

# **STORYLINE**

**THE BIBLE IN ONE YEAR**

**December 2026**

**God's Faithfulness Complete - The Year in Synthesis**

December brings our year-long Scripture journey to completion. We wrap up Deuteronomy's covenant renewal, journey through the entire book of Joshua's conquest and settlement, experience Judges' cycles of faithfulness and failure, marvel at Ruth's loyalty, and then follow David's rise in 1 Samuel. Throughout, we read the final epistles and Revelation's vision of eternal completion. This final month is designed for reflection, celebration, and preparation for continued growth in Scripture. By Psalm 150's final "Praise God," we will have read through all 66 books of the Bible, seeing throughout how every part testifies to Jesus Christ and His redemptive work.

## Day 1: Love God Completely and Persevere in Faith

### READ

**Old Testament:** Deuteronomy 11-13

**New Testament:** 2 Peter 1:1-3:18

**Psalm:** Psalm 21

### REFLECT (Observe • Interpret • Apply)

**Observe:** What does Deuteronomy command about love for God? How does Peter encourage perseverance?

**Interpret:** Why is complete love of God the foundation of everything? Why must faith grow continuously?

**Apply:** How are you loving God with all your heart? Are you growing in virtue and knowledge?

### EXPLORE (Optional Depth)

**Cross-reference:** Cross-reference: Deuteronomy 11:1 with 2 Peter 1:5-7. Love the Lord your God with all your heart; add to your faith virtue, and to virtue knowledge.

## Day 2: Choose Life and Confess Truth

### READ

**Old Testament:** Deuteronomy 14-16

**New Testament:** 1 John 1:1-2:29

**Psalm:** Psalm 22

### REFLECT (Observe • Interpret • Apply)

**Observe:** What choice does Deuteronomy present? What does John teach about confession?

**Interpret:** Why must God's people choose life daily? How does confession bring fellowship?

**Apply:** What choices are you making toward life? How are you confessing your sins?

### EXPLORE (Optional Depth)

**Cross-reference:** Cross-reference: Deuteronomy 30:15 with 1 John 1:8-9. See, I set before you life and good; if we confess our sins, He is faithful to forgive us.

## Day 3: Set Your Heart and Know His Love

### READ

**Old Testament:** Deuteronomy 17-19

**New Testament:** 1 John 3:1-5:21

**Psalm:** Psalm 23

### REFLECT (Observe • Interpret • Apply)

**Observe:** What does Deuteronomy say about setting your heart on God? How does John explain God's love?

**Interpret:** Why is setting your heart crucial for obedience? What is the extent of God's love?

**Apply:** Where is your heart set? How does God's love define your identity?

### EXPLORE (Optional Depth)

**Cross-reference:** Cross-reference: Deuteronomy 17:18-20 with 1 John 3:1. Keep words in your heart and follow them; how great is the love God has lavished on us.

## Day 4: Remember and Celebrate God's Faithfulness

### READ

**Old Testament:** Deuteronomy 20-22

**New Testament:** 2 John 1:1-3 John 1:14

**Psalm:** Psalm 24

### REFLECT (Observe • Interpret • Apply)

**Observe:** How does Deuteronomy recall God's faithfulness? What does John emphasize in his final letters?

**Interpret:** Why is remembering essential? Why do truth and love complete the Christian witness?

**Apply:** How are you remembering God's faithfulness? How are you walking in truth and love?

### EXPLORE (Optional Depth)

**Cross-reference:** Cross-reference: Deuteronomy 24:18 with 2 John 1:4. Remember you were slaves in Egypt; I rejoice when my children walk in truth.

## Day 5: Share God's Blessings and Contend for Faith

### READ

**Old Testament:** Deuteronomy 23-25

**New Testament:** Jude 1:1-25

**Psalm:** Psalm 25

### REFLECT (Observe • Interpret • Apply)

**Observe:** What does Deuteronomy teach about sharing blessings? What does Jude urge?

**Interpret:** Why should God's people be generous? Why must we contend against deception?

**Apply:** How are you sharing what God has given? How are you defending the faith?

### EXPLORE (Optional Depth)

**Cross-reference:** Cross-reference: Deuteronomy 24:19-21 with Jude 1:3. Leave the edges of fields for the poor; contend for the faith entrusted to the saints.

