

ESSENTIALS OF BIBLE READING

Reference: Misc. Scripture
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The Scriptures were designed to be read both in public and in private. It's interesting that historically the reading of Old Testament was always an integral part of a public worship service in **ancient Jewish synagogues**.

First, there would be a reading from the _____
Reference: **Deuteronomy 6:4-9**

Second, there would be _____

Third, there would be a reading from the _____
(Pentateuch) i.e.
the first five books of the Old Testament: **Genesis** through
Deuteronomy

Fourth, there would be a reading from Old Testament
_____ books: i.e. **Isaiah** through **Malachi**

Fifth, there would be biblical _____

Public Bible reading was also practiced in **ancient New Testament churches**.

Reference: **Colossians 4:16**; **I Thessalonians 5:27**; **I Timothy 4:13**
(see screen)

Reference: **Revelation 1:3** "**Blessed** is he who **reads** and those who **hear** the words of this prophecy, (Revelation) and **keep** those things which are written in it; for the time is near."

There are three blessings promised to the person who does these three things:

- 1) Blessed is the person who _____ this book (Revelation)
- 2) Blessed is the person who _____ this book (Revelation)
read
- 3) Blessed is the person who _____ on what he has **read** and what he has heard **read** from this book (Revelation)

Seven suggestions for effective personal Bible reading:

- 1) Read the Bible on a _____
Reference: **Deuteronomy 17:19a**, "And it shall be with him, and he shall read it (Scripture) **all the days of his life...**"
Job 23:12b, "...I have treasured the **words of His mouth** (Scripture) **more than my necessary food.**"
- 2) Set a specific _____ and _____ for Bible reading
- 3) _____ before you start to read
First, we are to examine ourselves for _____
Reference: **I Peter 2:1, 2** (see screen)

Second, Bible reading should be preceded by _____
Reference: **Psalms 119:18**; **Luke 24:44, 45** (see screen)
- 4) Read the Bible in a _____ **sense**
- 5) Read the Bible _____
Reference: **Acts 8:30**, "So Philip ran to him, and **heard him reading the prophet Isaiah...**"
- 6) Read from a reliable _____ for those difficult to understand passages
- 7) Find a _____ Bible reading _____, use it, and stick to it

It is estimated that, if we were to read at an average speed, then we could read through the entire Bible in _____ total hours, which averages out to just _____ minutes a day.

If, for some reason, you miss a day of reading, then remember these things:

- Don't _____ on yourself
- Don't be _____ about it
- Don't _____