1-4
50	1	Micah 5-7
	2	Nahum 1-3
	3	Habakkuk 1-3
	4	Zephaniah 1-3
	5	Haggai 1-2
	6	Zechariah 1-4
	7	Zechariah 5-8
51	1	Zechariah 9-12
	2	Zechariah 13-14
	3	Malachi 1-4

Also Available:



The [*One Year Bible Reading Plan Journal*](#) contains the schedule on the previous pages, but also includes space for you to journal your thoughts for the day and/or week. Jot down definitions, places, people, thoughts, cross-reference verses, etc. It is free at CyncesPlace.com.