

The History of Israel in the Old Testament

Reading Plan for 2021

This plan covers the history of Israel from the creation through the return from exile. As you read, consider the providence and plan of God for his people.

First Group Returns under Zerubbabel

Mon 15-Nov	Proclamation of Cyrus, temple vessels restored	Ezra 1
Tue 16-Nov	Arrival in Jerusalem, temple restoration begins	Ezra 3
Wed 17-Nov	The work is stopped by the Samaritans	Ezra 4
Thu 18-Nov	Work resumes. Tattenai writes Darius to stop work	Ezra 5
Fri 19-Nov	Darius allows temple completion. Passover observed	Ezra 6

Queen Esther in Persia

Mon 22-Nov	Banquet of Ahasuerus, Queen Vashti is deposed	Esth 1
Tue 23-Nov	The rise of Mordecai and Esther	Esth 2
Wed 24-Nov	Haman plots against the Jews	Esth 3
Thu 25-Nov	Mordecai and Esther resolve to intercede	Esth 4
Fri 26-Nov	Esther plans a banquet	Esth 5
Mon 29-Nov	Haman is forced to honor Mordecai	Esth 6
Tue 30-Nov	The fall of Haman	Esth 7
Wed 1-Dec	Morecai promoted, has plan to help the Jews	Esth 8
Thu 2-Dec	The Jews legally destroy their enemies. Feast of Purim	Esth 9-10

Second Group Returns under Ezra

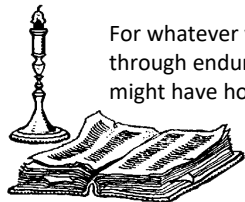
Fri 3-Dec	Ezra receives decree from Artaxerxes	Ezra 7
Mon 6-Dec	Journey to Jerusalem without a guard	Ezra 8
Tue 7-Dec	Ezra informed problems, offers public prayer	Ezra 9
Wed 8-Dec	Ezra demands separation from the people of the land	Ezra 10

Third Group Returns under Nehemiah

Thu 9-Dec	Nehemiah grieves that Jerusalem is not rebuilt	Neh 1
Fri 10-Dec	Nehemiah returns, tours Jerusalem's walls at night	Neh 2
Mon 13-Dec	Repairs on the wall and its gates	Neh 3
Tue 14-Dec	Enemies conspire to fight, but are foiled	Neh 4
Wed 15-Dec	Injustice among the Israelites, Nehemiah's example	Neh 5
Thu 16-Dec	Plots against Nehemiah, but wall is completed	Neh 6, 7:1-4

Rebuilding Spiritual Israel

Fri 17-Dec	Ezra's public reading of the law, feast of booths	Neh 8
Mon 20-Dec	The Levites confess Israel's sins	Neh 9
Tue 21-Dec	Rededication to serving Jehovah	Neh 10:28-39
Wed 22-Dec	Restoring Levite's portions, Sabbath, and Marriages	Neh 13



For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. Romans 15:4

Creation to Abraham

Mon 4-Jan	Creation of the earth	Gen 1
Tue 5-Jan	Creation of man	Gen 2
Wed 6-Jan	Temptation and fall	Gen 3
Thu 7-Jan	Cain and Abel	Gen 4
Fri 8-Jan	Descendants of Adam and Seth	Gen 5
Mon 11-Jan	Noah and the flood	Gen 6-7
Tue 12-Jan	The flood subsides	Gen 8
Wed 13-Jan	God's covenant with Noah	Gen 9

Abraham

Thu 14-Jan	God's promises, journey to Egypt	Gen 12
Fri 15-Jan	Separating from Lot	Gen 13
Mon 18-Jan	Rescuing Lot, Melchizedek	Gen 14
Tue 19-Jan	Promised a Son	Gen 15
Wed 20-Jan	Sarai, Hagar, and Ishmael	Gen 16
Thu 21-Jan	The covenant of circumcision	Gen 17
Fri 22-Jan	Promise of Isaac, negotiating for Sodom	Gen 18
Mon 25-Jan	Sodom & Gomorrah destroyed, Lot saved	Gen 19
Tue 26-Jan	Sarah & Abimelech, Isaac born	Gen 20
Wed 27-Jan	Isaac is born, Ishmael cast out	Gen 21
Thu 28-Jan	Offering of Isaac on Mt. Moriah	Gen 22
Fri 29-Jan	Sarah's death	Gen 23
Mon 1-Feb	Rebekah, a bride for Isaac. Abraham's death	Gen 24

