

STORYLINE

THE BIBLE IN ONE YEAR

August 2026

Wisdom and Transformation: Proverbs to Hebrews

August explores the wisdom books—Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, and Song of Solomon—while Isaiah's prophecies unveil the Servant and God's redemption plan. The New Testament moves through Galatians' defense of grace, Ephesians' revelation of the Church, Philippians' joy, Colossians' supremacy of Christ, the Thessalonian letters' hope, the Pastoral Epistles' church leadership, and begins Hebrews' declaration of Christ's superiority. This month reveals how Old Testament wisdom and prophecy find their fulfillment in Christ.

Day 1: More Proverbs and Freedom in Christ

READ

Old Testament: Proverbs 19-21

New Testament: Galatians 2:1-21

Psalms: Psalm 52

REFLECT (Observe • Interpret • Apply)

Observe: What does Proverbs teach about children and discipline? How does Paul confront Peter about true freedom?

Interpret: Why is discipline in love? Why is living by faith in Christ crucial?

Apply: How are you disciplining those under your care? Are you living freely in Christ's grace?

EXPLORE (Optional Depth)

Cross-reference: Cross-reference: Proverbs 19:18 with Galatians 2:20. Discipline your son while he lives; I have been crucified with Christ and no longer live.

Day 2: Wisdom and Justification by Faith

READ

Old Testament: Proverbs 22-24

New Testament: Galatians 3:1-29

Psalms: Psalm 53

REFLECT (Observe • Interpret • Apply)

Observe: What does Proverbs say about the path of the wise? How does Paul explain faith and the law?

Interpret: Why does Proverbs emphasize choosing the wise path? Why did the law serve as a guardian?

Apply: Are you choosing wisdom? Do you understand the law's temporary role?

EXPLORE (Optional Depth)

Cross-reference: Cross-reference: Proverbs 22:6 with Galatians 3:26. Train up a child; you are all children of God through faith in Christ.

Day 3: Righteousness and Adoption

READ

Old Testament: Proverbs 25-27

New Testament: Galatians 4:1-31

Psalm: Psalm 54

REFLECT (Observe • Interpret • Apply)

Observe: What does Proverbs teach about restraint and control? How does Paul describe our adoption?

Interpret: Why is restraint a form of strength? Why is being God's child through Christ transformative?

Apply: Are you exercising self-control? Do you claim your status as God's child?

EXPLORE (Optional Depth)

Cross-reference: Cross-reference: Proverbs 25:28 with Galatians 4:4-5. A person without self-control is like a broken-down city; God sent His Son to redeem those under the law.

Day 4: Words and Living by the Spirit

READ

Old Testament: Proverbs 28-29

New Testament: Galatians 5:1-26

Psalm: Psalm 55

REFLECT (Observe • Interpret • Apply)

Observe: What does Proverbs say about the wise and the foolish? How does Paul contrast flesh and Spirit?

Interpret: Why are words so important to identity? How does the Spirit produce fruit?

Apply: How are your words identifying your character? Are you led by the Spirit?

EXPLORE (Optional Depth)

Cross-reference: Cross-reference: Proverbs 29:11 with Galatians 5:22-23. A fool gives vent to all his anger; the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience.

Day 5: Final Proverbs and Bearing Burdens

READ

Old Testament: Proverbs 30-31

New Testament: Galatians 6:1-18

Psalm: Psalm 56

REFLECT (Observe • Interpret • Apply)

Observe: What does Proverbs teach in its conclusion? How does Paul close Galatians with final exhortation?

Interpret: Why does Proverbs honor the virtuous woman? Why must we bear one another's burdens?

Apply: How do you honor virtue in others? How are you helping carry others' burdens?

EXPLORE (Optional Depth)

Cross-reference: Cross-reference: Proverbs 31:10 with Galatians 6:2. A wife of noble character who can find? Carry each other's burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ.

Day 6: Vanity and Riches in Christ

READ

Old Testament: Ecclesiastes 1-3

New Testament: Ephesians 1:1-23

Psalm: Psalm 57

REFLECT (Observe • Interpret • Apply)

Observe: What is the Preacher's assessment of life's pursuits? What spiritual blessings does Paul describe?

Interpret: Why does Ecclesiastes emphasize vanity? What does being blessed in Christ entail?

Apply: Where are you chasing vanity? Do you understand your spiritual blessings?