## Day 6: Curse and Blessing, and Revelation Begins

### READ

**Old Testament:** Deuteronomy 26-28

**New Testament:** Revelation 1:1-3:22

**Psalm:** Psalm 26

### REFLECT (Observe • Interpret • Apply)

**Observe:** What curses and blessings does Deuteronomy describe? What does John see of the churches?

**Interpret:** Why does God clearly distinguish consequences? What do the seven letters reveal about faithfulness?

**Apply:** How are you understanding consequences of choices? Are you hearing what the Spirit says to your church?

### EXPLORE (Optional Depth)

**Cross-reference:** Cross-reference: Deuteronomy 28:1 with Revelation 1:3. If you fully obey the Lord; blessed is the one who reads and those who hear the words of this prophecy.

## Day 7: The Covenant Renewed and Heaven's Worship

### READ

**Old Testament:** Deuteronomy 29-31

**New Testament:** Revelation 4:1-6:17

**Psalm:** Psalm 27

### REFLECT (Observe • Interpret • Apply)

**Observe:** What covenant does Moses renew with Israel? What worship does John see?

**Interpret:** Why must each generation renew their covenant commitment? Why does all creation worship God?

**Apply:** How are you renewing your covenant? How do you join creation's worship?

### EXPLORE (Optional Depth)

**Cross-reference:** Cross-reference: Deuteronomy 29:12 with Revelation 4:10-11. You enter into a covenant; they lay crowns and worship the one who created all things.

## Day 8: Moses' Final Blessing and Spiritual Battle

### READ

**Old Testament:** Deuteronomy 32-34

**New Testament:** Revelation 7:1-9:21

**Psalm:** Psalm 28

### REFLECT (Observe • Interpret • Apply)

**Observe:** What final blessing does Moses pronounce? What spiritual warfare does John see?

**Interpret:** Why is Moses' blessing a summary of God's character? What is the significance of God's protection?

**Apply:** How are you receiving God's blessing? Do you understand spiritual conflict?

### EXPLORE (Optional Depth)

**Cross-reference:** Cross-reference: Deuteronomy 33:27 with Revelation 7:3. The eternal God is your refuge; do not harm the earth until we seal the servants of God.

## Day 9: Joshua Leads and the Beast Deceives

### READ

**Old Testament:** Joshua 1-3

**New Testament:** Revelation 10:1-12:17

**Psalms:** Psalm 29

### REFLECT (Observe • Interpret • Apply)

**Observe:** How does Joshua begin leading Israel? What deception does the beast represent?

**Interpret:** Why is courage and faith essential for Joshua's task? What spiritual deceptions threaten believers?

**Apply:** How are you being courageous in your faith? How do you discern deception?

### EXPLORE (Optional Depth)

**Cross-reference:** Cross-reference: Joshua 1:8 with Revelation 12:11. Meditate on this Book of the Law; they overcame by the blood of the Lamb and the word of their testimony.

## Day 10: Crossing Jordan and Standing Firm

### READ

**Old Testament:** Joshua 4-6

**New Testament:** Revelation 13:1-15:8

**Psalms:** Psalm 30

### REFLECT (Observe • Interpret • Apply)

**Observe:** How does Israel cross the Jordan? What must believers do when facing the beast?

**Interpret:** Why is the Jordan crossing a new beginning? Why must faith stand against worldly power?

**Apply:** What new beginnings are you entering? How are you standing firm in your faith?

### EXPLORE (Optional Depth)

**Cross-reference:** Cross-reference: Joshua 4:23 with Revelation 13:10. The Lord dried up the Jordan for you; those with insight will stand firm.

## Day 11: Jericho Falls and Babylon Falls

### READ

**Old Testament:** Joshua 7-9

**New Testament:** Revelation 16:1-18:24

**Psalms:** Psalm 31

### REFLECT (Observe • Interpret • Apply)

**Observe:** How does Jericho's wall fall? What happens to Babylon?

**Interpret:** Why does God's power overcome human fortifications? Why does worldly power ultimately fail?

**Apply:** How are you trusting God's power? How do you see temporary power falling?

### EXPLORE (Optional Depth)

**Cross-reference:** Cross-reference: Joshua 6:15 with Revelation 18:2. They marched around the city and the walls collapsed; Fallen, fallen is Babylon the Great.

## Day 12: Canaan Conquered and Victory Complete

### READ

**Old Testament:** Joshua 10-12

**New Testament:** Revelation 19:1-20:15

**Psalms:** Psalm 32

### REFLECT (Observe • Interpret • Apply)

**Observe:** How does Israel conquer Canaan? What victory does Revelation proclaim?

**Interpret:** Why does God grant complete victory? What is the significance of Christ's final triumph?

**Apply:** How are you experiencing victory in Christ? How does His triumph transform your life?

### EXPLORE (Optional Depth)

**Cross-reference:** Cross-reference: Joshua 10:42 with Revelation 19:6. The Lord fought for Israel; Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns.

