

READING THE GOOD BOOK BY THE BOOK

Regular reading and study of the Bible can differ from "praying" with the Bible, but it is rare to read Scripture without finding oneself in prayer. Try this plan:

Begin with the shortest

book (2nd John with 13 verses) and read through to the longest book (Isaiah with 66 chapters). Don't skip the footnotes in your Bible!

| | | <u>Wisdom</u> | | <u>Gospels</u> |
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| | | 42 Job | 28 | Matthew |
| | | 41 Psalms 1–41 | 16 | Mark |
| | | 31 Psalms 42–72 | 24 | Luke |
| | | 17 Psalms 73–89 | 21 | John |
| | | 17 Psalms 90–106 | 28 | Acts |
| | | 44 Psalms 107–150 | | <u>Pauline Letters</u> |
| | <u>Pentateuch</u> | 31 Proverbs | 16 | Romans |
| 50 | Genesis | 12 Ecclesiastes | 16 | 1st Corinthians |
| 40 | Exodus | 8 Song of Songs | 13 | 2nd Corinthians |
| 27 | Leviticus | 19 Wisdom | 6 | Galatians |
| 36 | Numbers | 51 Sirach | 6 | Ephesians |
| 34 | Deuteronomy | <u>Prophets</u> | 4 | Philippians |
| | <u>Historical</u> | 66 Isaiah | 4 | Colossians |
| 24 | Joshua | 52 Jeremiah | 5 | 1st Thessalonians |
| 21 | Judges | 5 Lamentations | 3 | 2nd Thessalonians |
| 4 | Ruth | 6 Baruch | 6 | 1st Timothy |
| 31 | 1st Samuel | 48 Ezekiel | 4 | 2nd Timothy |
| 24 | 2nd Samuel | 14 Daniel | 3 | Titus |
| 22 | 1st Kings | 14 Hosea | 23 vs. | Philemon |
| 25 | 2nd Kings | 4 Joel | 13 | Hebrews |
| 29 | 1st Chronicles | 9 Amos | | <u>Catholic Letters</u> |
| 36 | 2nd Chronicles | 21 vs. Obadiah | 5 | James |
| 10 | Ezra | 4 Jonah | 5 | 1st Peter |
| 13 | Nehemiah | 7 Micah | 3 | 2nd Peter |
| 14 | Tobit | 3 Nahum | 5 | 1st John |
| 16 | Judith | 3 Habakkuk | 13 vs. | 2nd John |
| 10 | Esther | 3 Zephaniah | 15 vs. | 3rd John |
| 16 | 1st Maccabees | 2 Haggai | 25 vs. | Jude |
| 15 | 2nd Maccabees | 14 Zechariah | 22 | Revelation |
| | | 3 Malachi | | |

The number given is the number of chapters (or verses) in each book.