Isaac

Tue 2-Feb	Abraham dies. Jacob and Esau are born	Gen 25
Wed 3-Feb	Isaac & Abimelech	Gen 26
Thu 4-Feb	Jacob's deception and Isaac's blessing	Gen 27

Jacob (Israel)

Fri 5-Feb	Jacob sent to Haran, his dream & vow	Gen 28
Mon 8-Feb	Tricked by Laban into marrying Leah	Gen 29
Tue 9-Feb	Marries Rachel, 12 sons, prospers working for Laban	Gen 30
Wed 10-Feb	Leaves secretly to return to Canaan, pursued by Laban	Gen 31

Thu 11-Feb	Prepares to meet Esau, wrestles with angel	Gen 32	Mon 27-Sep	Elijah flees, anoints Elisha	1Kng 19
Fri 12-Feb	Meets Esau, settles in Shechem	Gen 33	Tue 28-Sep	War with Aram, Ahab spared by God, then denounced	1Kng 20
Mon 15-Feb	Rape of Dinah & massacre at Shechem	Gen 34	Wed 29-Sep	Ahab and Jezebel	1Kng 21
Tue 16-Feb	Covenant at Bethel, deaths of Isaac & Rachel	Gen 35	Thu 30-Sep	Jehoshaphat joins Ahab, Ahab defeated	1Kng 22
Joseph			Fri 1-Oct	Captains of 50 try to arrest Elijah for Ahaziah	2Kng 1
Wed 17-Feb	Joseph's dreams, sold by his brothers	Gen 37	The Period of Elisha		
Thu 18-Feb	Judah & Tamar	Gen 38	Mon 4-Oct	Elisha succeeds Elijah, is mocked by young men	2Kng 2
Fri 19-Feb	In Potiphar's house in Egypt	Gen 39	Tue 5-Oct	Jehoram & Jehoshaphat defeat Moab with Elisha's help	2Kng 3
Mon 22-Feb	Interpreting dreams in prison	Gen 40	Wed 6-Oct	The widow's oil, Shunammite woman, poisonous stew	2Kng 4
Tue 23-Feb	Interpreting Pharaoh's dream, second in Egypt	Gen 41	Thu 7-Oct	Naaman's leprosy cured, transferred to Gehazi	2Kng 5
Wed 24-Feb	His brothers come to Egypt for food	Gen 42	Fri 8-Oct	Foils king of Aram's plot, Benhadad besieges Samaria	2Kng 6
Thu 25-Feb	Brothers come again bringing Benjamin	Gen 43	Mon 11-Oct	Elisha predicts end of siege	2Kng 7
Fri 26-Feb	Joseph conspires to keep Benjamin in Egypt	Gen 44	Tue 12-Oct	Shunammite's land, more kings	2Kng 8
Mon 1-Mar	Reunited with his brothers	Gen 45	Wed 13-Oct	Jehu kills Joram, Ahazia, Jezebel, & sons of Ahab	2Kng 9
Tue 2-Mar	Jacob and family move to Egypt	Gen 46:1-7, 47	Thu 14-Oct	Jehu eradicates Baal worship, does not follow Jehovah	2Kng 10
Wed 3-Mar	The last days of Jacob. He blesses his sons	Gen 48-49	Fri 15-Oct	Athaliah usurps throne, Joash reinstated	2Kng 11
Thu 4-Mar	The death of Jacob and Joseph	Gen 50	Mon 18-Oct	Joash repairs temple, is killed by conspiracy	2Kng 12
Israel in Egypt			Tue 19-Oct	Wars with Syria, Jehoash visits Elisha, Elisha dies	2Kng 13
Fri 5-Mar	Oppression of the Israelites	Ex 1	The Fall of Israel		
Mon 8-Mar	Birth and early life of Moses	Ex 2	Wed 20-Oct	Amaziah, Jehoash, Jeroboam II, Azariah	2Kng 14
Tue 9-Mar	God calls Moses (burning bush)	Ex 3	Thu 21-Oct	Several kings in Israel, Tiglath-pileser takes captives	2Kng 15
Wed 10-Mar	Moses returns to Egypt and confronts Pharaoh	Ex 4-5	Fri 22-Oct	Ahaz requests aid from Tiglath-pileser against Israel	2Kng 16
Thu 11-Mar	God reaffirms promises to Moses	Ex 6	Mon 25-Oct	Shalmaneser conquers Israel, people deported	2Kng 17
Fri 12-Mar	Plagues: blood, frogs, gnats, flies	Ex 7-8	The Fall of Judah		
Mon 15-Mar	Plagues: livestock dies, boils, hail, locusts, darkness	Ex 9-10	Tue 26-Oct	Hezekiah's reforms, pays tribute to Shalmaneser	2Kng 18
Tue 16-Mar	Passover, death of the firstborn, leaving Egypt	Ex 11-12	Wed 27-Oct	Hezekiah appeals to God, is delivered from Assyrians	2Kng 19
Journey to Sinai			Thu 28-Oct	Hezekiah's illness, shows treasure to Babylonians	2Kng 20
Wed 17-Mar	Firstborn consecrated, Pharaoh pursues	Ex 13-14	Fri 29-Oct	Manasseh's great wickedness and bloodshed	2Kng 21
Thu 18-Mar	Rejoicing over Pharaoh's defeat, God provides	Ex 15-16	Mon 1-Nov	Josiah rebuilds temple, finds the Law	2Kng 22
Fri 19-Mar	Journey to Mt. Sinai, Jethro's advice	Ex 17-18	Tue 2-Nov	Temple is cleansed, Josiah killed by Pharaoh Neco	2Kng 23
Mon 22-Mar	Moses ascends Mt. Sinai	Ex 19	Wed 3-Nov	Nebuchadnezzar conquers Judah, people go into exile	2Kng 24
Giving of The Law			Thu 4-Nov	Nebuchadnezzar destroys Jerusalem and temple	2Kng 25
Tue 23-Mar	The ten commandments	Ex 20	Daniel Exiled in Babylon		
Wed 24-Mar	Laws of the Mosaic covenant	Ex 21-22	Fri 5-Nov	Daniel's training in Babylon	Dan 1
Thu 25-Mar	Jubilee, three feasts, instructions for conquest	Ex 23	Mon 8-Nov	Nebuchadnezzar's dream of a statue	Dan 2
Fri 26-Mar	Affirming the covenant with God	Ex 24	Tue 9-Nov	The image of gold and the fiery furnace	Dan 3
			Wed 10-Nov	Nebuchadnezzar's dream of a tree and his insanity	Dan 4
			Thu 11-Nov	Belshazzar's feast and the handwriting on the wall	Dan 5
			Fri 12-Nov	Darius puts Daniel in the lions' den	Dan 6

