

# **STORYLINE**

**THE BIBLE IN ONE YEAR**

**October 2026**

**Suffering and Scripture: Job Through Revelation**

October explores the book of Job's wrestling with suffering alongside James through Revelation, showing how Christ's victory answers every human cry. We journey through the Psalms' full emotional range—from lament to exultation—while reading the epistles and John's Revelation. This month emphasizes that all of Scripture testifies to Jesus and His sufficiency, and that suffering produces perseverance and hope when viewed through the lens of Christ's redemption and coming kingdom.

## Day 1: Daniel's Vision and James' Practical Faith

### READ

**Old Testament:** Daniel 1-3

**New Testament:** James 1:1-27

**Psalm:** Psalm 113

### REFLECT (Observe • Interpret • Apply)

**Observe:** How does Daniel remain faithful in captivity? What does James say about testing?

**Interpret:** Why does Daniel refuse the king's food and training? Why does testing produce perseverance?

**Apply:** How are you remaining faithful in hostile environments? How are you viewing trials?

### EXPLORE (Optional Depth)

**Cross-reference:** Cross-reference: Daniel 1:8 with James 1:2-3. Daniel resolves not to defile himself; consider it pure joy when facing trials of many kinds.

## Day 2: Nebuchadnezzar's Dream and Tongue Control

### READ

**Old Testament:** Daniel 4-6

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

**Psalm:** Psalm 114

### REFLECT (Observe • Interpret • Apply)

**Observe:** What does Nebuchadnezzar's dream reveal? How does James address favoritism and the tongue?

**Interpret:** Why must the king's pride be broken? Why is the tongue both blessing and curse?

**Apply:** Where is pride preventing you from God's truth? How are you controlling your words?

### EXPLORE (Optional Depth)

**Cross-reference:** Cross-reference: Daniel 4:37 with James 3:9-10. The king honors the Most High; with our tongues we praise and curse.

## Day 3: Handwriting on the Wall and Worldly Desires

### READ

**Old Testament:** Daniel 7-9

**New Testament:** James 4:1-5:20

**Psalm:** Psalm 115

### REFLECT (Observe • Interpret • Apply)

**Observe:** What does the mysterious writing mean? What causes conflicts among believers?

**Interpret:** Why does God judge Belshazzar's blasphemy? Why do desires battle within us?

**Apply:** How are you honoring God's judgment? How are you surrendering your desires?

### EXPLORE (Optional Depth)

**Cross-reference:** Cross-reference: Daniel 5:27 with James 4:4. You have been weighed and found wanting; friendship with the world is enmity with God.

## Day 4: Daniel's Prayer and Peter's Suffering

### READ

**Old Testament:** Daniel 10-12

**New Testament:** 1 Peter 1:1-25

**Psalm:** Psalm 116

### REFLECT (Observe • Interpret • Apply)

**Observe:** What does Daniel's prayer reveal? How does Peter address suffering believers?

**Interpret:** Why is Daniel's prayer so significant in understanding God's plan? Why do believers rejoice in suffering?

**Apply:** How are you praying for God's kingdom? Are you counting trials as joy?

### EXPLORE (Optional Depth)

**Cross-reference:** Cross-reference: Daniel 9:23 with 1 Peter 1:7. Your prayer is heard; your faith is genuine and brings praise and glory to Christ.

## Day 5: Prophecy Complete and Peter's Exhortation

### READ

**Old Testament:** Job 1-3

**New Testament:** 1 Peter 2:1-3:22

**Psalms:** Psalm 117

### REFLECT (Observe • Interpret • Apply)

**Observe:** What does Job face in his testing? How does Peter teach about submission?

**Interpret:** Why does God permit Job's suffering? Why must believers submit to authorities?

**Apply:** How are you enduring loss? Are you submitting for the Lord's sake?

### EXPLORE (Optional Depth)

**Cross-reference:** Cross-reference: Job 1:21 with 1 Peter 2:23. The Lord gave and the Lord takes away; when insulted, Christ did not retaliate.

