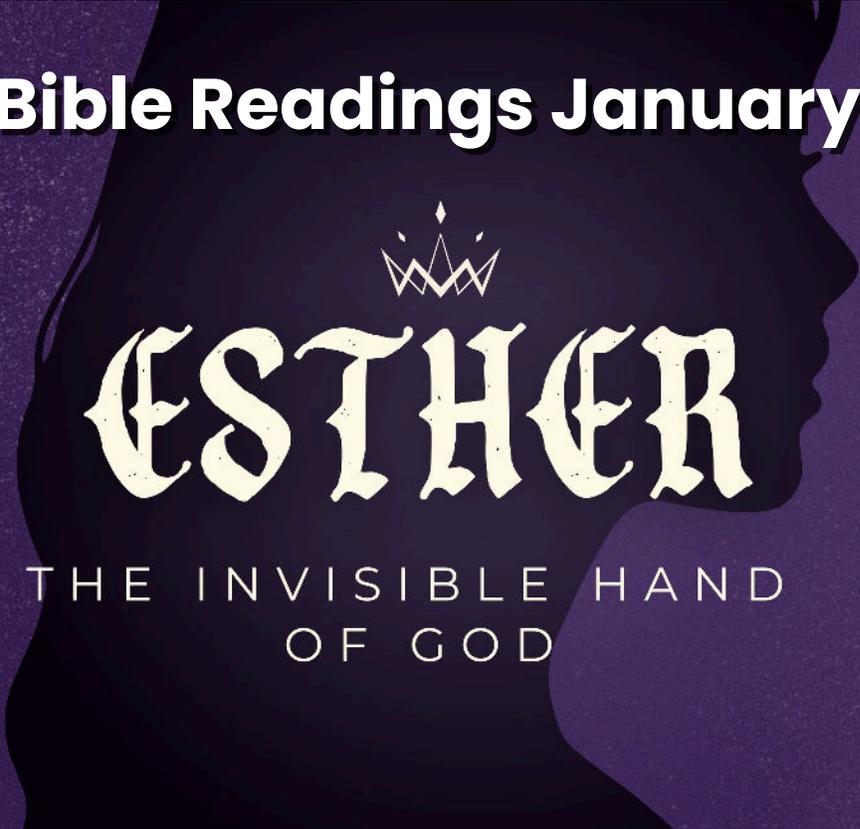


Daily Bible Readings January 2026



ESTHER

THE INVISIBLE HAND
OF GOD

This four-week study explores the themes of God's providence, courage, justice, and faithfulness in the Book of Esther. Each week includes daily readings, a central theme, and a reflection question to help you grow!

Week 1: God's Hidden Hand — Seeing God's Work Behind the Scenes

Even when God's name isn't mentioned, God's hand is at work behind the scenes — setting people and circumstances in place for God's purposes.

Daily Readings:

- Jan 5: Esther 1:1–12 — Queen Vashti's refusal
- Jan 6: Esther 1:13–22 — The king's decree
- Jan 7: Esther 2:1–7 — The introduction of Esther and Mordecai
- Jan 8: Esther 2:8–14 — Esther's preparation
- Jan 9: Esther 2:15–23 — Esther chosen as queen; Mordecai uncovers a plot

Reflection Question: Where might God be working behind the scenes in your own life — arranging circumstances you cannot yet see?

Week 2: Courage & Calling – Stepping Into Purpose

Courage often begins in recognizing that your position and influence have divine purpose – “for such a time as this.”

- Jan 12: Esther 3:1–6 – Haman’s hatred for Mordecai
- Jan 13: Esther 3:7–15 – The decree to destroy the Jews
- Jan 14: Esther 4:1–8 – Mordecai’s plea
- Jan 15: Esther 4:9–12 – Esther’s hesitation
- Jan 16: Esther 4:13–17 – “If I perish, I perish” – Esther’s resolve

Reflection Question: What situations might God be calling you to face with courage and faith, trusting that God has placed you there “for such a time as this”?

Week 3: Divine Reversal – God Turns Evil for Good

God is able to reverse the plots of evil and bring justice, often in unexpected ways.

- Jan 19: Esther 5:1–8 – Esther’s first banquet
- Jan 20: Esther 5:9–14 – Haman’s pride and plans
- Jan 21: Esther 6:1–9 – The king honors Mordecai
- Jan 22: Esther 6:10–14 – Haman’s humiliation
- Jan 23: Esther 7:1–10 – Esther reveals Haman’s plot and Haman’s downfall

Reflection Question: How have you seen God transform a difficult or unjust situation into something that revealed His justice or mercy?

Week 4: Celebration & Legacy – Remembering God’s Faithfulness

God’s deliverance leads to joy, justice, and remembrance. God’s faithfulness invites God’s people to celebrate and continue walking in purpose.

- Jan 26: Esther 8:1–8 – Esther and Mordecai write a new decree
- Jan 27: Esther 8:9–17 – The Jews rejoice
- Jan 28: Esther 9:1–17 – Victory over their enemies
- Jan 29: Esther 9:18–32 – The institution of Purim
- Jan 30: Esther 10:1–3 – Mordecai’s honor and legacy

Reflection Question: What victories or moments of deliverance has God given you that deserve remembrance and gratitude today?