



DUMC 2026 BIBLE READING PLAN

# TRACING GOD'S DIVINE HANDIWORK

The Bible shows us God's handiwork through the lives of kings, prophets, apostles, and His people. In 2026, join us through some of Scripture's most powerful stories as we continue with the big story from 2025.

Each reading is designed not just to inform, but to transform—inviting us to think, pray, and let God's Word sink deep into heart and habit as we trace God's tapestry of divine providence together.

# GOD'S STORY

## 2025 BIBLE READING PLAN

### Act 1: God's Plan for All People

**Scene 1:** Creation: The God of All of Life (Genesis 1-2)

**Scene 2:** Fall: Rejecting God's Vision for Life (Genesis 3-5)

**Scene 3:** Flood: God Judges and Makes a Covenant to Preserve Life (Genesis 6-9)

### Act 2: God's Covenant People

**Scene 1:** The People: God Calls a Covenant People (Genesis 12-50)

**Scene 2:** Deliverance: God Rescues His People (Exodus 1-18)

**Scene 3:** Covenant & Law: God Embraces and Instructs His People (Exodus 19-40, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy)

**Scene 4:** The Land: God's Place for His People (Joshua, Judges, Ruth)

Source:

Read the Bible for Life, G. Cuthrie, B&H Publishing Grp, 2011.

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**Scene 5:** Kings and Prophets I: God Shapes a Kingdom People (1 Samuel, 2 Samuel, Ecclesiastes)

**Scene 6:** Kings and Prophets II: God Divides the Kingdom People (1 Kings 12-22, 2 Kings 1-15, Amos, Hosea)

**Scene 7:** Kings and Prophets III: The Southern Kingdom as God's People (2 Kings 16-23)

**Scene 8:** Exile: God Disciplines His People (2 Kings 24-25)

**Scene 9:** Return: God Delivers His People Again (Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther)

### Act 3: God's New Covenant People

**Scene 1:** Christ's Coming: God's True King Arrives (Mark)

**Scene 2:** Christ's Ministry: God's True King Manifests His Kingdom

**Scene 3:** Christ's Deliverance of His People: God's Work through the Death, Resurrection and Enthronement of His King

**Scene 4:** Christ's Church: God's People Advance the Kingdom (Acts, James)

**Scene 5:** Christ's Second Coming and Reign: God's Future for the Kingdom

# ENGAGE THE WORD

**1** Begin with prayer, submitting yourself to God and asking for light, while checking if your heart is receptive and ready to obey.

**2** Read the passage thoughtfully, aiming to understand what the text is teaching in its context.

**3** Identify the main ideas, noting how the original audience was meant to understand and apply the message.

Listen to the Spirit's prompting, consider what it reveals about God, about humankind, and where your life may need change.

Respond to God in prayer, aligning your heart and actions with what He has shown you through His Word.

Journal your reflections, write what stood out for you.

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WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1 JAN				1 SAM. 1	1 SAM. 2
5 JAN	1 SAM. 3	1 SAM. 4-5	1 SAM. 6:1-7:2	1 SAM. 7:3-8:22	1 SAM. 9
12 JAN	1 SAM. 10	1 SAM. 11-12	1 SAM. 13	1 SAM. 14	1 SAM. 15
19 JAN	1 SAM. 16	1 SAM. 17	1 SAM. 18-19	1 SAM. 20	1 SAM. 21
26 JAN	1 SAM. 22-23	1 SAM. 24	1 SAM. 25	1 SAM. 26	1 SAM. 27-28
2 FEB	1 SAM. 29-30	1 SAM. 31	2 SAM. 1	2 SAM. 2	2 SAM. 3
9 FEB	2 SAM. 4-5	2 SAM. 6	2 SAM. 7	2 SAM. 8-9	2 SAM. 10
16 FEB	2 SAM. 11	2 SAM. 12	2 SAM. 13	2 SAM. 14	2 SAM. 15
23 FEB	2 SAM. 16	2 SAM. 17	2 SAM. 18	2 SAM. 19	2 SAM. 20
2 MAR	2 SAM. 21	2 SAM. 22	2 SAM. 23	2 SAM. 24	1 KINGS 1
9 MAR	1 KINGS 2	1 KINGS 3	1 KINGS 4	1 KINGS 5	1 KINGS 6
16 MAR	1 KINGS 7	1 KINGS 8:1-53	1 KINGS 8:54-9:28	1 KINGS 10	1 KINGS 11
23 MAR	1 KINGS 12	1 KINGS 13	1 KINGS 14	1 KINGS 15:1-32	1 KINGS 15:33-16:34
30 MAR	1 KINGS 17	1 KINGS 18	1 KINGS 19	1 KINGS 20	1 KINGS 21
6 APR	1 KINGS 22	2 KINGS 1	2 KINGS 2	2 KINGS 3	2 KINGS 4
13 APR	2 KINGS 5	2 KINGS 6	2 KINGS 7	2 KINGS 8	2 KINGS 9
20 APR	2 KINGS 10	2 KINGS 11:1-20	2 KINGS 11:21-12:21	2 KINGS 13	2 KINGS 14
27 APR	2 KINGS 15	2 KINGS 16	2 KINGS 17	2 KINGS 18	2 KINGS 19
4 MAY	2 KINGS 20	2 KINGS 21	2 KINGS 22	2 KINGS 23:1-35	2 KINGS 23:36-24:20
11 MAY	2 KINGS 25	MARK 1:1-20	MARK 1:21-39	MARK 1:40-2:12	MARK 2:13-28
18 MAY	MARK 3:1-12	MARK 3:13-30	MARK 3:31-4:9	MARK 4:10-25	MARK 4:26-41
25 MAY	MARK 5:1-20	MARK 5:21-43	MARK 6:1-13	MARK 6:14-29	MARK 6:30-44
1 JUN	MARK 6:45-56	MARK 7:1-13	MARK 7:14-30	MARK 7:31-8:10	MARK 8:11-26
8 JUN	MARK 8:27-9:1	MARK 9:2-13	MARK 9:14-32	MARK 9:33-50	MARK 10:1-16
15 JUN	MARK 10:17-34	MARK 10:35-52	MARK 11:1-14	MARK 11:15-33	MARK 12:1-17
22 JUN	MARK 12:18-44	MARK 13:1-13	MARK 13:14-31	MARK 13:32-14:31	MARK 14:32-52

