

The only thing that matters is that you are reading God's word regularly. While that is still true with this schedule, the goal with this one is to get a better understanding of the entire story of the bible. There is no substitute for reading God's word. Keep reading! My website is at <http://graceofourlord.wordpress.com>. I encourage you to get the actual reading plan I am currently following. You can get it from the same place I do - at [this link](#). They have some great guidance for the reading plan there as well, and they have it all in both PDF and in Kindle format!

February Reading Schedule

February 2012						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Jan Week 05	(Jan 30) Genesis 24	(Jan 31) Genesis 25	1 Genesis 26	2 Genesis 27	3 Genesis 28	4
5 Feb Week 01	6 Genesis 29	7 Genesis 30	8 Genesis 31	9 Genesis 32	10 Genesis 37	11
12 Feb Week 02	13 Genesis 39	14 Genesis 40	15 Genesis 41	16 Genesis 42	17 Genesis 43	18
19 Feb Week 03	20 Genesis 44	21 Genesis 45	22 Genesis 46	23 Exodus 1	24 Exodus 2	25
26 Feb Week 04	27 Exodus 3	28 Exodus 4	29 Exodus 5	(Mar 1) Exodus 6- (Mar 2) Exodus 7 Notes: This bible reading schedule was not designed by me. I am simply following it this year. This schedule skips some chapters in order to accommodate the goal of "getting the big picture" of the whole Bible as the story of God's plan of salvation.		

Feb Week 3 (Week 8) Summary

Gen 44, 45, 46, Exo 1, and Exo 2 - Click the chapter below to go to the ESV Bible passage for that chapter and read or listen.

[Gen 44](#) - When Joseph sends them away, he has his steward once again place their money in their sacks. But this time, he has his silver cup placed in Benjamin's bag and he has them followed, accused of theft, and brought back. Joseph tells them that the rest of them can go, but Benjamin will remain as his slave. Judah begins a passionate plea of repentance in verse 18, offering himself in his younger brother's place. It was Judah's idea to have Joseph sold instead of killing him in Gen 37:26-28. The change that has taken place in his brothers is no doubt what Joseph was looking (and hoping) for.

[Gen 45](#) - Judah's speech evokes emotion in Joseph, and he finally reveals himself. When they were brought back to him accused of theft, they must have thought that life had turned about as badly as it could get. Now they find out that this powerful ruler is the brother they sold into

slavery. Joseph assures them in verses 5 and 7 that God is working through him and intends to continue to do so through their descendants. This does not absolve them of their guilt, but it shows God's power to use even the worst actions of men for good! Joseph sends them back to bring their father, Israel and the rest of their families to Egypt to dwell in the land of Goshen.

[Gen 46](#) - The Lord tells Israel in verse 2 that Egypt is where he should now go, and where he will become a great nation. Remember, God had forbidden his father Isaac to go there during a previous famine (Gen 26:1-5). So Jacob, his sons and daughters, and all of their families set out for Egypt. With Jacob, Joseph and his two sons, there were 70 (verse 27) that came. That number will multiply by more than 80,000 - to over 600,000 at Sinai (Num 1:46) after Moses has led them out of Egypt in Exodus 12:51. Joseph and Israel have reunited in Goshen, and Joseph reveals how they will be (for now) left to their own devices there in verses 31-34.

[Exo 1](#) - **Highlights we have passed over in Genesis** - As Israel (Jacob) nears death, he takes Joseph's sons, Ephraim and Manasseh as his own ([Gen 48:5](#)). That is why there is not a tribe of Joseph in the "Twelve Tribes of Israel". These two make up the "half-tribes". Jacob sets Joseph and Ephraim apart, and once again the younger is blessed above the first-born as he says that "his offspring shall become a multitude of nations" ([Gen 48:19](#)). He makes it clear that he is to be buried in Canaan, where his people shall end up, and blesses all of his sons. Chapter 49 is full of poetic imagery and prophecy, much of it (particularly [verses 8-12](#)) pointing to the empire of King David, and ultimately, the Lord Jesus, the Messiah. In chapter 50, Pharaoh allows Joseph to bury his father in Canaan, and Genesis concludes with the death of Joseph. And so, God's word picks up 400 years later...

The 12 sons of Israel (Jacob) (and Joseph's sons, Ephraim and Manasseh) have long since died; and their descendants have multiplied greatly. The ruler of Egypt fears their numbers, so they are ruthlessly made slaves (verse 13), and the midwives instructed to kill all newborn sons. But the midwives feared God (verse 17), and they let them live. "And the people multiplied greatly and grew very strong" (verse 20), as God had promised Abraham in [Genesis 13:16](#). Pharaoh then ordered his people to cast every son that is born to the Hebrews into the Nile.

[Exo 2](#) - After he is born, Moses' mother is unable to hide him after three months, and places him in a basket in the reeds by the riverbank (verse 3). After Pharaoh's daughter "draws" him out, Moses' own sister summons the courage to ask her if she should get a Hebrew woman to nurse the child for her (verse 7). So of course, she fetches his own mother for the task. Acts 7:23 says Moses was 40 years old when verses 11-15 take place; and Moses flees for his life to Midian for another 40 years (Acts 7:30). Father-in-law is referred to as Reuel in verse 18, but we will come to know him as Jethro. As the people cry out because of their slavery, verse 24 says that "God remembered his covenant with Abraham, with Isaac, and with Jacob". God never forgets. When the scripture says "God remembered," it means He has decided the time has come for what He wants to happen next concerning that person or event (as in Gen 8:1).