## Day 6: Job's Friends and Living for God

### READ

**Old Testament:** Job 4-7

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

**Psalms:** Psalm 118

### REFLECT (Observe • Interpret • Apply)

**Observe:** What is Job's struggle with his friends' counsel? What does Peter say about living for God?

**Interpret:** Why do Job's friends misunderstand his suffering? Why should we live for God's will, not desires?

**Apply:** How do you comfort those who suffer? Are you living for God's purposes?

### EXPLORE (Optional Depth)

**Cross-reference:** Cross-reference: Job 6:14 with 1 Peter 4:11. Job needs compassion from friends; serve one another with whatever gift you have received.

## Day 7: Job's Darkness and Peter's Encouragement

### READ

**Old Testament:** Job 8-11

**New Testament:** 2 Peter 1:1-22

**Psalm:** Psalm 119:1-48

### REFLECT (Observe • Interpret • Apply)

**Observe:** What is Job's continued complaint? How does Peter encourage growth?

**Interpret:** Why does Job feel God has hidden His face? Why must believers grow in virtue?

**Apply:** How do you wait in darkness? How are you adding virtue to your faith?

### EXPLORE (Optional Depth)

**Cross-reference:** Cross-reference: Job 9:11 with 2 Peter 1:5-8. Job says God passes by and he does not see Him; add to your faith virtue and knowledge.

## Day 8: Job's Speeches and False Teachers

### READ

**Old Testament:** Job 12-15

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

**Psalm:** Psalm 119:49-96

### REFLECT (Observe • Interpret • Apply)

**Observe:** What does Job insist about his integrity? What does Peter warn about?

**Interpret:** Why does Job hold to his righteousness despite circumstances? Why are false teachers so dangerous?

**Apply:** How are you maintaining integrity under pressure? How do you discern false teaching?

### EXPLORE (Optional Depth)

**Cross-reference:** Cross-reference: Job 13:15 with 2 Peter 2:1. Though God slay me, I will trust Him; false prophets will secretly introduce destructive heresies.

## Day 9: Job's Despair and John's Love

### READ

**Old Testament:** Job 16-19

**New Testament:** 1 John 1:1-3:24

**Psalm:** Psalm 119:97-144

### REFLECT (Observe • Interpret • Apply)

**Observe:** How deep is Job's suffering? What does John teach about God's love?

**Interpret:** Why does Job feel utterly abandoned? How does love cast out fear?

**Apply:** Do you question God in suffering? How is God's love transforming you?

### EXPLORE (Optional Depth)

**Cross-reference:** Cross-reference: Job 19:25 with 1 John 4:10. I know my Redeemer lives; this is how we know what love is: Jesus laid down His life.

## Day 10: Job's Persistence and Obedience in Love

### READ

**Old Testament:** Job 20-23

**New Testament:** 1 John 4:1-5:21

**Psalm:** Psalm 119:145-176

### REFLECT (Observe • Interpret • Apply)

**Observe:** How does Job refuse to abandon hope? What does John say about obedience?

**Interpret:** Why does Job persist in seeking God despite pain? How does love manifest in obedience?

**Apply:** How are you persisting in faith? How is love motivating your obedience?

### EXPLORE (Optional Depth)

**Cross-reference:** Cross-reference: Job 23:10 with 1 John 5:3. When God has tested me, I will emerge like gold; this is love for God: to obey His commands.

## Day 11: Job's Lament and John's Epistles

### READ

**Old Testament:** Job 24-27

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

**Psalms:** Psalm 120

### REFLECT (Observe • Interpret • Apply)

**Observe:** What injustices does Job lament? What does John emphasize in his shorter epistles?

**Interpret:** Why does Job cry out against injustice? Why does truth matter in relationships?

**Apply:** How are you addressing injustice? How are you walking in truth?

### EXPLORE (Optional Depth)

**Cross-reference:** Cross-reference: Job 24:12 with 2 John 1:4. The dying cry out but God does not charge them with wrong; I am very happy to find some of your children walking in truth.

## Day 12: Wisdom and Jude's Warning

### READ

**Old Testament:** Job 28-31

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

**Psalms:** Psalm 121

### REFLECT (Observe • Interpret • Apply)

**Observe:** What does Job conclude about wisdom and his own integrity? What does Jude warn?

**Interpret:** Why is the fear of the Lord the beginning of wisdom? Why must we contend against deception?

**Apply:** Are you fearing God more than anything? How are you defending truth?

### EXPLORE (Optional Depth)

**Cross-reference:** Cross-reference: Job 28:28 with Jude 1:3. The fear of the Lord is wisdom; contend for the faith entrusted to the saints.

