

Heroes of the Old Testament

8 Week Bible Reading Plan

You are invited to join in an 8-week Bible Reading Plan that you can start anytime.

This Bible Reading Plan covers 13 “heroes” of the Old Testament. We use the term “hero” loosely, because these men and women were still sinners in need of God’s grace, and yet God chose them to be a part of His great plan of salvation.

Each account is of a person who actually lived a life of faith on this earth. Life was not easy for any of them, yet God worked in amazing ways to reveal His glory and grace.

We read these stories, not just because they are fascinating, but because they have something to say about God and how He relates to us, His people. These accounts give warnings and promises, Law and Gospel. We recognize human sin and God’s grace in each account, and in reading them we grow closer to God and more aware of His work in our lives.

About this Bible Reading Plan

There are 6 selected Old Testament Readings for each week, starting on Monday. Each week concludes by reading the Sunday Worship Readings (from that Sunday’s scripture readings).

Each reading is about a chapter in length, and should take 5-10 minutes to read straight through.

Check off each box as you finish each passage.

This only scratches the surface, so feel free to read a little before and after each passage for more context if you have time. Explore!

How to Read Your Bible

1. Find a quiet place and time where you can spend 10 minutes alone.
2. Say a brief prayer and ask God to for His guidance as you read.
3. Get out your Bible and open to the selected passage.
4. Read the passage straight through.
5. Go back, and look for what it says about God, His thoughts, words and actions.
6. Underline the most meaningful verse(s).
7. Finish by praying that God would help you to take this word to heart.
8. Share with someone during your day what you read and noticed.

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Week 1– Noah & Abraham

- Genesis 6, 1-22, Noah Builds the Ark
- Genesis 7:1-24, Noah in the Ark
- Genesis 8:1-22, Noah Saved
- Genesis 12:1-9, 15:1-21, God’s Promise to Abraham
- Genesis 18:1-15, 16-33 Three visitors/Abraham Pleads with God
- Genesis 22:1-19, Abraham Tested
- Sunday Worship Readings

Week 2– Joseph

- Genesis 37:1-11, Joseph’s Dreams
- Genesis 37:12-36, Joseph Sold into Slavery
- Genesis 39:1-23, Joseph and Potiphar
- Genesis 41:1-57, Joseph and Pharaoh
- Genesis 42:1-38, Joseph’s Brothers
- Genesis 45:1-28, Joseph Reveals Himself
- Sunday Worship Readings

Week 3– Moses

- Exodus 1:1-2:10, Birth of Moses
- Exodus 3:1-22, Call of Moses
- Exodus 11:1-12:13, Passover
- Exodus 12:29-42, Passover
- Exodus 13:17-14:31 Crossing of the Red Sea
- Exodus 20:1-21, Ten Commandments
- Sunday Worship Readings

Week 4– Joshua / Ruth

- Joshua 1:1-18, Joshua’s Commission
- Joshua 3:9-4:13, Crossing the Jordan
- Joshua 5:13-6:25, the Fall of Jericho
- Ruth 1:1-22, Naomi and Ruth
- Ruth 2:1-23, Ruth & Boaz
- Ruth 4:1-22, Boaz Marries Ruth

- Sunday Worship Readings

Week 5 – Hannah / Samuel

- 1 Samuel 1:1-20, Hannah’s Request
- 1 Samuel 1:24-2:11, Hannah’s Prayer
- 1 Samuel 3:1-21, Samuel Called
- 1 Samuel 8:1-22, Israel Asks for a King
- 1 Samuel 12:1-24, Samuel Teaches Israel
- 1 Samuel 16:1-13, Samuel anoints David
- Sunday Worship Readings

Week 6– David

- 1 Samuel 17:1-50, David & Goliath
- 1 Samuel 18:1-30, Saul’s Jealousy
- 1 Samuel 26:1-25, David Spares Saul
- 2 Samuel 5:1-15, David Becomes King
- 2 Samuel 7:1-29, God’s Promise to David
- 2 Samuel 11:1-12:14, David & Bathsheba
- Sunday Worship Readings

Week 7– Elijah / Elisha

- 1 Kings 17:1-24, Elijah and the Widow
- 1 Kings 18:16-39, Showdown on Mt. Carmel
- 1 Kings 2:1-18, Elijah Taken to Heaven
- 1 Kings 4:8-36, The Shunammite’s Son
- 1 Kings 5:1-14, Naaman Healed
- Sunday Worship Readings

Week 8– Daniel / Isaiah

- Daniel 1:1-21, Daniel’s Training
- Daniel 5:1-31, Writing on the Wall
- Daniel 6:1-28, In the Lions’ Den
- Isaiah 6:1-13, Call of Isaiah
- Isaiah 9:1-7, Unto Us a Child
- Isaiah 11:1-16, A Branch from Jesse
- Sunday Worship Readings