

THE OLD TESTAMENT

StoryGuide Scriptures Reading Chart

Come Follow Me Selections, 2022

MOSES (<i>Pearl of Great Price</i>)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8*
THE LAW (<i>or, Torah, Pentateuch, books of Moses</i>)								
GENESIS								
Primeval history								
ABRAHAM (<i>Pearl of Great Price</i>)								
Abraham and Isaac c. 1800BC								
Jacob								
Joseph								
EXODUS c. 1400BC								
Out of Egypt by signs and wonders								
Traveling to Mount Sinai								
Covenant at Mount Sinai								
Planning God's tabernacle								
Rebellion and reconciliation								
Making God's tabernacle								
LEVITICUS								
Types of offerings								
Ceremonial cleanness								
Various laws								
Holy days and times; Promises								
NUMBERS								
At Sinai: Ordering the tribes								
From Sinai to Kadesh: Prophecy								
Rebellions at the edge of Canaan								
Enemy nations; Laws and offerings								
Tribal land divisions								
DEUTERONOMY								
Historical review								
Law review								
Worship laws								
Societal laws								
Promised blessings and curses								
Leadership changes								
HISTORY								
JOSHUA c. 1300BC								
Conquest of Canaan								
Territorial divisions								
JUDGES								
Cycles of captivity and deliverance								
Samson								
Wickedness								

RUTH	1	2	3	4
1 SAMUEL [†]				
Samuel, the last judge				
Reign of Saul				
David in Saul's court				
David the outlaw				
2 SAMUEL—Reign of David c. 1000BC				
Reign over unified Israel				
David's sin and consequences				
An end of conflicts				
1 AND 2 KINGS [†]				
Unified Israel under Solomon c. 970BC				
Divided kingdoms c. 930BC				
House of Jeroboam: Calf worship				
House of Omri: Elijah vs Baal				
House of Jehu: Elisha vs Calf				
Assyrian crisis				
Lone kingdom of Judah c. 721BC				
Babylonian crisis				
1 CHRONICLES [†]				
Genealogies				
Reign of David c. 1000BC				
Reign over unified Israel				
Preparing for the temple				
2 CHRONICLES				
Unified Israel under Solomon c. 970BC				
Divided kingdoms c. 930BC				
Time of the house of Jeroboam				
Time of the house of Omri				
Time of the house of Jehu				
Assyrian crisis				
Lone kingdom of Judah c. 721BC				
EZRA c. 540BC				
NEHEMIAH c. 445BC				
Dedicating the walls				
ESTHER c. 400BC				
WISDOM (<i>or, poetry</i>)				
JOB				
First cycle of speeches				
Second cycle of speeches				
Third cycle of speeches				
Elihu's response				
The Lord's response				

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*Rounded columns indicate parallel chapters. I.e., Genesis 1 parallels Moses 2 and Abraham 4, etc.

[†]The books of 1 and 2 Samuel were originally one book that was later divided. The same is true of 1 and 2 Kings, as well as 1 and 2 Chronicles.

PSALMS	1 2
Book 1: David the outlaw	3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41
Book 2: Reign of David	42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49 50 51 52 53 54 55 56 57 58 59 60 61 62 63 64 65 66 67 68 69 70 71 72
Book 3: Divided kingdoms	73 74 75 76 77 78 79 80 81 82 83 84 85 86 87 88 89
Book 4: Babylonian captivity	90 91 92 93 94 95 96 97 98 99 100 101 102 103 104 105 106
Book 5: The return	107 108 109 110 111 112 113 114 115 116 117 118 119 120 121 122 123 124 125 126 127 128 129 130 131 132 133 134 135 136 137 138 139 140 141 142 143 144 145 146 147 148 149 150

PROVERBS	
Lady Wisdom	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9
Proverbs of Solomon	10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21
Words of the wise	22 23 24
Hezekiah's collection	25 26 27 28 29
Words of Agur and Lemuel	30 31
ECCLESIASTES	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12
SONG OF SOLOMON	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

THE PROPHETS

Major prophets

ISAIAH c. 740BC	1
Judgment	
Sins of Judah and Jerusalem	2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12
Judgments against foreign nations	13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23
Judgment and promise	24 25 26 27
Woes	28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35
Historical interlude	36 37 38 39
Comfort	
Restoration of Israel	40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48
The suffering servant	49 50 51 52 53 54 55 56 57
Future peace	58 59 60 61 62 63 64 65 66
JEREMIAH c. 620BC	1
Sins of the Jews	2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12
Judgments against the Jews	13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25
Restoration of the Jews	26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35
Historical interlude	36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45
Judgments against foreign nations	46 47 48 49 50 51 52
LAMENTATIONS c. 586BC	1 2 3 4 5

Assyrian crisis

Babylonian crisis

EZEKIEL c. 590BC	
Judgments against Israel	1 2 3 4 5 6 7
Departing the temple	8 9 10 11 12
Allegories and parables	13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24
Judgments against foreign nations	25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32
Comfort for Israel	33 34 35 36 37 38 39
Restoration of temple and Jerusalem	40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48
DANIEL c. 600BC	
History	1 2 3 4 5 6
Prophecies	7 8 9 10 11 12
Minor prophets	
HOSEA	1 2 3
Judgments and prophecies	4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14
JOEL*	1 2 3
AMOS	1 2
Judgments and prophecies	3 4 5 6 7 8 9
OBADIAH*	1
JONAH	1 2 3 4
MICAH	1 2 3 4 5 6 7
NAHUM	1 2 3
HABBAKUK	1 2 3
ZEPHANIAH	1 2 3
HAGGAI c. 520BC	1 2
ZECHARIAH c. 520BC	
Visions	1 2 3 4 5 6
Messages and prophecies	7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14
MALACHI c. 400BC	1 2 3 4

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*Joel and Obadiah are probably the least datable books. Brief, they contain very few details that allow readers to place them in a specific historical setting with any degree of certainty.

Prophetic book titles in colored bars indicate the time period they are set in the historical books. For example, the prophetic books of Jeremiah, Lamentations, Ezekiel, and Daniel (purple titles) are set during the Babylonian crisis of 2 Kings 24–25 / 2 Chronicles 26 (purple chapter number boxes).

The Old Testament has 929 chapters, so:

If you read ...	Then you'll finish the book in about ...
8 chapters/day	= 4 months
4 chapters/day	= 8 months
3 chapters/day	= 10 months
2½ chapters/day	= 1 year
1 chapter/day	= 2½ years

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