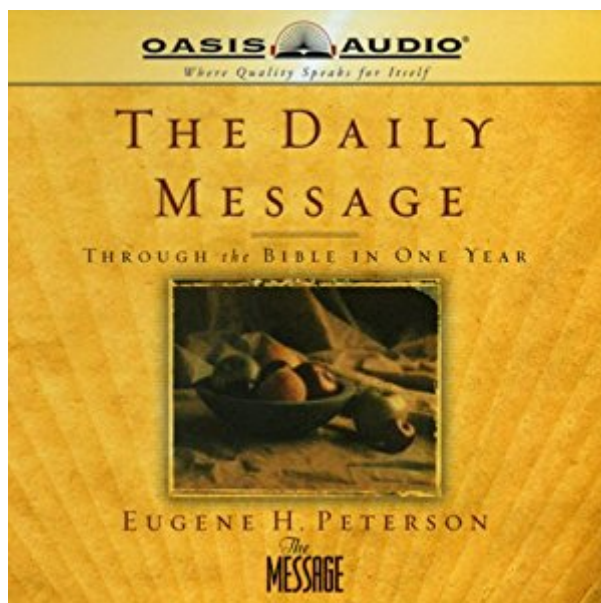


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The Daily Message



Synopsis

Arranged into six readings per week, The Daily Message is the perfect one-year reading Bible that allows for both flexibility and time to let God's Word soak into your heart and mind. Its simple reading plan will revolutionize your devotional times. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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Customer Reviews

Although I generally prefer print books to Kindle, based on the advice of other reviewers who said that the print was too small on the hard copies of this book, I elected a Kindle edition. I'm about 2 1/2 weeks into the book, and I like it. I particularly appreciate that there is one "free" day per week to review and reflect or catch up if I've missed a day. The daily readings take about 10-15 minutes. Right now, this consists of about 3 chapters of Genesis and then one Psalm. When Genesis is finished, the next book is Mark. I'll be glad to have an NT change of pace. I really like the reflection questions at the end of each reading.

I have used the One Year Study Plan for several years, and each year I try to pick a different translation to read. This past year I chose the Message. It was interesting to read through the Bible with this contemporary version, but I must admit, I felt as though I did not enjoy my readings as with other versions I have used. Don't misunderstand me, I enjoy comparing scripture in everyday reading to how the Message translates the passage I am reading, but for a One Year Bible Reading Plan, it just did not feel the same.

The Message brings the Bible to life in the fresh colloquial language of America today, bursting forth with the contemporary spirit of an enthusiastic talk with your neighbor or friend. This reading by Kelly Dolan is superb. He speaks along at a good pace so the listener does not get distracted, and his reading of the story (the Bible) is full of appropriate emotion and energy, unlike the often stuffy recordings of the Bible I have heard in the past. This reading stirs the listener to experience the same kind of lively response that the first readers of the Bible may well have felt! Most days, the Readings are more like 20 minutes than 10 minutes, and they are a mix of a shorter reading of a Psalm or Proverb or a reading from Ecclesiastes or Isaiah, preceded by a longer reading. These readings focus on a New Testament book and then an Old Testament book. In the course of a year, if you read them on schedule, you will read through the entire Protestant version of the Bible. You can start any day as day One and continue forward. A hardcover edition of Daily Bible offers the print version of the same text and is available reasonably from .com. For people who are visual learners like me it is really handy to SEE the text as well as hear it. Also if You would like to listen to a particular text, the book version helps you know what day of the 265 readings that contains the reading you seek. The recorded tracks, when you read their title in iTunes, says only Day Twenty-five, for example, and does not tell you what book and chapters you are hearing. The recording does announce the book and chapter. The same recording of the Message Bible is available in the normal order of the Bible, not broken up into a mix of daily readings. It is The Message Bible: Complete Bible [Audiobook, MP3 Audio, Unabridged] [MP3 CD] at .com a similar price. If you might want to play a reading for a Bible Study it would be easier to find it in this version. I have looked many years for a recording of the Bible that would stir my heart and mind and this is it! A similar recorded version of the Message, The Message Remix Bible: Complete Bible [Audiobook, MP3 Audio, Unabridged] [MP3 CD], offers the same Bible with many books read by different contemporary artists. Some of the readings are still those of Kelly Dolan. While it is interesting to hear the Bible in the voice of some of the musicians I admire, they are not as clear speakers as Dolan.

There are numerous Bible reading plans on the market but this is my favorite. The combination of Bible passages and thought provoking questions is so convenient and is such an easy way to get into the Word and consider its applications to daily life and thought. This translation is such a blessing, it so often clarifies the more obtuse passages, especially Old Testament ones that are more difficult to understand and relate to in our more modern context. My time with this text every

morning has become a necessary practice for me with the purpose of centering and focusing on what God may be speaking into my life. It is not lectio divina but a variation on that theme that I find Spirit filled.

I am reading through this bible with a group of girls, and I love it. Highly recommend. The language is very approachable, and I find that this format keeps me more focused than when I listen to the bible (I used to listen to the daily audio bible everyday- but I think my mind wanders too much when I do that). I also love the order of the books. It's not arranged in the "traditional" bible chronology, but the way it's arranged makes a lot of sense to me, and the old testament books that are harder to get through are always followed by a new testament selection, or an "easier" book from the OT. The questions at the end of each reading are nice, and invite critical thinking and reflection.

I have read through a couple of different One Year Bibles, but I return to this one because I like the format. Eugene Peterson has laid out the Scriptures in an easy to follow format. After reading through a book in the Old Testament, a reader will read through a book in the New. Each day's reading is about 3 chapters depending on the length of the chapters followed by a reading in the Psalms or Proverbs. Pointed questions at the end of each reading help the reader to reflect on what he has just read. The Message translation is a good choice for reading because it is in modern language and is very poetic in the narration adding beauty to the language

I hate devotionals. They are shallow, churchy, and fail to challenge. So when my wife gave me this one, it sat on a shelf for years. Not sure why I picked it up, but I have never put it away. It is stimulating, intellectually and spiritually challenging, encouraging, thought-provoking, and carries the life of the scriptures that inspired it. I start at the front, read several daily, and start over (I was never good with the right one on the right day). If you are in leadership, this is your tool. If you love The Message and would like a guide to look deeper, here it is.

The daily message is easy to integrate into my daily life and the messages are uplifting. I do not feel inadequate or like I need to fix myself all the time unlike when I read a self-help book. I feel uplifted and grateful that I am a child of God. Get this book.

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