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29 JUN	MARK 14:53-72	MARK 15:1-15	MARK 15:16-32	MARK 15:33-47	MARK 16
6 JUL	EZRA 1-2	EZRA 3	EZRA 4	EZRA 5:1-6:18	EZRA 6:19-7:28
13 JUL	EZRA 8	EZRA 9	EZRA 10	NEH. 1-2	NEH. 3
20 JUL	NEH. 4	NEH. 5:1-7:4	NEH. 7:5-7:3	NEH. 8	NEH. 9
27 JUL	NEH. 10-11	NEH. 12	NEH. 13	EST. 1	EST. 2
3 AUG	EST. 3-4	EST. 5:1-6:13	EST. 6:14-8:17	EST. 9-10	ECCLES. 1
10 AUG	ECCLES. 2	ECCLES. 3-4	ECCLES. 5-6	ECCLES. 7-8	ECCLES. 9-10
17 AUG	ECCLES. 11-12	AMOS 1:1-2:3	AMOS 2:4-2:16	AMOS 3:1-4:5	AMOS 4:6-5:17
24 AUG	AMOS 5:18-6:14	AMOS 7-8	AMOS 9	HOS. 1-3	HOS. 4-5
31 AUG	HOS. 6-7	HOS. 8	HOS. 9-10	HOS. 11:1-12:1	HOS. 12:2-13:16
7 SEP	HOS. 14	ACTS 1:1-11	ACTS 1:12-26	ACTS 2:1-13	ACTS 2:14-28
14 SEP	ACTS 2:29-47	ACTS 3:1-10	ACTS 3:11-26	ACTS 4:1-12	ACTS 4:13-22
21 SEP	ACTS 4:23-31	ACTS 4:32-5:11	ACTS 5:12-26	ACTS 5:27-42	ACTS 6
28 SEP	ACTS 7:1-16	ACTS 7:17-34	ACTS 7:35-53	ACTS 7:54-8:8	ACTS 8:9-25
5 OCT	ACTS 8:26-40	ACTS 9:1-19	ACTS 9:20-35	ACTS 9:36-10:8	ACTS 10:9-33
12 OCT	ACTS 10:34-48	ACTS 11:1-18	ACTS 11:19-30	ACTS 12:1-19	ACTS 12:20-25
19 OCT	ACTS 13:1-12	ACTS 13:13-25	ACTS 13:26-41	ACTS 13:42-52	ACTS 14:1-18
26 OCT	ACTS 14:19-28	ACTS 15:1-21	ACTS 15:22-35	ACTS 15:36-16:5	ACTS 16:6-24
2 NOV	ACTS 16:25-40	ACTS 17:1-15	ACTS 17:16-34	ACTS 18:1-17	ACTS 18:18-28
9 NOV	ACTS 19:1-10	ACTS 19:11-20	ACTS 19:21-27	ACTS 19:28-41	ACTS 20:1-16
16 NOV	ACTS 20:17-38	ACTS 21:1-16	ACTS 21:17-26	ACTS 21:27-36	ACTS 21:37-22:11
23 NOV	ACTS 22:12-21	ACTS 22:22-29	ACTS 22:30-23:11	ACTS 23:12-22	ACTS 23:23-35
30 NOV	ACTS 24:1-9	ACTS 24:10-27	ACTS 25:1-12	ACTS 25:13-27	ACTS 26:1-11
7 DEC	ACTS 26:12-23	ACTS 26:24-32	ACTS 27:1-12	ACTS 27:13-26	ACTS 27:27-38
14 DEC	ACTS 27:39-28:10	ACTS 28:11-16	ACTS 28:17-31	JAMES 1:1-18	JAMES 1:19-27
21 DEC	JAMES 2:1-13	JAMES 2:14-26	JAMES 3:1-12	JAMES 3:13-18	JAMES 4:1-12
28 DEC	JAMES 4:13-17	JAMES 5:1-6	JAMES 5:7-12	JAMES 5:13-20	