EXPLORE (Optional Depth)

Cross-reference: Cross-reference: Ecclesiastes 1:2 with Ephesians 1:3. Meaningless, everything is meaningless; blessed be the God who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in Christ.

Day 7: Time and the Church's Mystery

READ

Old Testament: Ecclesiastes 4-6

New Testament: Ephesians 2:1-3:21

Psalms: Psalm 58

REFLECT (Observe • Interpret • Apply)

Observe: What does Ecclesiastes say about time and seasons? What is the mystery Paul reveals about the Church?

Interpret: Why is there a time for every purpose? Why is the Church the mystery of Christ's body?

Apply: How do you understand God's timing? Do you see yourself in Christ's Church?

EXPLORE (Optional Depth)

Cross-reference: Cross-reference: Ecclesiastes 3:11 with Ephesians 3:8-9. God has set eternity in the hearts of men; the mystery hidden for ages now revealed through the Church.

Day 8: Wisdom Worth Finding and Living as Christ's Body

READ

Old Testament: Ecclesiastes 7-9

New Testament: Ephesians 4:1-5:20

Psalms: Psalm 59

REFLECT (Observe • Interpret • Apply)

Observe: What does Ecclesiastes teach about wisdom and folly? How should Christ's body live in unity?

Interpret: Why does the Preacher conclude wisdom is better than folly? How does unity build up the body?

Apply: Are you pursuing wisdom? How are you maintaining unity?

EXPLORE (Optional Depth)

Cross-reference: Cross-reference: Ecclesiastes 7:11-12 with Ephesians 4:4-6. Wisdom is a shelter as money is a shelter; one body, one Spirit, one Lord, one faith, one baptism.

Day 9: Remember God and Submit to One Another

READ

Old Testament: Ecclesiastes 10-12

New Testament: Ephesians 5:21-6:24

Psalm: Psalm 60

REFLECT (Observe • Interpret • Apply)

Observe: What is the Preacher's final conclusion? How does Paul address submission and spiritual warfare?

Interpret: Why must we remember God before we grow old? Why does submission matter in relationships?

Apply: How are you remembering God in your youth? Are you in proper submission?

EXPLORE (Optional Depth)

Cross-reference: Cross-reference: Ecclesiastes 12:1 with Ephesians 6:10. Remember your Creator before the days of trouble come; be strong in the Lord and in His mighty power.

Day 10: Song of Solomon and Paul's Example

READ

Old Testament: Song of Solomon 1-4

New Testament: Philippians 1:1-2:30

Psalm: Psalm 61

REFLECT (Observe • Interpret • Apply)

Observe: What does the Song celebrate about love and beauty? How does Paul address unity and example?

Interpret: How does the Song depict the beloved? Why does Paul emphasize having Christ's mind?

Apply: How do you celebrate beauty and love? What example are you following?

EXPLORE (Optional Depth)

Cross-reference: Cross-reference: Song of Solomon 2:16 with Philippians 2:5. My beloved is mine and I am his; have the same mindset as Christ Jesus.

Day 11: Joy and Rejoicing Always

READ

Old Testament: Song of Solomon 5-8

New Testament: Philippians 3:1-4:23

Psalm: Psalm 62

REFLECT (Observe • Interpret • Apply)

Observe: How does the Song culminate? What is Paul's repeated emphasis in Philippians?

Interpret: How does the Song end with union and contentment? Why does Paul keep repeating "rejoice"?

Apply: How are you experiencing union with Christ? Can you rejoice always?

EXPLORE (Optional Depth)

Cross-reference: Cross-reference: Song of Solomon 8:6 with Philippians 4:4. Love is as strong as death; rejoice in the Lord always.

Day 12: Isaiah's Vision and Colossian Mystery

READ

Old Testament: Isaiah 1-3

New Testament: Colossians 1:1-29

Psalm: Psalm 63

REFLECT (Observe • Interpret • Apply)

Observe: What does Isaiah see in his vision? How does Paul declare Christ's supremacy?

Interpret: Why does Isaiah begin with condemnation? Why is Christ supreme over all creation?

Apply: How are you responding to conviction? Do you see Christ's supremacy?

EXPLORE (Optional Depth)

Cross-reference: Cross-reference: Isaiah 1:18 with Colossians 1:15. Come let us reason together; Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.

