

# A YEAR IN THE BIBLE

JANUARY



**PSALM 102**  
A Prayer of the afflicted, when he is overwhelmed, and pour-eth out his complaint before the LORD.  
1 My prayer, O LORD, and let my cry come unto thee.  
2 Hide not thy face from me in the day when I am in trouble.  
3 For my days are consumed like smoke, and my bones are dried up like a hearth.  
4 My heart is smitten, and my reins are troubled: because of the voice of mine roaring.  
5 Because of the voice of mine roaring, I am like a pelican in the desert.  
6 I am like an owl of the wilderness: I am like a screech owl upon the house top.  
7 Because of the voice of mine roaring, I have eaten ashes like bread, and mingled my drink with weeping.  
8 Because of the voice of mine roaring, I have stretched out my hands unto thee, O LORD, and my soul crieth out, saying, Hear my prayer, O LORD, and let my cry come unto thee.  
9 For I have eaten ashes like bread, and mingled my drink with weeping.  
10 Because of the voice of mine roaring, I have stretched out my hands unto thee, O LORD, and my soul crieth out, saying, Hear my prayer, O LORD, and let my cry come unto thee.

**PSALM 103**  
A Psalm of praise.  
1 Bless the LORD, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name.  
2 Bless the LORD, O my soul: and forget not all his mercies.  
3 O LORD, how good is thy mercy: O LORD, how many are thy mercies from above, O LORD.  
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**PSALM 104**  
A Psalm of David.  
1 Bless the LORD, O my soul: O LORD, my God, thou art great.  
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**PSALM 105**  
A Psalm of David.  
1 Give thanks unto the LORD, O my soul: and forget not all his mercies.  
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Hear my prayer O Lord

Mercy + Forgiveness

God for his mercy.

Mercy + Love

My children

# January

This is not just the beginning of a new year, but also the beginning of a new endeavor - to read through the Bible. The Bible is made up of different styles of writing (poetry, history, correspondence, etc.), written by numerous individuals, and spans several centuries. While some would think that the variety of authors from different moments of history might lessen the cohesive message of the Bible, it actually amplifies the orchestration by God to use so many voices to carry the unified example of love and mercy for all. As you begin this Year of the Bible, make a commitment to spend part of each day reading and in prayer.

There might be days where your schedule gets in the way, but do not let stop you from continuing on the next day - or the one after. There will always be circumstances that can interrupt a journey, but stay strong and keep going. During this month you'll encounter some of the biggest stories of the Bible, certainly the biggest of the Old Testament. In just one month, you'll experience the creation of the world, the building of the ark and subsequent flood, all the famous spiritual ancestors, enslavement in Egypt, and God's deliverance of the Hebrew people.

## Memory Verse

*And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, a sixth day.* (Genesis 1:31)

## Helpful Hints:

We encourage you to begin your Bible reading time by reciting the month's memory verse and then the daily Bible reading. Reflect on the reading - did it raise questions or confusion; did it inspire you or warm your heart? Then, to live in a spirit of gratitude, write down three things for which you're grateful. Finally, close your devotional time in prayer. While you might not feel the same way each day, the ongoing discipline of having a daily devotional time will have lasting impact on your life and certainly deepen your relationship with God.

# Genesis Synopsis

People have traditionally ascribed the book of Genesis to Moses. However, most scholars date the writing of the book to several centuries after the death of Moses. Likely the stories within Genesis were originally passed down through oral tradition until there came a time that the Hebrew people needed to be reminded of their creation and family story. The purpose of Genesis is to show God's interaction with the world. It begins with the first creation story. Think of it as the wide angle lens - a broad view of God bringing everything into being. Then there is a second creation story that begins in Genesis 2:4. The wide-angle lens is gone and replaced by a telephoto lens, as the story zooms in on God's creation of humanity. The story starts with God creating a world, then humanity, then continues as God creates His people. As you read Genesis, take notice of the many mistakes that our spiritual ancestors made and God was still faithful. The other important theme of Genesis is the intentionality of God to have relationship with humanity - from creating them in His image to continuing to work in and through them despite their shortcomings.

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<b>January 1</b> Genesis 1-3 Psalms 1		
<b>January 2</b> Genesis 4-7 Psalms 2		
<b>January 3</b> Genesis 8-10 Psalms 3		
<b>January 4</b> Genesis 11-14 Psalms 4		

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<b>January 5</b> Genesis 15-18 Psalms 5		
<b>January 6</b> Genesis 19-20 Psalms 6		
<b>January 7</b> Genesis 21-23 Psalms 7		
<b>January 8</b> Genesis 24-25 Psalms 8		
<b>January 9</b> Genesis 26-27 Psalms 9		
<b>January 10</b> Genesis 28-30 Psalms 10		
<b>January 11</b> Genesis 31 Psalms 11		

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<p><b>January 12</b> Genesis 32-35 Psalms 12</p>		
<p><b>January 13</b> Genesis 36-37 Psalms 13</p>		
<p><b>January 14</b> Genesis 38-40 Psalms 14</p>		
<p><b>January 15</b> Genesis 41-42 Psalms 15</p>		
<p><b>January 16</b> Genesis 43-44 Psalms 16</p>		
<p><b>January 17</b> Genesis 45-47 Psalms 17</p>		
<p><b>January 18</b> Genesis 48-50 Psalms 18:1-19</p>		

# Exodus Synopsis

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The book of Exodus recounts the great epic of our faith. From bondage to freedom, orphans to redeemed, the people of God experience the mighty work of God, who delivers them from oppression and sets them free to live a full and faithful life.

The book of Exodus is connected to the first five books of the Bible, often known as the Pentateuch or the Books of Moses. Although they appear as separate books in our Bible, the story is interwoven throughout these first five books of our Bible. Exodus recounts God's mighty act of salvation as first He calls Moses to service, an act of redemption itself. God then uses Moses to lead the Hebrew people out of slavery and into the wilderness, where God will work to form them into His "treasured possession" a "priestly kingdom and a holy nation." (Exodus 19:5-6) They receive the law, the foundational teaching that shapes God's community. (Exodus 20)

Exodus not only recounts the great story of deliverance from slavery in Egypt, but it also reveals much about God. In this powerful story God reveals His name, "I Am." (Exodus 3:14) God reveals His gracious character as His compassion and strength frees the slaves and leads the people to new life in a promised land where God will dwell among the people. Exodus ends with the building of a Holy Tabernacle. Exodus is the story of God's mercy. Those who were once captives now live a new life where God's love is law and God Himself dwells among the people.

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<b>January 19</b> Exodus 1-3 Psalms 18:20-24		
<b>January 20</b> Exodus 4-6 Psalms 18:25-36		
<b>January 21</b> Exodus 7-8 Psalms 18:37-50		
<b>January 22</b> Exodus 9-11 Psalms 19		

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<p><b>January 23</b> Exodus 12-13 Psalms 20</p>		
<p><b>January 24</b> Exodus 14-15 Psalms 21</p>		
<p><b>January 25</b> Exodus 16-18 Psalms 22</p>		
<p><b>January 26</b> Exodus 19-21 Psalms 23</p>		
<p><b>January 27</b> Exodus 22-24 Psalms 24</p>		
<p><b>January 28</b> Exodus 25-27 Psalms 25</p>		
<p><b>January 29</b> Exodus 28-29 Psalms 26</p>		

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<b>January 30</b> Exodus 30-31 Psalms 27		
<b>January 31</b> Exodus 32-33 Psalms 28		




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