

# DAILY BIBLE READING PLAN

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## 12-17-2023 // WEEK 50 NOTES

1 Timothy • Titus • 1 Peter • Hebrews • 2 Timothy • 2 Peter • Jude

This past week, you've covered:

### 1 Timothy

Paul is writing this book to his beloved **Timothy who now has become the pastor of the church at Ephesus**. We can well imagine a young pastor seeking help from his mentor regarding the problems that arise in overseeing a church.

As you read through this book, please note themes Paul knows that need to be addressed by Timothy, ones like:

The need for evangelism (**chapter 1**), God's people need to pray for government leaders over them (**chapter 2**), qualifications for elders and deacons (**chapter 3**), End Times teaching (**chapter 4**), how members of the church can participate in ministry (**chapter 5**), to beware of false teachers and the need to live free from covetousness (**chapter 6**).

### Titus

A book written to Titus from Paul as he planted a church on the island of Crete. **Please note the structure of elders and deacons and the teaching on proper doctrine to be taught to them**. There is a clear warning against false teachers and the need for holy living.

### 1 Peter

Written by the apostle Peter to the church at large that was **suffering persecution from Rome**. It's one of my favorite books. It addresses the great hope we have in Jesus amidst tough times. It gives us our identity in Christ in **chapter 2**. "*How to live faithfully in Christ*" is the rest of the book.

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## Hebrews

We are not sure of the author, but many have asked, including myself, could this have been Paul writing to a Jewish audience, thus explaining the difference in style and structure as all other Pauline epistles?

**Bottom line:** Hebrews explains how the sacrificial systems of the Old Testament have been fulfilled in Jesus, thus **explaining a lot of the book of Leviticus through the cross of Jesus** (remember: you interpret the OT with the NT).

## 2 Timothy

A Pauline epistle primarily **speaking against false teachers**. But also there's some good **End Times material** here as well—especially in **chapter 3**. And don't miss Paul's instructions to Timothy about preaching the Word of God in **chapter 4**.

## 2 Peter

This letter is from Peter, **addressing false teachers**. Do you think it's important to have the right doctrine from the apostolic writings? Also, in this epistle, Peter makes it clear how the world will eventually be destroyed. Did you catch it? With Noah it was by water and the Flood. Here, it will happen by fire as God creates a new heaven and a new earth.

## Jude

From the half-brother of Jesus, now a convinced follower of Jesus as Lord, **once again addressing the false teachers** creeping into the church. Notice their doom, like those in Sodom and Gomorrah. Like the angels who rebelled in heaven. **Another reminder that correct doctrine is essential** for our lives in Christ!

*Keep reading. We're almost through the Bible in a year!*

*David*