

Getting the Most Out of the “Love Makes a Way” Devotional Reading Calendar

What’s this all about?

This calendar will keep you on track in reading salvation history, from beginning to end, through eight of Ellen White’s most significant books. In one year, by simply reading one chapter per day, you will follow the contours of the Great Controversy Theme from the days in heaven before sin existed through to the establishment of God’s Kingdom in the New Earth. Let Jesus change your life one day at a time!

Where did the idea for this come?

The idea was created by Herbert Douglass who introduced it in the daily devotional book, Love Makes a Way (published by Pacific Press). A local church pastor, Jerry Nelson, created the devotional reading calendar.

Why aren’t there Scripture readings for each day?

Column 6 lists the passages of Scripture that the various chapters are based on. Some chapters are topical and don’t have a specific foundational passage so none is given.

Why have columns for the day and the date?

This provides two ways that you can begin the devotional reading program:

1. Start on January 1
2. Start on any day and use the day instead of date column to track your progress.

Why are there columns for Classic Books and Contemporary Adaptations? What are they?

The classic books are the regular Ellen White books. The contemporary adaptations are currently being developed by the Ellen White Estate for five of the eight books. The text basis for the adaptations comes from condensed editions developed in 1983-84 that were based on Ellen White’s original Conflict of the Ages Series. These adaptations are about 70% of the word total as the classic books. Although there is a use of modern words, expressions, and sentence constructions geared for twenty-first century readers it is not a paraphrase. It follows the condensed versions sentence by sentence and maintains the force of Mrs. White’s writing. The hope is that many more readers may experience the life-changing power of these books and their presentation of Bible themes. Also, the New King James version is quoted instead of the older translations that were used in the original series.

Where do I get the books (Classic or Contemporary Adaptations)?

The primary place to secure copies is at your local Adventist Book Center. You can either call (800) 765-6955 or order online at www.adventistbookcenter.com.

How can I maximize the impact that my devotional reading of these books will have?

1. Consistently read a chapter each day. Make a pledge to God that you will not turn on the television or read anything else until you’ve spent time with God and completed your devotional reading for the day.
2. Quiet your mind and pray before reading.
3. Read with pencil in hand to underline the parts of your reading that deeply impact you.
4. After reading spend a few moments of reflecting on what you have read. You can answer questions or complete statements like the following:

Revelation: For me the *Message of the chapter* is:

Relevance: The thing that is *Meaningful to me from this chapter* is:

Response: This chapter *Motivates me to:*

May God richly bless you as you come to know Him and His loving ways more fully through your study.
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