## Day 13: Elihu Speaks and Revelation Begins

### READ

**Old Testament:** Job 32-35

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

**Psalm:** Psalm 122

### REFLECT (Observe • Interpret • Apply)

**Observe:** What does Elihu add to the discussion? What does John see in Revelation?

**Interpret:** Why does Elihu's perspective differ from the three friends? What are the letters to the seven churches?

**Apply:** How do you discern true wisdom? How are you hearing what the Spirit says?

### EXPLORE (Optional Depth)

**Cross-reference:** Cross-reference: Job 32:8 with Revelation 1:3. The Spirit of God gives understanding; blessed is the one who reads and those who hear the words of this prophecy.

## Day 14: God's Response and the Scrolls and Lamb

### READ

**Old Testament:** Job 36-39

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

**Psalm:** Psalm 123

### REFLECT (Observe • Interpret • Apply)

**Observe:** How does God respond to Job out of the storm? What does John see about the scrolls?

**Interpret:** Why does God speak about creation's vastness? Why is Christ the Lamb worthy to open the scrolls?

**Apply:** How does creation reveal God's character? Do you recognize Christ's supreme worthiness?

### EXPLORE (Optional Depth)

**Cross-reference:** Cross-reference: Job 38:4 with Revelation 5:12. Where were you when God laid the earth's foundation; the Lamb is worthy to receive power and honor.

## Day 15: Job's Response and Seal Judgments

### READ

**Old Testament:** Job 40-42

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

**Psalms:** Psalm 124

### REFLECT (Observe • Interpret • Apply)

**Observe:** How does Job respond to God's revelation? What do the seals reveal?

**Interpret:** Why does Job repent in dust and ashes? What is the significance of the 144,000?

**Apply:** Are you humbled before God's majesty? How do you understand God's judgment?

### EXPLORE (Optional Depth)

**Cross-reference:** Cross-reference: Job 42:5-6 with Revelation 7:14. I repent in dust and ashes; these have washed their robes in the blood of the Lamb.

## Day 16: Psalms of Praise and Trumpet Judgments

### READ

**Old Testament:** Psalms 25-27

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

**Psalms:** Psalm 125

### REFLECT (Observe • Interpret • Apply)

**Observe:** What do these psalms teach about trust? What vision does John see?

**Interpret:** Why do these psalms emphasize waiting on God? What is the significance of the woman and child?

**Apply:** How are you waiting on God? Do you understand spiritual warfare?

### EXPLORE (Optional Depth)

**Cross-reference:** Cross-reference: Psalm 25:5 with Revelation 12:5. In Your righteousness, deliver me; the woman gave birth to a son who will rule all nations.

## Day 17: More Psalms and the Beast Rises

### READ

**Old Testament:** Psalms 28-30

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

**Psalm:** Psalm 126

### REFLECT (Observe • Interpret • Apply)

**Observe:** What is the theme of these psalms? What does John see regarding the beasts?

**Interpret:** Why do these psalms move from petition to praise? What do the beasts represent?

**Apply:** How do you move from crying out to praising God? How do you recognize deception?

### EXPLORE (Optional Depth)

**Cross-reference:** Cross-reference: Psalm 30:5 with Revelation 13:4. Weeping may stay through the night, but rejoicing comes in the morning; people worshiped the beast saying who is like it.

## Day 18: Psalms of Adoration and Babylon Falls

### READ

**Old Testament:** Psalms 31-33

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

**Psalm:** Psalm 127

### REFLECT (Observe • Interpret • Apply)

**Observe:** What do these psalms declare about God's character? What happens to Babylon?

**Interpret:** Why should we take refuge in God? Why does worldly power ultimately fall?

**Apply:** Where is your refuge? How do you see temporal power's limitations?

### EXPLORE (Optional Depth)

**Cross-reference:** Cross-reference: Psalm 31:19 with Revelation 18:2. How great is Your goodness; Fallen, fallen is Babylon the Great.

