

# 2023 Reading Plan

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## Week 1 (Genesis 1-14, Psalm 1-6, Luke 1-4)

- Genesis 1-14
  - Perfect Creation from Nothing
  - God Rests
  - Humans in the Image of God
  - The Fall of Man
  - Cain and Abel
  - Noah & The Flood
  - God's Covenant with Noah
  - Tower of Babel
  - The Call of Abram
  - Abrahamic Blessing
  - Melchizedek
- Psalm 1-6
  - Righteousness and Wickedness
  - Reign of the King - the Anointed
  - Save Me
  - Answer Me
  - Lead Me
  - Deliver Me
  - Selah: The idea in the Hebrew for this word (occurring 74 times in the OT) is for a pause. Most people think it speaks of a reflective pause, a pause to meditate on the words just spoken. It may also be a musical instruction, for a musical interlude of some sort.
- Luke 1-4
  - John the Baptist - birth foretold
  - Jesus the Messiah - birth foretold
  - The miraculous birth of Jesus
  - John prepares the way for Jesus
  - The temptation of Jesus
  - Jesus begins his ministry
  - Jesus reveals himself to his hometown (Nazareth)

### Reading Goals

- Read the passages aloud.
- Summarize the passages. Does everyone agree with the summaries? Were there any major points missed or incorrect in the summaries? Reread if necessary.
- What do the passages reveal about our God and King?
- What do the passages tell you about how people relate to God? Also, how **should** people relate to God?
- Since this is God's Word to us, is there anything in your life that needs to change in order to obey Him at His Word?
- Who in your life would benefit from reading these passages with you for better understanding about our God? Ask them if they'd like to read with you.

Some of the **ATTRIBUTES OF GOD** to look for in the passages:

- Holiness
- Righteousness
- Justice
- Sovereignty
- Eternality
- Immutability (Unchanging)
- Omniscience
- Omnipresence
- Omnipotence
- Love
- Truth
- Mercy

End your time together by

- Talking about the highlights of your day
- Talking about things that stressed you out today
- Praying in light of the passages, highlights and stresses of the day.
- Submit everything to God.

Is there anything confusing? Did you find some passages difficult to read or understand? Pray & discuss those passages with one another. If there's still difficulty, reach out to another believer or two. When difficulty remains, don't drop the subject.

Continue to pray for guidance. Ask to discuss the passage with the elders.

The elders meet on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month. However they're available for prayer & discussions - just give a call.

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