Wed 11-Aug	David's victories, kindness to Mephibosheth	2Sam 8-9
Thu 12-Aug	War with the Ammonites and Syrians	2Sam 10
The Decline of David's Reign		
Fri 13-Aug	David's adultery with Bathsheba	2Sam 11
Mon 16-Aug	Nathan's reproof, David's repentance	2Sam 12
Tue 17-Aug	Amnon's incest, Absalom's vengeance	2Sam 13
Wed 18-Aug	Absalom's return and reconciliation	2Sam 14
Thu 19-Aug	Absalom's rebellion, David flees	2Sam 15
Fri 20-Aug	David is cursed, Absalom takes Jerusalem	2Sam 16
Mon 23-Aug	Hushai's council	2Sam 17
Tue 24-Aug	Absalom is killed by Joab	2Sam 18
Wed 25-Aug	David restored as king	2Sam 19
Thu 26-Aug	Sheba's rebellion	2Sam 20
The Close of David's Reign		
Fri 27-Aug	Famine, justice for Gibeonites, war with Philistines	2Sam 21
Mon 30-Aug	David's Psalm of thanksgiving	2Sam 22
Tue 31-Aug	David's last public speech, his might men	2Sam 23
Wed 1- Sep	David's sin in numbering the people	2Sam 24
Thu 2-Sep	David chooses Solomon to succeed him	1Kng 1
The Reign of Solomon		
Fri 3-Sep	Solomon becomes king, David's enemies executed	1Kng 2
Mon 6-Sep	Request for wisdom, judgment over the child	1Kng 3
Tue 7-Sep	The extent and administration of Israel	1Kng 4
Wed 8-Sep	Building the temple	1Kng 5-6
Thu 9-Sep	Building Solomon's house	1Kng 7
Fri 10-Sep	Dedication of the temple	1Kng 8
Mon 13-Sep	God appears to Solomon, alliance with Hiram	1Kng 9
Tue 14-Sep	Visit from Queen of Sheba, commercial program	1Kng 10
Wed 15-Sep	Foreign wives, foreign gods, Solomon's death	1Kng 11
The Kingdom Divided		
Thu 16-Sep	Rehoboam and Jeroboam, Israel's apostasy	1Kng 12
Fri 17-Sep	The young prophet visits Jeroboam	1Kng 13
Mon 20-Sep	Ahijah's prophesies, Shishak takes temple treasures	1Kng 14
Tue 21-Sep	Abijam, Asa, Jehoshaphat in Judah, Baasha in Israel	1Kng 15
The Period of Elijah		
Wed 22-Sep	Baasha's line destroyed, civil war in Israel; Ahab	1Kng 16
Thu 23-Sep	Elijah's drought, lives with widow of Zarephath	1Kng 17
Fri 24-Sep	Elijah and the prophets of Baal	1Kng 18