## Day 19: Psalms of Rejoicing and Wedding Supper

### READ

**Old Testament:** Psalms 34-36

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

**Psalm:** Psalm 128

### REFLECT (Observe • Interpret • Apply)

**Observe:** What causes rejoicing in these psalms? What joy does Revelation describe?

**Interpret:** Why should God's people always rejoice? What is the wedding supper of the Lamb?

**Apply:** How are you rejoicing in God? Are you preparing as the Bride?

### EXPLORE (Optional Depth)

**Cross-reference:** Cross-reference: Psalm 34:1 with Revelation 19:6-7. I will extol the Lord at all times; the wedding of the Lamb has come and His bride is ready.

## Day 20: Psalms of Stability and New Creation

### READ

**Old Testament:** Psalms 37-39

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

**Psalm:** Psalm 129

### REFLECT (Observe • Interpret • Apply)

**Observe:** What is taught about righteousness and wickedness? What does John see of the new creation?

**Interpret:** Why does God's way always triumph? What is the fullness of the new heavens and new earth?

**Apply:** Are you trusting God's justice? How does the new creation inspire your hope?

### EXPLORE (Optional Depth)

**Cross-reference:** Cross-reference: Psalm 37:28 with Revelation 21:4. The Lord loves justice and will not forsake His faithful; God will wipe every tear from their eyes.

## Day 21: Psalms Crying Out and Eternity Revealed

### READ

**Old Testament:** Psalms 40-42

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

**Psalm:** Psalm 130

### REFLECT (Observe • Interpret • Apply)

**Observe:** What do these psalms reveal about distress? What does Paul teach Timothy?

**Interpret:** Why do believers cry out in desperation? Why must church leaders be examples?

**Apply:** How do you cry out to God? Are you an example of faith?

### EXPLORE (Optional Depth)

**Cross-reference:** Cross-reference: Psalm 40:1 with 1 Timothy 1:2. I waited patiently for the Lord; to Timothy, my true son in the faith.

## Day 22: Psalms of Longing and Church Order

### READ

**Old Testament:** Psalms 43-45

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

**Psalm:** Psalm 131

### REFLECT (Observe • Interpret • Apply)

**Observe:** What longing is expressed in these psalms? What qualifications does Paul list?

**Interpret:** Why does the psalmist long for God's presence? Why do godly leaders matter?

**Apply:** How do you long for God's presence? Are you growing in godliness?

### EXPLORE (Optional Depth)

**Cross-reference:** Cross-reference: Psalm 42:2 with 1 Timothy 3:6. My soul thirsts for God; overseer must be above reproach, the husband of but one wife.

## Day 23: Psalms of Strength and Pastoral Care

### READ

**Old Testament:** Psalms 46-48

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

**Psalm:** Psalm 132

### REFLECT (Observe • Interpret • Apply)

**Observe:** What does God's strength provide? What guidance does Paul give for widows and elders?

**Interpret:** Why is God our refuge and strength? Why is caring for vulnerable essential?

**Apply:** How do you trust in God's strength? How are you caring for the vulnerable?

### EXPLORE (Optional Depth)

**Cross-reference:** Cross-reference: Psalm 46:5 with 1 Timothy 5:8. God is in her midst, she will not be toppled; anyone who does not provide for family has denied the faith.

## Day 24: Psalms of Music and Timothy's Charge

### READ

**Old Testament:** Psalms 49-51

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

**Psalm:** Psalm 133

### REFLECT (Observe • Interpret • Apply)

**Observe:** What do these psalms teach about wisdom and redemption? How does Paul encourage Timothy?

**Interpret:** Why is wisdom more valuable than wealth? Why must Timothy guard the gospel?

**Apply:** How are you valuing wisdom? How are you faithful to your calling?

### EXPLORE (Optional Depth)

**Cross-reference:** Cross-reference: Psalm 51:7 with 2 Timothy 1:13. Purge me with hyssop and I will be clean; hold to the pattern of sound teaching with faith and love.

## Day 25: Psalms of Refuge and Persecution

### READ

**Old Testament:** Psalms 52-54

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

**Psalm:** Psalm 134

### REFLECT (Observe • Interpret • Apply)

**Observe:** What refuge do these psalms offer? What does Paul say about persecution?

**Interpret:** Why should we trust God over human power? Why should Timothy endure hardship?

**Apply:** Where is your refuge in crisis? How are you persevering through hardship?

### EXPLORE (Optional Depth)

**Cross-reference:** Cross-reference: Psalm 52:8 with 2 Timothy 4:7. I trust in God's unfailing love forever; I have fought the good fight, finished the race.