## Day 13: Land Divided and New Creation Arrives

### READ

**Old Testament:** Joshua 13-15

**New Testament:** Revelation 21:1-22:21

**Psalms:** Psalm 33

### REFLECT (Observe • Interpret • Apply)

**Observe:** How is the promised land divided? What does the new creation look like?

**Interpret:** Why is the inheritance divided according to God's plan? What is the fullness of restoration?

**Apply:** How are you inheriting your promised blessings? How does the new creation inspire hope?

### EXPLORE (Optional Depth)

**Cross-reference:** Cross-reference: Joshua 13:1 with Revelation 21:3-4. There is still very much land to be taken; God dwells with His people and wipes every tear away.

## Day 14: Cities of Refuge and God's Dwelling

### READ

**Old Testament:** Joshua 16-18

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

**Psalms:** Psalm 34

### REFLECT (Observe • Interpret • Apply)

**Observe:** What are the cities of refuge? How does Paul establish leadership?

**Interpret:** Why does God provide places of protection? Why are godly leaders essential?

**Apply:** What refuge do you find in God? How are you leading with integrity?

### EXPLORE (Optional Depth)

**Cross-reference:** Cross-reference: Joshua 20:7 with 1 Timothy 3:15. Cities of refuge are appointed; the church is the pillar and foundation of the truth.

## Day 15: Levites' Inheritance and Church Order

### READ

**Old Testament:** Joshua 19-21

**New Testament:** 1 Timothy 4:1-6:21

**Psalms:** Psalm 35

### REFLECT (Observe • Interpret • Apply)

**Observe:** What does the Levites' inheritance reveal? What guidance does Paul give for churches?

**Interpret:** Why is providing for spiritual leadership crucial? Why do godly practices matter?

**Apply:** How are you supporting spiritual leaders? How are you growing in godliness?

### EXPLORE (Optional Depth)

**Cross-reference:** Cross-reference: Joshua 21:43 with 1 Timothy 4:7-8. The Lord gave Israel all the land He had sworn; train yourself in godliness.

## Day 16: Joshua's Final Covenant and Timothy's Charge

### READ

**Old Testament:** Joshua 22-24

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

**Psalms:** Psalm 36

### REFLECT (Observe • Interpret • Apply)

**Observe:** What final covenant does Joshua establish? What charge does Paul give Timothy?

**Interpret:** Why must each generation recommit to God's covenant? Why must Timothy finish his race?

**Apply:** How are you renewing your covenant? How are you finishing faithfully?

### EXPLORE (Optional Depth)

**Cross-reference:** Cross-reference: Joshua 24:25 with 2 Timothy 4:7. Joshua made a covenant with the people; I have fought the good fight, finished the race.

## Day 17: Judges Rise and Titus Leads

### READ

**Old Testament:** Judges 1-3

**New Testament:** Titus 1:1-3:15

**Psalms:** Psalm 37

### REFLECT (Observe • Interpret • Apply)

**Observe:** How do judges lead Israel? What qualifications does Titus appoint?

**Interpret:** Why do judges respond to God's call rather than seeking position? Why do character qualifications matter?

**Apply:** How are you serving others? How are you living out sound doctrine?

### EXPLORE (Optional Depth)

**Cross-reference:** Cross-reference: Judges 2:18 with Titus 1:6. The Lord raised up judges who saved them; an overseer must be blameless, faithful to his wife.

## Day 18: Gideon's Call and Philemon's Love

### READ

**Old Testament:** Judges 4-6

**New Testament:** Philemon 1:1-25

**Psalms:** Psalm 38

### REFLECT (Observe • Interpret • Apply)

**Observe:** How does God call Gideon? How does Paul appeal to Philemon?

**Interpret:** Why does Gideon doubt before trusting? Why does love accomplish what command cannot?

**Apply:** How are you responding to God's call despite doubt? How are you practicing transformative forgiveness?

### EXPLORE (Optional Depth)

**Cross-reference:** Cross-reference: Judges 6:14 with Philemon 1:9. The Lord said, "Go in this strength"; I appeal to you on the basis of love.

