

## **You Can Read the Entire Bible in 40 Hours**

Some time during the past year I heard that the Bible could be read in less than 40 hours. Although I have read through the Bible several dozen times in several different translations, I had not really tracked how long it took to read the entire Bible. So I decided to read through the Bible in the new Holman Christian Standard Bible and keep track of how long it took to read.

**So how long did it take me to read the Bible?**

**Only 39 hours!**

Thirty of those were in the Old Testament, the record of God dealing primarily with the nation of Israel and the promise of a coming Messiah that would make salvation available to the entire world.

It only took nine hours to read the New Testament, the record of Jesus the Messiah coming into the world and doing for sinners what they couldn't possibly do for themselves.

Only five of the sixty-six books of the Bible took over 90 minutes to read.

Seventeen more took between an hour and an hour and a half.

Nine took between half an hour and an hour.

The remaining forty books all took less than half an hour to read, with twenty six of them taking less than ten minutes!

Perhaps my experience will encourage you to read through the Bible! It doesn't take nearly as long as you think. Of course as a Pastor I would also encourage you to regularly meditate on individual passages in the Bible at a much slower pace! It is also critical to gather with Bible believing Christians to gain a better understanding of the Bible. The main thing is that you respond in obedience to God's truth!

**Let me leave you with the entire breakdown of my reading time below:**

Genesis	1:58
Exodus	1:19
Leviticus	1:03
Numbers	1:19
Deuteronomy	1:19
Joshua	0:50
Judges	0:55
Ruth	0:08
I Samuel	1:14
II Samuel	0:58
I Kings	1:12
II Kings	1:06
I Chronicles	1:01
II Chronicles	1:23
Ezra	0:22
Nehemiah	0:28
Esther	0:15
Job	0:53
Psalms	2:18
Proverbs	0:46
Ecclesiastes	0:15
Song	0:08
Isaiah	1:55
Jeremiah	2:03
Lamentations	0:09
Ezekiel	1:50
Daniel	0:36
Hosea	0:16
Joel	0:06
Amos	0:14
Obadiah	0:02
Jonah	0:04
Micah	0:12
Nahum	0:06
Habakkuk	0:06
Zephaniah	0:06

Haggai	0:04
Zechariah	0:20
Malachi	0:07

**Total Old Testament            30 Hours**

Matthew	1:05
Mark	0:47
Luke	1:10
John	0:55
Acts	1:14
Romans	0:29
I Corinthians	0:29
II Corinthians	0:17
Galatians	0:10
Ephesians	0:08
Philippians	0:07
Colossians	0:06
I Thessalonians	0:06
II Thessalonians	0:04
I Timothy	0:07
II Timothy	0:05
Titus	0:03
Philemon	0:02
Hebrews	0:21
James	0:07
I Peter	0:07
II Peter	0:06
I John	0:07
II John	0:01
III John	0:01
Jude	0:02
Revelation	0:34

**Total New Testament            9 Hours**