

**"COME NOW, AND LET US REASON TOGETHER, SAITH THE LORD: THOUGH YOUR SINS BE AS SCARLET, THEY SHALL BE AS WHITE AS SNOW; THOUGH THEY BE LIKE CRIMSON, THEY SHALL BE AS WOOL. IF YE BE WILLING AND OBEDIENT, YE SHALL EAT THE GOOD OF THE LAND: BUT IF YOU REFUSE AND REBEL, YE SHALL BE DEVOURED WITH THE SWORD: FOR THE MOUTH OF THE LORD HATH SPOKEN IT." ISAIAH 1:18-20**

**AN APPEAL TO GOVERNORS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

Dear Governor,

Grace, peace, mercy, and compassion be extended you during this season of recompense. In the year of our Lord two thousand and twelve, the enclosed data and proclamations were sent to every Governor in the United States, requesting a response; only one Governor's office replied, ARIZONA.

The Spirit of Truth instructs me to reissue the data and proclamations that each Governor would take serious the truths contained therein. We have not honored nor been respectful of the Word of God; with our lips have we honored Him, but our hearts are far removed from Him. We have rebelled against His Commandments and Precepts.

I am further instructed to encourage you to proclaim days of Prayer, Fasting and Bible Reading. We have no place to go except back to God through His Son, Jesus Christ; the Word became flesh! Faith and Action Ministry, headquartered in Washington, D.C., held its 27th Annual Bible Reading Marathon (May 2016) on the West Plaza of the U.S. Capital. The Word of God was read from Genesis to Revelation without commentary and concluded on National Day of Prayer.

America is without excuse, Faith and Action have been faithful to their charge and commission to this nation. In April, the Governor of IOWA, called for a 99 County Bible Reading Marathon, in session at I prepare this letter to you (June 30th-July 4th). May the Lord richly bless Governor Branstad's obedience in the midst of tremendous opposition. May the Lord show mercy and compassion to the citizens of IOWA.

In closing, our prayers are that each Governor will hear what the Spirit of Truth says, and act swiftly, encouraging citizens of your state to fast, pray, read and meditate on the Word of God, seeking Him for guidance during these perilous times: "Fear God and give glory to Him, for the hour of His judgment is come."

*Praying for  
your state  
7-5-16*

In Christ Jesus, I am,

*JS*  
Joann Stiggers

Resident of Oklahoma City, OK

Note: I serve as a Prayer Coordinator where I worship (Central Seventh Day Adventist Church, OKC) however this a personal appeal out of deep concern for the spiritual condition of our Nation.

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**State of Iowa**  
**Executive Department**

IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF IOWA

**PROCLAMATION**

- WHEREAS,** all Scripture is essential to prepare us to be the people God wants us to be and to accomplish the purpose for which he created us; and
- WHEREAS,** America, being founded upon biblical principles and Judeo-Christian ethics, as taught in the Bible, paid tribute to the Bible for its important influence upon the development of our Nation by many of our great national leaders such as Presidents Washington, Jackson, Lincoln, Wilson; and
- WHEREAS,** President Andrew Jackson called the Bible "the Book on which this Republic rests" and President Abraham Lincoln called the Bible "the best gift God has given to man"; and
- WHEREAS,** Elias Boudinot, Founding Father, President of the Continental Congress and first President of the American Bible Society, acknowledged the Bible as "the Alpha and Omega of knowledge" – the beginning and the end of useful information in every area and called it the most valuable book in the world, the most instructive both to the wise and ignorant; and
- WHEREAS,** President Ronald Reagan said, "Within the covers of the Bible are the answers for all the problems men face"; and
- WHEREAS,** the Bible is recognized as the one true revelation from God, showing the way of Salvation, Truth, and Life, and enriching the daily lives of millions of men and women who through the ages of the Bible was removed from our schools; and
- WHEREAS,** lawmakers, law enforcement, social scientists, civic and church leaders are searching for solutions to the critical problems facing our nation, such as the drug crisis, violence, and social injustice, all of which can be found within God's revealed will for mankind; and
- WHEREAS,** regular Bible reading renews the mind of men, thus transforming the life of the individual which ultimately affects the lives of those in the family, the local community, the state, and the Nation:

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Terry E. Branstad, Governor of the State of Iowa, do hereby encourage all Iowans to join in this historical Iowa 99 County Bible Reading Marathon to take place June 30<sup>th</sup> through July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2016, in front of all 99 courthouses and furthermore, encourage individuals and families in Iowa to read through the Bible on a daily basis each year until the Lord comes.**

**IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I HAVE  
HEREUNTO SUBSCRIBED MY NAME AND  
CAUSED THE GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE  
OF IOWA TO BE AFFIXED. DONE AT DES  
MOINES THIS 26<sup>th</sup> DAY OF APRIL IN  
THE YEAR OF OUR LORD TWO  
THOUSAND SIXTEEN.**

  
**TERRY E. BRANSTAD  
GOVERNOR OF IOWA**

**ATTEST:**

  
  
**PAUL D. PATE  
SECRETARY OF STATE**



FOR SERIOUS CONSIDERATION

*CONGRESS AUTHORIZES AND  
REQUEST PRESIDENT TO  
PROCLAIM 1983 AS*

# "YEAR OF THE BIBLE"

PROCLAMATION SIGNED BY  
PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN ON  
FEBRUARY 3, 1983.

TESTIMONY OF THE 1942 OKLAHOMA NEGRO.





FOR SERIOUS CONSIDERATION

*PROCLAMATION 6100*  
*AN EXECUTIVE ORDER*

"INTERNATIONAL  
YEAR OF  
BIBLE READING"

*PROCLAMATION SIGNED BY*  
*PRESIDENT GEORGE BUSH ON*  
*FEBRUARY 22, 1990.*

# **CONGRESS DECLARES THE BIBLE “THE WORD OF GOD”**

**97<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS JOINT RESOLUTION  
(S.J.Res. 165) 96 Stat. 1211  
Public Law 97-280 – OCTOBER 4, 1982**

**Joint Resolution authorizing and requesting the President to  
Proclaim 1983 as the “Year of the Bible.”**

**Whereas the Bible, the Word of God, has made a unique contribution in shaping the United States as a distinctive and blessed nation and people; and**

**Whereas deeply held religious convictions springing from the Holy Scriptures led to the early settlement of our Nations; and**

**Whereas Biblical teachings inspired concepts of civil government that are contained in our Declaration of Independence and the Constitution of the United States; and**

**Whereas many of our great national leaders – among them Presidents Washington, Jackson, Lincoln, and Wilson – paid tribute to the surpassing influence of the Bible in our country's development, as the word of President Jackson that the Bible is “the rock on which our Republic rests; and**

**Whereas the history of our Nation clearly illustrates the value of voluntarily applying the teachings of the Scriptures in the lives of individuals, families, and societies; and**

**Whereas this Nation now faces challenges that will test this Nation as it has never been tested before; and**

**Whereas that renewing our knowledge of and faith in God through Holy Scripture can strengthen us as a nation and a people: Now, therefore, be it**

**Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President is authorized and requested to designate 1983 as a national “Year of the Bible” in recognition of both the formative influence the Bible has been for our Nation, and our national need to study and apply the teachings of the Holy Scriptures.**

**Approved October 4, 1982**

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES BY AN ACT OF CONGRESS HAS  
DECLARED THAT THE BIBLE IS "THE WORD OF GOD" AND "HOLY SCRIPTURE."  
THE LAW-MAKING BODY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, THE U.S.  
CONGRESS HAS OFFICIALLY DECLARED THE HOLY BIBLE TO BE  
"THE WORD OF GOD."

PUBLIC LAW 97-280 states "that renewing our knowledge of and faith in God through the Holy Scriptures can strengthen us as a nation and a people." The Congress further found that the United States has a "national need to study and apply the teachings of the Holy Scriptures."