The Tabernacle		
Mon 29-Mar	The skilled craftsman, sign of the Sabbath	Ex 31
Tue 30-Mar	The golden calf, tablets broken	Ex 32
Wed 31-Mar	Moses intercedes	Ex 33
Thu 1- Apr	Tablets replaced, covenant renewed	Ex 34
Fri 2-Apr	Construction is complete, God's glory is present	Ex 40
Preparation for Departure from Sinai		
Mon 5-Apr	Census and Levites	Nu 1:1-3; 3
Tue 6-Apr	Service of the Levites (Kohath, Gershon, Merari)	Nu 4
Wed 7-Apr	Vow of a Nazarite, Aaron's benediction	Nu 6
Thu 8-Apr	Dedication and cleansing of the Levites	Nu 8
Fri 9-Apr	Second Passover	Nu 9
Journey from Sinai to Kadesh		
Mon 12-Apr	Departure from Sinai	Nu 10
Tue 13-Apr	Complaints, quail, and plague	Nu 11
Wed 14-Apr	Miriam and Aaron complain	Nu 12
Thirty Eight Years near Kadesh (Deut. 2:14)		
Thu 15-Apr	12 spies selected and sent into Canaan	Nu 13
Fri 16-Apr	People rebel, defeat at Hormah	Nu 14
Mon 19-Apr	Korah's rebellion	Nu 16
Tue 20-Apr	Aaron's rod, service and revenues of the priests	Nu 17-18
Wed 21-Apr	The Red Heifer (Heb. 9:13)	Nu 19
From Kadesh to the Plains of Moab		
Thu 22-Apr	Death of Miriam and Aaron, The waters of Meribah	Nu 20
Fri 23-Apr	Fiery serpents; Sihon and Og defeated	Nu 21
Israel in the Plains of Moab		
Mon 26-Apr	Balaam and Balak	Nu 22-24
Tue 27-Apr	Israel's idolatry, zeal of Phinehas	Nu 25
Wed 28-Apr	Laws of inheritance, Joshua commissioned	Nu 27
Thu 29-Apr	War of vengeance against Midianites	Nu 31
Fri 30-Apr	Land inheritance for Reuben, Gad, half Manasseh	Nu 32
Mon 3-May	Cities of refuge	Nu 35
Tue 4-May	Be careful to observe God's commandments	Deut 6
Preparations for Entering Canaan		
Wed 5-May	Joshua appointed as leader	Josh 1
Thu 6-May	Two spies sent to Jericho, hidden by Rahab	Josh 2
Fri 7-May	Israel crosses the Jordan river, sets up a memorial	Josh 3-4
Mon 10-May	The second circumcision, the manna stops	Josh 5

Conquest of Canaan

Tue 11-May	The conquest of Jericho, Joshua's curse on Jericho	Josh 6
Wed 12-May	Defeat of Ai, Achan's sin exposed	Josh 7
Thu 13-May	Ai conquered, Mt. Ebal and Mt. Gerizim	Josh 8
Fri 14-May	Deception by the Gibeonites	Josh 9
Mon 17-May	Defense of Gibeon, sun stands still, south conquered	Josh 10
Tue 18-May	Battles in the north	Josh 11

Dividing the Land

Wed 19-May	Caleb's inheritance	Josh 14
Thu 20-May	Cities of refuge	Josh 20
Fri 21-May	Western tribes go home, build an Altar	Josh 22
Mon 24-May	Joshua's farewell speech. Joseph is buried	Josh 23-24
Tue 25-May	Conquests of Judah, Canaanites not driven out	Jdg 1