Day 13: The Branch and Living in Christ

READ

Old Testament: Isaiah 4-6

New Testament: Colossians 2:1-3:17

Psalms: Psalm 64

REFLECT (Observe • Interpret • Apply)

Observe: What does Isaiah promise about the Branch and the Shoot? How does Paul warn against deception?

Interpret: What is the significance of the Branch in Isaiah's vision? Why must we be rooted in Christ?

Apply: Do you see Jesus in Isaiah's prophecies? Are you rooted in Christ?

EXPLORE (Optional Depth)

Cross-reference: Cross-reference: Isaiah 4:2 with Colossians 2:6-7. In that day the Branch of the Lord will be beautiful; continue to live in Him, rooted and built up in Him.

Day 14: Vineyard and Household Living

READ

Old Testament: Isaiah 7-9

New Testament: Colossians 3:18-4:18

Psalms: Psalm 65

REFLECT (Observe • Interpret • Apply)

Observe: What does Isaiah's vineyard song mean? How does Paul address household relations?

Interpret: Why is judgment upon the unfaithful vineyard? Why does Paul emphasize household order?

Apply: How are you bearing fruit? How are your household relations ordered by Christ?

EXPLORE (Optional Depth)

Cross-reference: Cross-reference: Isaiah 5:4 with Colossians 3:12. What more could I have done for My vineyard? Clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, and patience.

Day 15: Immanuel and Thessalonian Testimony

READ

Old Testament: Isaiah 10-12

New Testament: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-2:20

Psalms: Psalm 66

REFLECT (Observe • Interpret • Apply)

Observe: What does Isaiah prophesy about Immanuel? What is remarkable about the Thessalonians' faith?

Interpret: Why does God come to be with us? Why is the Thessalonians' faith such an example?

Apply: How do you experience God's presence? How are you setting an example?

EXPLORE (Optional Depth)

Cross-reference: Cross-reference: Isaiah 7:14 with 1 Thessalonians 1:3. The Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, a virgin will bear a son; we continually remember your work produced by faith.

Day 16: Judgment and Encouragement

READ

Old Testament: Isaiah 13-15

New Testament: 1 Thessalonians 3:1-4:12

Psalms: Psalm 67

REFLECT (Observe • Interpret • Apply)

Observe: What nations does Isaiah proclaim judgment upon? How does Paul encourage the Thessalonians?

Interpret: Why does God judge the nations? Why must the Thessalonians be strengthened in faith?

Apply: How do you understand God's judgment? Are you being strengthened?

EXPLORE (Optional Depth)

Cross-reference: Cross-reference: Isaiah 13:9 with 1 Thessalonians 3:2. The day of the Lord comes cruel with wrath; we sent Timothy to strengthen you and encourage you in faith.

Day 17: Moab and Watching and Waiting

READ

Old Testament: Isaiah 16-18

New Testament: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-5:28

Psalms: Psalm 68

REFLECT (Observe • Interpret • Apply)

Observe: What does Isaiah promise concerning Moab and nations? What is Paul's message about Christ's coming?

Interpret: How is judgment tempered with mercy? Why should the Thessalonians not fear the Day of the Lord?

Apply: How do you understand God's mercy in judgment? Are you watching and ready?

EXPLORE (Optional Depth)

Cross-reference: Cross-reference: Isaiah 16:5 with 1 Thessalonians 5:2. In mercy a throne is established; the Day of the Lord comes like a thief in the night.

Day 18: Cush, Egypt and Letters

READ

Old Testament: Isaiah 19-21

New Testament: 2 Thessalonians 1:1-2:17

Psalms: Psalm 69

REFLECT (Observe • Interpret • Apply)

Observe: What does Isaiah prophesy about Egypt and Cush? How does Paul address persecution?

Interpret: Why does Isaiah include these nations in his vision? Why does Paul speak of vengeance?

Apply: How do you understand God's work among nations? How do you endure persecution?

EXPLORE (Optional Depth)

Cross-reference: Cross-reference: Isaiah 19:20 with 2 Thessalonians 1:6-7. They will cry to the Lord and He will send them a Savior; God will give relief to you who are afflicted.

Day 19: Babylon Falls and Stand Firm

READ

Old Testament: Isaiah 22-24

New Testament: 2 Thessalonians 3:1-18

Psalms: Psalm 70

REFLECT (Observe • Interpret • Apply)

Observe: What does Isaiah declare about Babylon? How does Paul instruct the Thessalonians?