## Day 26: Psalms of Distress and Titus Leading

### READ

**Old Testament:** Psalms 55-57

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

**Psalm:** Psalm 135

### REFLECT (Observe • Interpret • Apply)

**Observe:** What is the nature of distress in these psalms? What does Paul tell Titus?

**Interpret:** Why does the psalmist call out with anxiety? Why must church leaders model virtue?

**Apply:** How do you bring your distress to God? How are you modeling godliness?

### EXPLORE (Optional Depth)

**Cross-reference:** Cross-reference: Psalm 55:22 with Titus 2:7. Cast your cares on the Lord; offer yourself as a model by doing what is good.

## Day 27: Psalms of Deliverance and Philemon's Plea

### READ

**Old Testament:** Psalms 58-60

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

**Psalm:** Psalm 136

### REFLECT (Observe • Interpret • Apply)

**Observe:** What deliverance do these psalms celebrate? What does Paul ask Philemon?

**Interpret:** Why does God deliver His people? Why does Paul appeal to love over command?

**Apply:** How have you experienced God's deliverance? How are you practicing forgiveness?

### EXPLORE (Optional Depth)

**Cross-reference:** Cross-reference: Psalm 60:12 with Philemon 1:9. With God we will gain the victory; I appeal to you on the basis of love.

## Day 28: Psalms of Exultation and Hebrews Begins Again

### READ

**Old Testament:** Psalms 61-63

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

**Psalm:** Psalm 137

### REFLECT (Observe • Interpret • Apply)

**Observe:** What exultation marks these psalms? How does Hebrews present Jesus?

**Interpret:** Why does the psalmist sing in exile? Why is Jesus superior to angels?

**Apply:** How do you sing despite circumstances? Do you see Jesus' supremacy?

### EXPLORE (Optional Depth)

**Cross-reference:** Cross-reference: Psalm 63:1 with Hebrews 1:3. God, You are my God and I earnestly seek You; the Son is the radiance of God's glory.

## Day 29: Psalms of Confidence and Jesus the High Priest

### READ

**Old Testament:** Psalms 64-66

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

**Psalm:** Psalm 138

### REFLECT (Observe • Interpret • Apply)

**Observe:** What confidence do these psalms express? How is Jesus our High Priest?

**Interpret:** Why can we be confident in God's justice? Why is Jesus' priesthood superior?

**Apply:** How are you confident in God? Do you trust Christ's intercession?

### EXPLORE (Optional Depth)

**Cross-reference:** Cross-reference: Psalm 65:2 with Hebrews 4:14. To You all people will come; we have a great High Priest who has ascended through the heavens.

## Day 30: Psalms of Blessing and Jesus' Sacrifice

### READ

**Old Testament:** Psalms 67-69

**New Testament:** Hebrews 5:11-7:28

**Psalm:** Psalm 139

### REFLECT (Observe • Interpret • Apply)

**Observe:** What blessings do these psalms invoke? What does Jesus' sacrifice accomplish?

**Interpret:** Why should God be gracious to all nations? Why is Jesus' priesthood eternal?

**Apply:** How are you blessing others? How does Christ's sacrifice transform you?

### EXPLORE (Optional Depth)

**Cross-reference:** Cross-reference: Psalm 67:1 with Hebrews 7:24. May God be gracious to us and bless us; because Jesus lives forever, He has a permanent priesthood.

## Day 31: Psalms of Praise and Better Covenant

### READ

**Old Testament:** Psalms 70-72

**New Testament:** Hebrews 8:1-9:28

**Psalm:** Psalm 140

### REFLECT (Observe • Interpret • Apply)

**Observe:** What praise fills these concluding psalms? What is the better covenant?

**Interpret:** Why should all creation praise God? How is the new covenant superior?

**Apply:** How are you adding your voice to creation's praise? Do you live in the new covenant?

### EXPLORE (Optional Depth)

**Cross-reference:** Cross-reference: Psalm 72:19 with Hebrews 9:15. May the whole earth be filled with His glory; Christ is the mediator of a new covenant.