The Judges

Wed 26-May	Jehovah is forgotten in ONE GENERATION!	Jdg 2
Thu 27-May	Othniel (Caleb's nephew), Ehud, Shamgar	Jdg 3
Fri 28-May	Deborah (& Barak)	Jdg 4
Mon 31-May	The song of Deborah and Barak	Jdg 5
Tue 1-Jun	Gideon is chosen by God	Jdg 6
Wed 2-Jun	Gideon and the 300 trumpets	Jdg 7-8
Thu 3-Jun	Abimelech the usurper	Jdg 9
Fri 4-Jun	Tola, Jair, oppressed by the Ammonites	Jdg 10
Mon 7-Jun	Jephthah and his vow	Jdg 11
Tue 8-Jun	Ibzan (30 sons), Elon, Abdon (40 sons)	Jdg 12
Wed 9-Jun	Birth of Samson	Jdg 13
Thu 10-Jun	Samson's marriage	Jdg 14
Fri 11-Jun	Samson's revenge on the Philistines	Jdg 15
Mon 14-Jun	Samson and Delilah, Samson's death	Jdg 16

Related Events During Period of Judges

Tue 15-Jun	The Danite migration and Idolatry	Jdg 17-18
Wed 16-Jun	Crime at Gibeah	Jdg 19
Thu 17-Jun	Civil war against tribe of Benjamin	Jdg 20
Fri 18-Jun	Recovering a lost tribe	Jdg 21

The Lineage of David

Mon 21-Jun	Introduction to Naomi and Ruth	Ruth 1
Tue 22-Jun	Ruth gleanes in the field of Boaz, finds favor	Ruth 2
Wed 23-Jun	Naomi encourages Ruth to approach Boaz	Ruth 3
Thu 24-Jun	Boaz marries Ruth, son Obed is grandfather of David	Ruth 4

Samuel, the Last Judge

Fri 25-Jun	Samuel's birth and dedication to the Lord	1Sam 1
Mon 28-Jun	His service before Eli, judgement upon Eli and sons	1Sam 2
Tue 29-Jun	Samuel called to be a prophet	1Sam 3
Wed 30-Jun	The capture of the ark, death of Eli and sons	1Sam 4
Thu 1-Jul	Humiliation of the Philistines by the ark, its return	1Sam 5-6
Fri 2-Jul	Samuel rallies Israel, victory over Philistines	1Sam 7

The Reign of Saul

Mon 5-Jul	Israel demands a king	1Sam 8
Tue 6-Jul	Saul hunts donkeys, is anointed as king	1Sam 9
Wed 7-Jul	Saul chosen as king	1Sam 10
Thu 8-Jul	Victory at Jabesh-gilead, Samuel addresses Israel	1Sam 11-12
Fri 9-Jul	War with the Philistines, Saul rebuked	1Sam 13
Mon 12-Jul	Jonathan's victory, trespass, and rescue	1Sam 14
Tue 13-Jul	War with Amalek, Saul's disobedience	1Sam 15

The Rise of David

Wed 14-Jul	David chosen and anointed, serves Saul	1Sam 16
Thu 15-Jul	David's victory over Goliath	1Sam 17
Fri 16-Jul	Jonathan's friendship, Saul tries to kill David	1Sam 18
Mon 19-Jul	David marries Michal, she helps him escape	1Sam 19
Tue 20-Jul	Jonathan and David part	1Sam 20
Wed 21-Jul	David flees to Nob, Gath, then caves of Adullam	1Sam 21
Thu 22-Jul	Saul kills the priests of Nob	1Sam 22
Fri 23-Jul	Saul pursues David	1Sam 23-24
Mon 26-Jul	Samuel's death, Nabal and Abigail	1Sam 25
Tue 27-Jul	Saul pursues David, David goes to the Philistines	1Sam 26-27
Wed 28-Jul	Saul and the witch of Endor	1Sam 28
Thu 29-Jul	Philistines war with Israel, David defeats Amalekites	1Sam 29-30
Fri 30-Jul	The death of Saul	1Sam 31

Civil War

Mon 2-Aug	David's lament over Saul's death	2Sam 1
Tue 3-Aug	Civil war: David King in Judah, Ishbosheth in Israel	2Sam 2
Wed 4-Aug	Abner defects, but is murdered by Joab	2Sam 3
Thu 5-Aug	Ishbosheth is murdered	2Sam 4

The Glory Years of David's Reign

Fri 6-Aug	David king over all Israel, defeats Philistines	2Sam 5
Mon 9-Aug	The ark taken to Jerusalem, Uzzah is killed	2Sam 6
Tue 10-Aug	David desires to build a temple	2Sam 7