Interpret: Why is Babylon's fall significant? Why must the Thessalonians stand firm?

Apply: Do you see worldly powers as temporary? Are you standing firm in truth?

EXPLORE (Optional Depth)

Cross-reference: Cross-reference: Isaiah 21:9 with 2 Thessalonians 3:3. Babylon is fallen, is fallen; the Lord is faithful and will strengthen you.

Day 20: Redemption Song and Timothy's Charge

READ

Old Testament: Isaiah 25-27

New Testament: 1 Timothy 1:1-2:15

Psalms: Psalm 71

REFLECT (Observe • Interpret • Apply)

Observe: What does Isaiah promise about the feast and resurrection? What is Timothy's charge?

Interpret: Why does Isaiah promise victory over death? Why must Timothy guard the gospel?

Apply: How do you hold onto hope in resurrection? Are you guarding truth?

EXPLORE (Optional Depth)

Cross-reference: Cross-reference: Isaiah 25:8 with 1 Timothy 1:4-5. Death is swallowed up in victory; the goal of our instruction is love from a pure heart.

Day 21: Assyria and Church Order

READ

Old Testament: Isaiah 28-30

New Testament: 1 Timothy 3:1-4:16

Psalms: Psalm 72

REFLECT (Observe • Interpret • Apply)

Observe: What does Isaiah declare against Assyria? What does Paul require of church leaders?

Interpret: Why does Isaiah rebuke those who trust in human strength? Why do godly leaders matter?

Apply: Where are you trusting in human strength? Are you living as an example?

EXPLORE (Optional Depth)

Cross-reference: Cross-reference: Isaiah 30:15 with 1 Timothy 3:7. In returning and rest you will be saved; an overseer must also have a good reputation with outsiders.

Day 22: Zion Redeemed and Care for Widows

READ

Old Testament: Isaiah 31-33

New Testament: 1 Timothy 5:1-6:21

Psalms: Psalm 73

REFLECT (Observe • Interpret • Apply)

Observe: What does Isaiah promise about Zion's redemption? What is Paul's instruction about widow care?

Interpret: Why will Zion be redeemed? Why does Paul emphasize caring for the vulnerable?

Apply: How do you seek Zion's restoration? How are you caring for the vulnerable?

EXPLORE (Optional Depth)

Cross-reference: Cross-reference: Isaiah 33:17 with 1 Timothy 5:8. You will see the King in His beauty; anyone who does not provide for family has denied the faith.

Day 23: Desert Blooming and Perseverance

READ

Old Testament: Isaiah 34-36

New Testament: 2 Timothy 1:1-2:26

Psalm: Psalm 74

REFLECT (Observe • Interpret • Apply)

Observe: What does Isaiah promise about the wilderness? What does Paul urge Timothy to endure?

Interpret: Why will the desert bloom? Why must Timothy endure suffering?

Apply: Where is God making wasteland fruitful? How are you persevering?

EXPLORE (Optional Depth)

Cross-reference: Cross-reference: Isaiah 35:1 with 2 Timothy 2:3. The wilderness will rejoice; endure hardship like a good soldier of Christ Jesus.

Day 24: Assyrian Siege and Sound Teaching

READ

Old Testament: Isaiah 37-39

New Testament: 2 Timothy 3:1-4:22

Psalm: Psalm 75

REFLECT (Observe • Interpret • Apply)

Observe: How does God deliver Jerusalem from Assyria? What final charge does Paul give Timothy?

Interpret: Why does God rescue Jerusalem through the prophet's word? Why is sound teaching crucial?

Apply: How do you see God's deliverance? Are you standing firm in sound doctrine?

EXPLORE (Optional Depth)

Cross-reference: Cross-reference: Isaiah 37:36 with 2 Timothy 4:7. The angel of the Lord went out and destroyed the army; I have fought the good fight.

Day 25: Comfort and Grace

READ

Old Testament: Isaiah 40-42

New Testament: Titus 1:1-3:15

Psalm: Psalm 76

REFLECT (Observe • Interpret • Apply)

Observe: What is Isaiah's message of comfort? How does Paul establish Titus in leadership?

Interpret: Why does comfort come after judgment? Why does godly leadership require sound doctrine?