Congress said, "the history of our Nation clearly illustrates the value of voluntarily applying the teachings of the scriptures in the lives of individuals, families, and societies." Therefore, disobedience to this law should be discouraged in our own communities and in the nation at large. Under Public Law 97-280 any person or organization attempting in any way to prevent American citizens from voluntarily acquiring that "knowledge of and faith in God through the Holy Scriptures" would be attempting to weaken America. They would be guilty of trying to frustrate "our national need to study and apply the teachings of the Holy Scriptures." Such actions would be in violation of the plain intent of Public Law 97-280 and would probably make the instigators guilty of sedition against the United States of America.

Examples of disobedience to this Law would be any attempts to ban the Bible from the public schools, to actively oppose any Bible study group, or to interfere in any way with Christian Church in its study and dissemination of "the teachings of Holy Scriptures." Any interference with any mail carrying Bible related literature or with any radio or TV broadcast about the Bible would be in violation of this Law.

On the positive side, filling that "national need to study and apply the teachings of the Holy Scriptures" should become one of the goals of those in government at all levels. Public servants should take action in their own departments or under their own realm of authority to conform to Public Law 97-280. All Elementary and High School Principals, Superintendents and College Presidents should be urged to take immediate steps to add courses of Bible to their school's curriculum to bring them into conformity with the intent of the People's Congress. To strengthen our nation, courses of study of "the Holy Scriptures" should be made part of every public and private school day.

The People of the United States, through their elected Representatives in the U.S. Congress have spoken. Public Law 97-280, with its forthright declaration that the Book which tells the story of Jesus Christ is the "Word of God," and its positive statements about the benefits to our nation and our People which come from the "Holy Scriptures," can be another significant step toward that day when "every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father." America, whether she at this time understands the full significance of this or not, has proclaimed to her own citizens and to the World that America's well-being depends on how well she knows and applies the "teachings of the Holy Scripture." We should all pray that God Almighty will bless America by giving her elected Representatives in Congress the wisdom and the ability to act faithfully upon their own words as stated in Public Law 97-280.

Pastor Sheldon Emry

# PROCLAMATION 5018

YEAR OF THE BIBLE - 1983  
SIGNED INTO EFFECT ON FEBRUARY 3, 1983

By the President of the United States of America

Of the many influences that have shaped the United States of America into a distinctive Nation and people, none may be said to be more fundamental and enduring than the Bible.

Deep religious beliefs stemming from the Old and New Testaments of the Bible inspired many of the early settlers of our country, providing them with the strength, character, convictions, and faith necessary to withstand great hardship and danger in this new and rugged land. These shared beliefs helped forge a sense of common purpose among the widely dispersed colonies - a sense of community which laid the foundation for the spirit of nationhood that was to develop in later decades.

The Bible and its teachings helped form the basis for the Founding Fathers' abiding belief in the inalienable rights of the individual. This same sense of man patterned the conviction of those who framed the English system of law inherited by our own Nation, as well as the ideals set forth in the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution.

For centuries the Bible's emphasis on compassion and love for our neighbor has inspired institutional and governmental expressions of benevolent outreach such as private charity, the establishment of schools and hospitals, and the abolition of slavery.

Many of our greatest national leaders - among them Presidents Washington, Jackson, Lincoln, and Wilson, have recognized the influence of the Bible on our country's development. The plainspoken Andrew Jackson referred to the Bible as no less than "the rock on which our Republic rests." Today our beloved America and, indeed, the world, is facing a decade of enormous challenge. As a people we may well be tested as we have seldom, if ever, been tested before. We will need resources of spirit even more than resources of technology, education, and armaments.

There could be no more fitting moment than now to reflect with gratitude, humility, and urgency upon the wisdom revealed to us in the writing that Abraham Lincoln called "the best gift God has ever given to man ... But for it we could not know right from wrong."

