

THE OLD TESTAMENT

StoryGuide Scriptures Reading Chart

with the Pearl of Great Price

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				

Return

*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.

Assyrian crisis	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
Babylonian crisis	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
Return	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. 740 BC	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
Assyrian crisis	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. 620 BC	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
Babylonian crisis	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. 586 BC	1 2 3 4 5

Assyrian crisis	EZEKIEL c. 590 BC	
	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. 600 BC	
	History	1 2 3 4 5 6
	Prophecies	7 8 9 10 11 12
Babylonian crisis	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
Return	HABBAKUK	1 2 3
	ZEPHANIAH	1 2 3
	HAGGAI c. 520 BC	1 2
	ZECHARIAH c. 520 BC	
	Visions	1 2 3 4 5 6
	Messages and prophecies	7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14
	MALACHI c. 400 BC	1 2 3 4

*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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