

# QTC554. How and why to 'read' the Bible in a year - Part 2. 16 January 2025

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How and why to 'read' the Bible in a year - Part 2 | Malcolm Cox | Quiet Time Coaching Episode 554

## Introduction

Last year, I decided to find a way to have a better feel for Scripture as a whole. Today I would like to tell you the method I used. I am not suggesting you do exactly as I did, but perhaps it will inspire you to develop your own plan.

Let me share my four-step, three-app plan.

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## 1. Open Bible

- My Bible software app of choice is [Accordance](#). I've been using it for 20 years. However, you can use any Bible software whether in an app, or online.
- The 'Chronological Bible' is one of the modules available in Accordance. It contains a plan to read all of the Bible in 12 months. I found this useful because it meant I didn't have to calculate the number of verses or chapters to read each day. One less thing to think about is always helpful!
- Step one - bring up the day's reading.

January 7: Job 8-10

NIV (2011) with G/K Numbers - Job 8:1

**Job 8:1** Then Bildad the Shuhite<sup>a</sup>  
replied:

**Job 8:2** “How long will you say  
such things?<sup>a</sup>

Your words are a  
blustering wind.<sup>b</sup>

**3** Does God pervert justice?<sup>a</sup>  
Does the Almighty pervert  
what is right?<sup>b</sup>

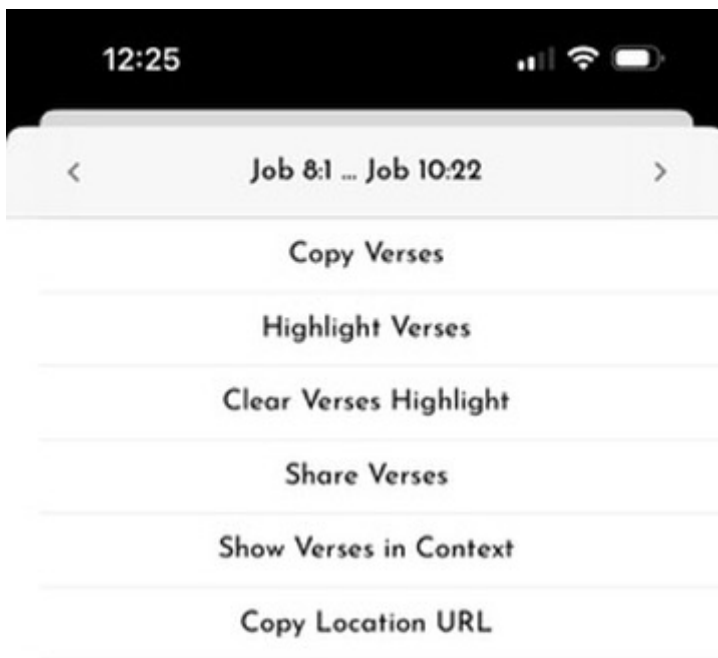
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## 2. Copy

- The Accordance app contains a built-in method for copying Scripture.
- Step 2 - copy that day's reading