The Congress of the United States, in recognition of the unique contribution of the Bible in shaping the history and character of this Nation, and so many of its citizens, has by Senate Joint resolution 165 authorized and requested the President to designate the year 1983 as the "Year of the Bible."

Now, Therefore, I, Ronald Reagan, President of the United States of America, in recognition of the contributions and influences of the Bible on our Republic and our people, do hereby proclaim 1983 the Year of the Bible in the United States. I encourage all citizens, each in his or her own way, to reexamine and rediscover its priceless and timeless message.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this third day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and eighty-three, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and seventh.

Ronald Reagan

**PROCLAMATION 6100**  
**INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF BIBLE READING**  
**FEBRUARY 22, 1990**

By the President of the United States of America

Among the great books produced throughout the history of mankind, the Bible has been prized above all others by generations of men and women around the world - by people of every age, every race, and every walk of life.

The Bible has had a critical impact upon the development of Western civilization. Western literature, art, and music are filled with images and ideas that can be traced to its pages. More important, our moral tradition has been shaped by the laws and teachings it contains. It was a biblical view of man - one affirming the dignity and worth of the human person, made in the image of our Creator - that inspired the principles upon which the United States is founded. President Jackson called the Bible "the rock on which our Republic rests" because he knew that it shaped the Founding Fathers' concept of individual liberty and their vision of a free and just society.

The Bible has not only influenced the development of our Nation's values and institutions but also enrich the daily lives of millions of men and women who have looked to it for comfort, hope, and guidance. On the American frontier, the Bible was often the only book a family owned. For those pioneers living far from any church or school, it served both as a source of religious instruction and as the primary text from which children learned to read. The historic speeches of Abraham Lincoln and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., provide compelling evidence of the role Scripture played in shaping the struggle against slavery and discrimination. Today the Bible continues to give courage and direction to those who seek truth and righteousness. In recognizing its enduring value, we recall the words of the prophet Isaiah, who declared, "The grass withereth, the flower fadeth; but the word of our God shall stand forever."

Containing revelations of God's intervention in human history, the Bible offers moving testimony to His love for mankind. Treasuring the Bible as a source of knowledge and inspiration, president Abraham Lincoln called this great Book "the best gift God has given to man." President Lincoln believed that the Bible not only reveals the infinite goodness of our Creator, but also reminds us of our worth as individuals and our responsibilities toward one another.

President Woodrow Wilson likewise recognized the importance of the Bible to its readers. "The Bible is the word of life," he once said. Describing its contents, he added: You will find it full of real men and women not only but also of the things you have wondered about and been troubled about all your life, as men have been always; and the more you will read it the more it will become plain to you what things are worth while and what are not, what things make men happy - loyalty, right dealing, speaking truth ... and the things that are guaranteed to make men unhappy - selfishness, cowardice, greed, and everything that is low and mean. When you have read the Bible you will know that it is the Word of God, because you will have found it the key to your own heart, your own happiness, and your own duty.

President Wilson believed that the Bible helps its readers find answers to the mysteries and sorrows that often trouble the souls of men.

Cherished for centuries by men and women around the world, the Bible's value is timeless. Its significance transcends the boundaries between nations and languages because it carries a universal message to every human heart. This year numerous individuals and associations around the world will join in a campaign to encourage voluntary study of the Bible. Their efforts are worthy of recognition and support.

In acknowledgment of the inestimable value and timeless appeal of the Bible, the Congress, by Senate Joint Resolution 164, has designated the year 1990 as the "International Year of Bible Reading, and has authorized and requested the President to issue a proclamation in observance of this year.

NOW, THERE, I GEORGE BUSH, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim the year 1990 as the International Year of Bible Reading. I invite all Americans to discover the great inspiration and knowledge that can be obtained through thoughtful reading of the Bible.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this twenty-second day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and ninety, and of the independence of the United States of America the two hundred and fourteenth.

GEORGE BUSH