

AWAKENING CHURCH'S NEW YEAR READING PLAN: 50 Days Through Genesis

Theme: *"In the Beginning..."*

Note from Ryan Ingram

"This year, we're starting where it all begins—with Genesis. At Awakening, we believe biblical literacy matters—not just getting into God's Word but allowing the Word of God to get into you. It's about seeing God's story as the foundation of your story. Genesis is a book of beginnings: creation, humanity, brokenness, and the first whispers of God's redemptive plan that point us to Jesus. Together, let's take 50 days to read, reflect, and let God shape us as we begin this new year"

Why Genesis?

Genesis is the starting line of Scripture. It introduces us to God as **Creator**, reveals His purpose for humanity, and unpacks the brokenness that marks our world. But even in the mess, we see the seeds of **hope**—a God who is already writing a redemptive story.

By reading Genesis **one chapter per day**, you'll:

1. **Discover** God's story as the foundation of your faith.
 2. **Grow** in understanding God's character—Creator, Sustainer, and Redeemer.
 3. **Let it shape you**—seeing where your story intersects with God's bigger plan.
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How to Engage Each Day

We know it can be overwhelming to start a Bible reading plan. That's why we've designed this to be simple, clear, and practical. You'll only need 10-15 minutes each day:

Follow this Daily Engagement Guide:

1. **S.O.A.P. Method**

S (Scripture): Read the day's chapter from Genesis.

O (Observation): What stood out to you? What do you notice about God or humanity?

A (Application): How does this apply to your life today?

P (Prayer): Close with a prayer—responding to God’s Word.

2. Reflect on Three Key Questions:

What does this chapter teach me about God?

What does this reveal about humanity?

How is God inviting me to respond today?

The Plan: 50 Days in Genesis

Beginning **January 1, 2025**, we’ll read one chapter a day for 50 days. This plan takes us from creation to the story of Joseph, showing us that God’s plans are sovereign, His promises are trustworthy, and His grace meets us right where we are.

Practical Next Steps

1. **Set a Time:** Whether it’s morning coffee, lunchtime, or evening wind-down, pick a time each day to read and reflect.
 2. **Have a Notebook or Journal Ready:** Write down observations, prayers, or anything God reveals as you read.
 3. **Invite Others to Join You:** Growth happens best in community. Share the plan with friends or your small group.
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Let’s Start the Year Strong Together

This isn’t just about ticking boxes on a reading plan. It’s about **meeting God** in the pages of Scripture. As we commit to these 50 days, let’s open our hearts and lives to God’s Word—letting it transform us as we begin 2025.

“In the beginning... God.”

Let’s start *our beginning* with Him!

Reading Plan: January 1 - February 19, 2025.

Week 1: Creation and Fall

Day 1: Jan 1 – Genesis 1: The Beginning of Creation

- Day 2: Jan 2** – Genesis 2: The Garden and Humanity
Day 3: Jan 3 – Genesis 3: The Fall and Promise of Redemption
Day 4: Jan 4 – Genesis 4: Cain, Abel, and Humanity's Spread
Day 5: Jan 5 – Genesis 5: The Genealogy of Adam

Reflection: *Where do you see God's power, creativity, and grace?*

Week 2: The Flood and New Beginnings

- Day 6: Jan 6** – Genesis 6: Noah and the Corruption of Humanity
Day 7: Jan 7 – Genesis 7: The Flood Begins
Day 8: Jan 8 – Genesis 8: The Flood Subsides
Day 9: Jan 9 – Genesis 9: God's Covenant with Noah
Day 10: Jan 10 – Genesis 10: The Nations Descend from Noah
Day 11: Jan 11 – Genesis 11: The Tower of Babel
Day 12: Jan 12 – Genesis 12: The Call of Abram

Reflection: *How does God respond to sin?
What do His promises reveal about His heart?*

Week 3: Abraham's Story of Faith

- Day 13: Jan 13** – Genesis 13: Abram and Lot
Day 14: Jan 14 – Genesis 14: Abram Rescues Lot
Day 15: Jan 15 – Genesis 15: God's Covenant with Abram
Day 16: Jan 16 – Genesis 16: Hagar and Ishmael
Day 17: Jan 17 – Genesis 17: God Renews His Covenant
Day 18: Jan 18 – Genesis 18: Abraham Intercedes for Sodom
Day 19: Jan 19 – Genesis 19: Sodom and Gomorrah

Reflection: *What does Abraham teach us about trusting God's promises?*

Week 4: Isaac, Jacob, and God's Faithfulness

- Day 20: Jan 20** – Genesis 20: Abraham and Abimelek
Day 21: Jan 21 – Genesis 21: Isaac's Birth and Ishmael Sent Away
Day 22: Jan 22 – Genesis 22: Abraham and Isaac on Mount Moriah

Day 23: Jan 23 – Genesis 23: Sarah's Death
Day 24: Jan 24 – Genesis 24: Isaac and Rebekah's Marriage
Day 25: Jan 25 – Genesis 25: Abraham's Death; Jacob and Esau's Birth
Day 26: Jan 26 – Genesis 26: Isaac and God's Blessing

Reflection: How do you see God's faithfulness across generations?

Week 5: Jacob's Journey

Day 27: Jan 27 – Genesis 27: Jacob Deceives Esau
Day 28: Jan 28 – Genesis 28: Jacob's Dream at Bethel
Day 28: Jan 29 – Genesis 29: Jacob, Leah, and Rachel
Day 30: Jan 30 – Genesis 30: Jacob's Growing Family
Day 31: Jan 31 – Genesis 31: Jacob Flees from Laban
Day 32: Feb 1 – Genesis 32: Jacob Wrestles with God
Day 33: Feb 2 – Genesis 33: Jacob Meets Esau

Reflection: Where do you see God shaping Jacob's character and faith?

Week 6: Joseph's Story of Redemption

Day 34: Feb 3 – Genesis 34: The Defiling of Dinah
Day 35: Feb 4 – Genesis 35: God Renews His Promise to Jacob
Day 36: Feb 5 – Genesis 36: Esau's Descendants
Day 37: Feb 6 – Genesis 37: Joseph Sold into Slavery
Day 38: Feb 7 – Genesis 38: Judah and Tamar
Day 39: Feb 8 – Genesis 39: Joseph and Potiphar's Wife
Day 40: Feb 9 – Genesis 40: Joseph Interprets Dreams

Reflection: How does God work through brokenness to accomplish His plan?

Week 7: God's Sovereign Plan Through Joseph

Day 41: Feb 10 – Genesis 41: Joseph Interprets Pharaoh's Dream
Day 42: Feb 11 – Genesis 42: Joseph's Brothers Go to Egypt
Day 43: Feb 12 – Genesis 43: Joseph Sees Benjamin
Day 44: Feb 13 – Genesis 44: Joseph Tests His Brothers

Day 45: Feb 14 – Genesis 45: Joseph Reveals His Identity

Day 46: Feb 15 – Genesis 46: Jacob and His Family Go to Egypt

Day 47: Feb 16 – Genesis 47: Jacob's Family Settles in Egypt

Reflection: *How does Joseph's story remind us of God's sovereignty and forgiveness?*

Week 8: God's Promise Endures

Day 48: Feb 17 – Genesis 48: Jacob Blesses Joseph's Sons

Day 49: Feb 18 – Genesis 49: Jacob Blesses His Sons

Day 50: Feb 19 – Genesis 50: Joseph's Forgiveness and God's Plan

Reflection: *What does Genesis teach us about God's promises, His character, and His plan for redemption?*