



Bible in a Year Club

WITH EVERY WOMAN A THEOLOGIAN

In our first month of study we will be spending time in Genesis and Job! In fact, you'll finish both these books by the 31st of January - woohoo!!

Genesis and Job contain two genres of literature (at least): *historical narrative* and *poetry*.

Historical narrative, according to author Kristie Anyabwile, is "history told in story form."

When reading narrative we must avoid focusing on individual stories - moralizing them or diminishing them to quick "applications" - and instead look for the overarching theme, also known as the "plot arc". What is the big picture of God? Who is He and what is He doing with the characters in the story?

About thirty percent of the Bible is made up of poetry. Though Job contains historical narrative at the beginning and end of the book, most of what's in between is poetic. We also see poetry in Genesis 1-2. Biblical poetry uses parallel lines and lots of figurative language to express theological truths. This is why you'll see two, three, or four lines that seem to say the same thing over and over. Writers used this repetition to say one thing multiple ways.

STUDY TIPS FOR GENESIS & JOB

As you read through these books, don't rush application! Ask the 5 Ws and an H questions (from the Bible Study Basics lecture!) and focus on who GOD is, not the quick takeaway. In Genesis, we see the beginnings of God's covenantal system (Genesis 3, 12, 15). Take note of His promises and what He says about His character to the people in Genesis and to Job.

TIPS FOR DIFFERENT LEARNING STYLES

Auditory (Talkers): This week, try keeping excess noise to a minimum during your study time. Get up earlier or stay up later to have some quiet, or play classical music as you read. Try listening to an audio Bible (YouVersion) while you read.

Visual (Watchers): Make your study area less distracting by setting up a space free of distractions, aesthetically pleasing to you! Take notes in bright colors or listen on audio and doodle what you are learning.

Kinesthetic (Doers): Your challenge is extra energy that can make it difficult to focus on your text. Try sitting on an exercise ball while studying or holding a stress ball or fidget spinner as you read. Take notes by hand and keep your phone in another room.

“Bible study is about intimacy, not a checklist. Remember that!

LEARN AT YOUR OWN PACE

Reading the Bible in a year gives you a big picture. Don't try to capture all the details each day or get consumed with breaking down every passage. Read through the chapters and pick one section to particularly focus on. Write down questions as you go!

When you've finished your reading, comment in the week's lecture with "done!" or ask any questions you have - this community exists to help you!

STUDY NOTES

Tips for effective notetaking:

- For visual/kinesthetic learners, use bright colors, symbols, sketchpads, sticky notes and other visual aids to interact with the text.
- Choose a small portion of the day's reading for your notes.
- Ask 5 W's and an H:
 - *Who is in this text? What is God teaching? Where did this take place? When did this occur in history and the Bible's timeline? Why did God do this? How does this relate to today?*

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PRAYER JOURNAL

Tips for praying the Scriptures:

- Utilize your study notes by pulling out the theological principle from what you've just read. *What does Genesis 8-10 teach you about God?*
- When you write out your prayers, try praying aloud as you write. Handwriting is a practice in focus more than anything!
- Try writing out Scripture directly as a prayer: "Lord, you are my shepherd, because of you, I want for nothing."

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JANUARY BIBLE SCHEDULE

Below is the reading schedule for all of January! The week's reading is broken down in the lecture notes of your Teachable app as well. While the reading has been designated to specific days of the week, you are welcome to read ahead and allow for additional "catch up days". Generally, the catch-up day will fall on a weekend. Remember: if you miss several days, either catch up by listening on audio or just skip to today's reading!

READING LIST

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|----------------------|-------------|----------------------|-------------|
| | | Genesis 16-18 | 1/16 |
| Genesis 1-3 | 1/1 | Genesis 19-21 | 1/17 |
| Genesis 4-7 | 1/2 | Genesis 22-25 | 1/18 |
| Genesis 8-11 | 1/3 | Genesis 26-27 | 1/19 |
| Job 1-6 | 1/4 | Genesis 28-29 | 1/20 |
| Job 7-11 | 1/5 | Catch Up Day | 1/21 |
| Job 12-16 | 1/6 | Genesis 30-31 | 1/22 |
| Catch Up Day | 1/7 | Genesis 32-34 | 1/23 |
| Job 17-21 | 1/8 | Genesis 35-37 | 1/24 |
| Job 22-24 | 1/9 | Genesis 38-41 | 1/25 |
| Job 25-29 | 1/10 | Genesis 42-44 | 1/26 |
| Job 30-33 | 1/11 | Genesis 45-47 | 1/27 |
| Job 34-38 | 1/12 | Catch Up Day | 1/28 |
| Job 39-42 | 1/13 | Genesis 48-50 | 1/29 |
| Catch Up Day | 1/14 | Exodus 1-3 | 1/30 |
| Genesis 12-15 | 1/15 | Exodus 4-6 | 1/31 |

Any questions?

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