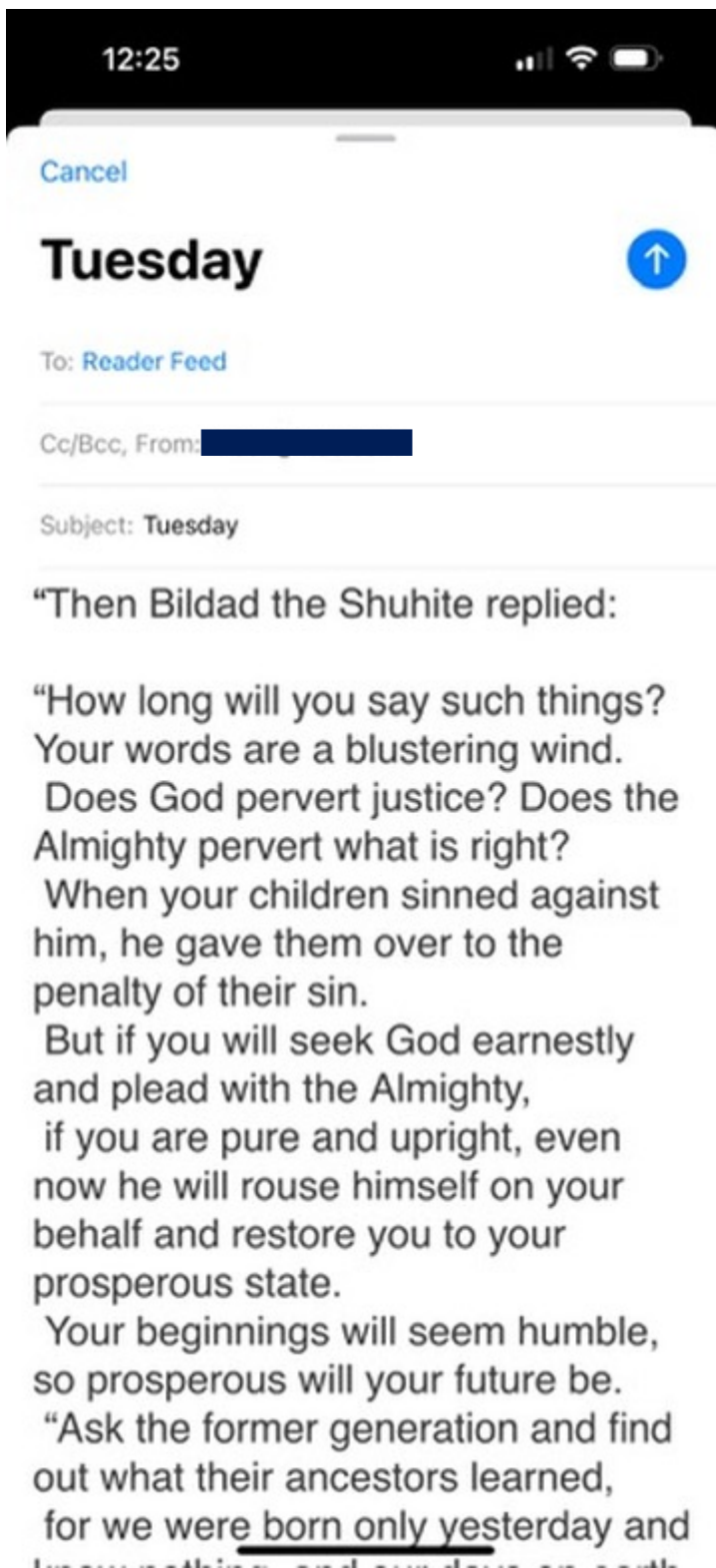


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### 3. Paste

- Step 3 - I open my mail client and paste the text into the message field.
- You will see in the image below that I am sending the text to an app called 'Reader'. I will introduce that in a moment.



## 4. Reader

- Step 4 - I open the Reader app and listen to the day's Scripture reading.
- Often I do this via headphones as part of my prayer walk, or while doing mindless chores.
- Sometimes I read the text as it is being read to me.

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“How long will you say such things? Your words are a blustering wind.

Does God pervert justice? Does the Almighty pervert what is right?

When your children sinned against him, he gave them over to the penalty of their sin.

But if you will seek God earnestly and plead with the Almighty,

if you are pure and upright, even now he will rouse himself on your behalf and restore you to your prosperous state.

Your beginnings will seem humble, so prosperous will your future be.

“Ask the former generation and find out what their ancestors learned,

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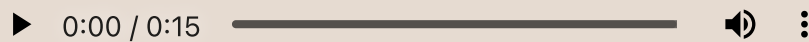
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- Here is what it sounds like:



## Question

What do you think of this method? Does merely listening to the Scripture sound shallow to you? Does the fact that in the first century, most learning was done orally without written text make a difference?

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## Suggestions

If you sense God calling you to something like this, why not design a method for yourself? Please share it; I'd be interested in trying a different method in the future.

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## Conclusion

I am not doing the same thing in 2025, although I plan to cover large quantities of Scripture in the year. I felt deeply enriched by taking this approach in 2024, and I will likely do the same or something very similar in 2026.

Next week, we'll look at the idea of making the Bible your hobby.

Your brother, Malcolm

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Please add your comments on this week's topic. We learn best when we learn in community.

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