The 30-day Overview

This plan covers the whole book in a month. The days are sized by reading time, not by the number of verses. This is why the early days cover only a few dozen verses each, while the last days cover twenty suras. Each day takes roughly twenty minutes.

Day 1	**Sura 1 and [2:1-39]**	Which of the three kinds of people described at the start of sura 2 would an honest observer put me in?
Day 2	**[2:40-152]**	What has been given to me that I have treated the way this passage says earlier communities treated what they were given?
Day 3	**[2:153-286]**	This is the densest block of law in the book. Which single instruction in it am I not keeping?
Day 4	**[3:1-120]**	What do I do with the verses I do not understand, and is that what this passage says to do with them?
Day 5	**[3:121-200]**	Where in my life am I being asked to be steadfast, and am I?
Day 6	**[4:1-104]**	Which of the people named in this passage (orphans, women, relatives, the poor) have I been unfair to and not noticed?
Day 7	**[4:105-176]**	Have I ever been fair in public and unfair in private about the same thing?
Day 8	**[5:1-50]**	What have I promised and not kept?
Day 9	**[5:51-120]**	What does this passage say about Jesus that I was taught differently?
Day 10	**[6:1-110]**	Sura 6 argues monotheism from first principles. Which of its arguments would I struggle to answer if it were turned on me?
Day 11	**[6:111-165]**	[6:145] lists what is prohibited. What else have I been avoiding, and who told me to?
Day 12	**Sura 7**	The same story, told seven times with different messengers. What is the constant?
Day 13	**Suras 8 and 9**	Sura 9 is the one chapter with no opening Basmalah. Read it knowing that.
Day 14	**Suras 10 and 11**	[11:114] is here, and it is one of the four places the prayer times come from. Did I notice it in passing?
Day 15	**Sura 12, whole, in one sitting**	The only sustained narrative in the book. Where in it does Joseph stop being a victim of the story and start being a participant in it?
Day 16	**Suras 13, 14 and 15**	[14:7] is the promise about gratitude. What would a week look like if I believed it literally?
Day 17	**Suras 16 and 17**	Sura 16 is called The Bee. Why does a book about God spend this long on livestock, fruit and honey? And [17:22-39] is a list of commandments. How many of them could I have named before reading it?

Day 18	**Suras 18, 19 and 20**	Three accounts of people entirely alone with God: the youths in the cave, Mary, and Moses at the fire. What does each of them do first?
Day 19	**Suras 21, 22 and 23**	[23:1-11] describes the successful believer in eleven verses. Which item on the list is missing from me?
Day 20	**Suras 24, 25 and 26**	[25:63-77] describes the worshippers of the Most Gracious. Would anyone who watched me this week have recognised me in it?
Day 21	**Suras 27, 28 and 29**	[29:2-3] says the test is the point, and not an interruption to it. Does that change what this year has been?
Day 22	**Suras 30 to 33**	[33:35] addresses men and women in identical terms ten times over. What have I been taught that this verse contradicts?
Day 23	**Suras 34 to 39**	Sura 39 ends the section and contains [39:53]. Read the last twenty verses slowly.
Day 24	**Suras 40 to 46**	The seven H.M. suras, read as the set they are. Something changes in the tone here. What?
Day 25	**Suras 47 to 51**	[51:56] states what I exist for in nine words. How much of yesterday went on it?
Day 26	**Suras 52 to 57**	Sura 55 repeats one question thirty-one times. Why does repetition work on a person when argument does not?
Day 27	**Suras 58 to 66**	[59:22-24] names God more times in three verses than most chapters manage. Read it out loud.
Day 28	**Suras 67 to 77**	The verses are shortening now and the subject is narrowing. What is it narrowing to?
Day 29	**Suras 78 to 92**	These are the suras most people half know. Read them as though you had never heard them.
Day 30	**Suras 93 to 114**	You have now read the whole thing. What did you expect to find that was not there, and what was there that you did not expect?