Apply: Are you receiving God's comfort? Are you living out godly leadership?

EXPLORE (Optional Depth)

Cross-reference: Cross-reference: Isaiah 40:1 with Titus 1:5. Comfort, comfort My people; appoint elders in every town as I directed you.

Day 26: Servant Strength and Personal Appeal

READ

Old Testament: Isaiah 43-45

New Testament: Philemon 1:1-25

Psalm: Psalm 77

REFLECT (Observe • Interpret • Apply)

Observe: How does Isaiah describe the Servant's mission? What does Paul's appeal reveal about forgiveness?

Interpret: Why is the Servant's strength in weakness? Why does Paul appeal to love rather than command?

Apply: Are you understanding weakness as strength? How are you appealing to others' love?

EXPLORE (Optional Depth)

Cross-reference: Cross-reference: Isaiah 42:3 with Philemon 1:9. A bruised reed He will not break; I appeal to you on the basis of love.

Day 27: Redemption and Superiority

READ

Old Testament: Isaiah 46-48

New Testament: Hebrews 1:1-2:18

Psalms: Psalm 78

REFLECT (Observe • Interpret • Apply)

Observe: What does Isaiah promise about Israel's redemption? How is Jesus superior to angels?

Interpret: Why does Isaiah emphasize God's eternal nature? Why must Jesus be superior to angels?

Apply: Do you trust in eternal redemption? Do you see Jesus' supremacy?

EXPLORE (Optional Depth)

Cross-reference: Cross-reference: Isaiah 46:4 with Hebrews 1:3. I am He who has been holding you; the Son is the radiance of God's glory.

Day 28: Suffering Servant and Rest

READ

Old Testament: Isaiah 49-51

New Testament: Hebrews 3:1-4:13

Psalms: Psalm 79

REFLECT (Observe • Interpret • Apply)

Observe: What is revealed about the Suffering Servant? What kind of rest does Hebrews promise?

Interpret: Why must the Servant suffer? Why is rest in Christ better than earthly rest?

Apply: Do you understand Christ's suffering? Are you entering His rest?

EXPLORE (Optional Depth)

Cross-reference: Cross-reference: Isaiah 52:13 with Hebrews 4:9. My Servant will be raised and lifted up; there remains, then, a Sabbath-rest for the people of God.

Day 29: Deliverance and Eternal Priest

READ

Old Testament: Isaiah 52-54

New Testament: Hebrews 4:14-6:20

Psalms: Psalm 80

REFLECT (Observe • Interpret • Apply)

Observe: What does Isaiah promise about Jerusalem's deliverance? How is Jesus an eternal High Priest?

Interpret: Why is deliverance always through God's servant? Why is Christ's priesthood eternal?

Apply: Do you trust in God's deliverance? Are you approaching Christ as your High Priest?

EXPLORE (Optional Depth)

Cross-reference: Cross-reference: Isaiah 52:7 with Hebrews 5:9-10. How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news; Christ became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey Him.

Day 30: Covenant and Ultimate Sacrifice

READ

Old Testament: Isaiah 55-57

New Testament: Hebrews 7:1-28

Psalms: Psalm 81

REFLECT (Observe • Interpret • Apply)

Observe: What eternal covenant does Isaiah promise? What is revealed about Christ's priesthood?

Interpret: Why is God's covenant eternal? Why is Christ's priesthood like Melchizedek's?

Apply: Do you stand on God's covenant? Do you trust in Christ's perfect priesthood?

EXPLORE (Optional Depth)

Cross-reference: Cross-reference: Isaiah 55:3 with Hebrews 7:24. I will make an everlasting covenant; because Jesus lives forever, He has a permanent priesthood.

Day 31: Fasting and True Sacrifice

READ

Old Testament: Isaiah 58-60

New Testament: Hebrews 8:1-13

Psalms: Psalm 82

REFLECT (Observe • Interpret • Apply)

Observe: What does Isaiah say about true fasting? What new covenant does Hebrews reveal?

Interpret: Why does fasting require justice and mercy? Why is the new covenant better?

Apply: How are you practicing true devotion? Do you understand the new covenant?

EXPLORE (Optional Depth)

Cross-reference: Cross-reference: Isaiah 58:6-7 with Hebrews 8:10. Is not this the fast I have chosen: to loose the bonds of injustice? I will put My laws in their minds and write them on their hearts.