## Day 19: Samson's Strength and Hebrews Concludes

### READ

**Old Testament:** Judges 7-9

**New Testament:** Hebrews 1:1-2:18

**Psalms:** Psalm 39

### REFLECT (Observe • Interpret • Apply)

**Observe:** What makes Gideon's small army victorious? How does Hebrews introduce Christ?

**Interpret:** Why does God's strength surpass human strength? Why is Jesus superior to all?

**Apply:** How are you trusting in God's strength? Do you see Jesus' supremacy?

### EXPLORE (Optional Depth)

**Cross-reference:** Cross-reference: Judges 7:7 with Hebrews 1:3. With three hundred men I will deliver you; the Son is the radiance of God's glory.

## Day 20: Samson's Fall and Better Covenant

### READ

**Old Testament:** Judges 10-12

**New Testament:** Hebrews 3:1-5:10

**Psalms:** Psalm 40

### REFLECT (Observe • Interpret • Apply)

**Observe:** How do the judges cycle between faithfulness and failure? How is the new covenant superior?

**Interpret:** Why do God's people repeatedly forget His works? Why is Christ's priesthood eternal?

**Apply:** How are you remembering God's faithfulness? How does Christ's sacrifice transform you?

### EXPLORE (Optional Depth)

**Cross-reference:** Cross-reference: Judges 10:11-12 with Hebrews 8:10. The Lord said, "I will deliver you"; I will put My law in their minds and write it on their hearts.

## Day 21: Samson's Judges and Running the Race

### READ

**Old Testament:** Judges 13-15

**New Testament:** Hebrews 6:1-8:13

**Psalm:** Psalm 41

### REFLECT (Observe • Interpret • Apply)

**Observe:** What does Samson's story teach about God's purposes? How does Hebrews encourage perseverance?

**Interpret:** Why does God use imperfect people? Why must we run our race with endurance?

**Apply:** How are you offering yourself despite imperfection? How are you persevering?

### EXPLORE (Optional Depth)

**Cross-reference:** Cross-reference: Judges 13:25 with Hebrews 12:1. The Spirit began to stir Samson; let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us.

## Day 22: Samson's Failure and Jesus' Sufficiency

### READ

**Old Testament:** Judges 16-18

**New Testament:** Hebrews 9:1-10:39

**Psalm:** Psalm 42

### REFLECT (Observe • Interpret • Apply)

**Observe:** How does Samson's story end? What is the sufficiency of Christ's sacrifice?

**Interpret:** Why does Samson's strength fail when he loses sight of God? Why is one sacrifice enough?

**Apply:** Where have you forgotten your source of strength? Do you trust Christ's sufficient sacrifice?

### EXPLORE (Optional Depth)

**Cross-reference:** Cross-reference: Judges 16:17 with Hebrews 10:12. Samson revealed his strength lay in the Lord; Christ sat down having offered one sacrifice for sins.

## Day 23: Ruth's Faithfulness and Faith's Examples

### READ

**Old Testament:** Judges 19-21, Ruth 1-4

**New Testament:** Hebrews 11:1-40

**Psalms:** Psalm 43

### REFLECT (Observe • Interpret • Apply)

**Observe:** How does Ruth remain faithful despite hardship? What examples of faith does Hebrews give?

**Interpret:** Why is Ruth's loyalty profound? Why are the ancients examples for us?

**Apply:** How are you remaining faithful? Are you living by faith?

### EXPLORE (Optional Depth)

**Cross-reference:** Cross-reference: Ruth 3:11 with Hebrews 11:39-40. You are a woman of noble character; they were all commended for their faith but did not receive the promises.

## Day 24: Kingdom Rises and Cloud of Witnesses

### READ

**Old Testament:** 1 Samuel 1-3

**New Testament:** Hebrews 12:1-13:25

**Psalms:** Psalm 44

### REFLECT (Observe • Interpret • Apply)

**Observe:** How does Samuel emerge as prophet? What witnesses surround us?

**Interpret:** Why is the word of God precious in those days? Why does the cloud of witnesses inspire endurance?

**Apply:** How are you hearing God's word? How does the cloud of witnesses inspire you?

### EXPLORE (Optional Depth)

**Cross-reference:** Cross-reference: 1 Samuel 3:1 with Hebrews 12:1. The word of the Lord was rare; surround ourselves with a cloud of witnesses.

## Day 25: David Chosen and Christ Exalted

### READ

**Old Testament:** 1 Samuel 4-8

**New Testament:** James 1:1-2:26

**Psalm:** Psalm 45

### REFLECT (Observe • Interpret • Apply)

**Observe:** How is David chosen as king? What does James teach about faith?

**Interpret:** Why does God choose the youngest, least likely son? Why must faith result in action?

**Apply:** How is God calling you despite seeming weakness? How are your works showing faith?

### EXPLORE (Optional Depth)

**Cross-reference:** Cross-reference: 1 Samuel 16:12 with James 2:26. The Lord looks at the heart; faith without works is dead.

