

THE BOOK CLUB

Schedule

JAN 7	JAN 14	JAN 21	JAN 28	
<i>Proverbs 1-7</i>	<i>Proverbs 8-14</i>	<i>Proverbs 15-21</i>	<i>Proverbs 22-31</i>	
FEB 4	FEB 11	FEB 18	FEB 25	
<i>Ecclesiastes 1-7</i>	<i>Ecclesiastes 8-12</i>	LENT No Class	<i>Song of Solomon 1-8</i>	
MAR 4	MAR 11	MAR 18	MAR 25	
<i>Isaiah 1-7</i>	<i>Isaiah 8-14</i>	<i>Isaiah 15-21</i>	<i>Isaiah 22-28</i>	
APR 1	APR 8	APR 15	APR 22	APR 29
<i>Isaiah 29-35</i>	<i>Isaiah 36-42</i>	<i>Isaiah 43-49</i>	<i>Isaiah 50-56</i>	<i>Isaiah 57-63</i>
MAY 6	MAY 13	MAY 20	MAY 27	
<i>Isaiah 64-66</i>	<i>Numbers 10-16</i>	<i>Jeremiah 1-7</i>	<i>Jeremiah 8-14</i>	
JUN 3	JUN 10	JUN 17	JUN 24	
<i>Jeremiah 15-21</i>	<i>Jeremiah 22-28</i>	<i>Jeremiah 29-35</i>	<i>Jeremiah 36-42</i>	

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JUL 1	JUL 8	JUL 15	JUL 22	JUL 29
Jeremiah 43-52	Lamentations 1-5	<i>Ezekiel 1-7</i>	Ezekiel 8-14	<i>Ezekiel 15-21</i>
AUG 5	AUG 12	AUG 19	AUG 26	
<i>Ezekiel 22-28</i>	Ezekiel 29-35	Ezekiel 36-42	<i>Ezekiel 43-48</i>	
SEPT 2	SEPT 9	SEPT 16	SEPT 23	SEPT 30
<i>Daniel 1-7</i>	<i>Daniel 8-12</i>	<i>Hosea 1-7</i>	<i>Hosea 8-14</i>	<i>Joel 1-3</i>
OCT 7	OCT 14	OCT 21	OCT 28	
<i>Amos 1-9</i>	Obadiah 1 Jonah 1-4	Micah 1-7	<i>Nahum 1-3</i> <i>Habakkuk 1-3</i>	
NOV 4	NOV 11	NOV 18	NOV 25	
<i>Zephaniah 1-3</i> Haggai 1-2	<i>Veteran's Day</i> <i>No Class</i>	<i>Zechariah 1-7</i>	No Class	
DEC 2	DEC 9	DEC 16	DEC 23	DEC 30
<i>Zechariah 8-14</i>	<i>Malachi 1-4</i>	<i>Matthew 1-7</i>	<i>Matthew 8-14</i>	<i>Matthew 15-21</i>

PRINCIPLES OF *Biblical Interpretation*

Interpretation: Has to do with deciphering, determining, and discovering what the writer of a given passage of scripture meant at the time and in context, when it was written. Clearly, dependence upon the enlightening of the Holy Spirit and prayer are most essential in properly interpreting the Bible (2 Tim. 3:16).

Doing a thorough Bible Study (Interpretation) includes paying attention to and consideration of such technical factors as:

1. **The Context** — the setting, nature, related concerns of a given passage are considered.
2. **The Content** — is the present text related to and consistent with other scriptures?
3. **Grammar** — recognize the relationship of words to one another (e.g., tense, number).
4. **Word Study** — the meaning of words in context as used or understood when written.
5. **Cross Reference** — other biblical passages (near and far) may shed light on a given or passage.
6. **Culture Background** — understanding how people in society related to and lived together, when and where the Bible was written.
7. **History** — consider the way a passage has been interpreted over time since its inception.
8. **Authorship** — the integrity and authority of the writer; (as inspired by the Holy Spirit, e.g., prophet, apostle, or under the supervision of an apostle, as Luke under Paul).

Guidelines for Interpreting the Bible

1. *Understand the writer's meaning.*
2. *Observe the context.*
3. *Accept the limits of revelation (not every subject is address in scriptures).*
4. *Identify the type of writing.*
5. *Use the Bible to interpret itself.*

***Characteristics of a Spiritually Hungry Bible Student:**

- Dependence on the Holy Spirit
- Eagerness to learn about God
- A teachable spirit
- Discipline
- Devoted Prayer life