

# SUGGESTED ORDER FOR READING THROUGH THE WHOLE BIBLE WITH SOME VARIETY *by the Rev. James P. Haney V*

*Many people try to read the Bible straight from Genesis to Revelation. They run into the pitfall of having long sections of the Bible that are similar and seem repetitive. This order attempts to break up that pattern, interspersing Old and New Testament readings.*

*Old Testament history and Epistles are read through in largely chronological order. Prophets are placed near their times that parallel the Old Testament history. The Gospels and Old Testament wisdom writings are interspersed at various times. There is some parallelism—Leviticus & Hebrews both are concerned with sacrifice; Ecclesiastes and Song of Songs are purported to be by Solomon, so they come in the midst of 1Kings; Proverbs and James are similar in style; Daniel and Revelation are both apocalyptic; etc.*

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| Genesis                 | Luke                            |
| Exodus                  | Acts                            |
| Mark                    | 2Chronicles                     |
| Leviticus               | Nahum                           |
| Hebrews                 | Habakkuk                        |
| Numbers                 | Obadiah                         |
| 1Thessalonians          | Ezekiel                         |
| 2Thessalonians          | Proverbs                        |
| Galatians               | James                           |
| Deuteronomy             | Romans                          |
| Joshua                  | Isaiah (chapters 40-66)         |
| Judges                  | Ezra                            |
| Matthew                 | Nehemiah                        |
| Ruth                    | Esther                          |
| 1Samuel                 | Joel                            |
| 2Samuel                 | Jonah                           |
| 1Corinthians            | Haggai                          |
| 2Corinthians            | Zechariah                       |
| 1Chronicles             | Malachi                         |
| 1Kings (chapters 1-11)  | 1Timothy                        |
| Ecclesiastes            | 2Timothy                        |
| Song of Songs           | Titus                           |
| 1Kings (chapters 12-22) | Philemon                        |
| Hosea                   | 1Peter                          |
| Amos                    | 2Peter                          |
| Micah                   | Job                             |
| Zephaniah               | John                            |
| Isaiah (chapters 1-39)  | 1John                           |
| Ephesians               | 2John                           |
| Philippians             | 3John                           |
| Colossians              | Jude                            |
| 2Kings                  | Daniel                          |
| Jeremiah                | Revelation                      |
| Lamentations            | ***Plus part of Psalms daily*** |