## Day 26: David Anointed and Wisdom Applied

### READ

**Old Testament:** 1 Samuel 9-12

**New Testament:** James 3:1-5:20

**Psalm:** Psalm 46

### REFLECT (Observe • Interpret • Apply)

**Observe:** How does David's anointing change him? What practical wisdom does James offer?

**Interpret:** Why does the Spirit come upon David? Why does James emphasize practical living?

**Apply:** How are you being transformed by God's Spirit? How are your words and actions reflecting wisdom?

### EXPLORE (Optional Depth)

**Cross-reference:** Cross-reference: 1 Samuel 10:6 with James 3:17. The Spirit of the Lord will come upon you; the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure.

## Day 27: David and Goliath and Love's Supremacy

### READ

**Old Testament:** 1 Samuel 13-17

**New Testament:** 1 Peter 1:1-3:22

**Psalm:** Psalm 47

### REFLECT (Observe • Interpret • Apply)

**Observe:** How does David defeat Goliath? How does Peter teach about suffering?

**Interpret:** Why is faith in God more powerful than human strength? Why can believers rejoice in suffering?

**Apply:** How are you trusting God against overwhelming odds? How are you counting trials as joy?

### EXPLORE (Optional Depth)

**Cross-reference:** Cross-reference: 1 Samuel 17:47 with 1 Peter 1:7. The Lord does not save by sword or spear; your faith is precious and proved genuine through trials.

## Day 28: David's Friendship and God's Grace

### READ

**Old Testament:** 1 Samuel 18-20

**New Testament:** 1 Peter 4:1-5:14

**Psalm:** Psalm 48

### REFLECT (Observe • Interpret • Apply)

**Observe:** What deep friendship forms between David and Jonathan? How does Peter conclude with grace?

**Interpret:** Why is covenant friendship so precious? Why does grace define the Christian life?

**Apply:** How are you cultivating deep friendships? How is grace transforming your relationships?

### EXPLORE (Optional Depth)

**Cross-reference:** Cross-reference: 1 Samuel 18:1 with 1 Peter 5:10. David and Jonathan became one in spirit; the God of all grace will Himself restore you and make you strong.

## Day 29: Year's End and God's Complete Word

### READ

**Old Testament:** 1 Samuel 21-24

**New Testament:** 2 Peter 1:1-3:18

**Psalm:** Psalm 49

### REFLECT (Observe • Interpret • Apply)

**Observe:** How does David persist despite Saul's pursuit? What does Peter emphasize about Scripture?

**Interpret:** Why does David's faith sustain him in exile? Why is all Scripture God-breathed?

**Apply:** How are you persisting in faith? How are you treasuring God's Word?

### EXPLORE (Optional Depth)

**Cross-reference:** Cross-reference: 1 Samuel 23:14 with 2 Peter 1:21. The Lord was with David; prophets spoke as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

## Day 30: Preparation and John's Vision of Love

### READ

**Old Testament:** 1 Samuel 25-27

**New Testament:** 1 John 1:1-5:21

**Psalm:** Psalm 50

### REFLECT (Observe • Interpret • Apply)

**Observe:** How does David grow in wisdom through trials? What does John teach about God's love?

**Interpret:** Why do trials develop character? How does God's love define our identity?

**Apply:** How are trials shaping your character? How does God's love transform you?

### EXPLORE (Optional Depth)

**Cross-reference:** Cross-reference: 1 Samuel 25:39 with 1 John 4:7-8. David praises the Lord for His judgment; everyone who loves knows God, for God is love.

## Day 31: God's Faithfulness Complete - One Year Finished

### READ

**Old Testament:** 1 Samuel 28-31

**New Testament:** Revelation 22:1-21

**Psalms:** Psalm 150

### REFLECT (Observe • Interpret • Apply)

**Observe:** How does 1 Samuel conclude with Saul's end? How does Revelation conclude with Jesus' return?

**Interpret:** Why does Saul's faithlessness end in destruction? Why does Christ's promise sustain hope?

**Apply:** How has this year shaped your faith? How will you continue walking with Christ?

### EXPLORE (Optional Depth)

**Cross-reference:** Cross-reference: 1 Samuel 28:15 with Revelation 22:20. Saul cries out and the Lord does not answer; He says, "Yes, I am coming soon. Amen. Come, Lord Jesus."