

SEP 30–OCT 6

- ☐ 1 Kings 1
- ☐ 1 Kings 2
- ☐ 1 Kings 3
- ☐ 1 Kings 4
- ☐ 1 Kings 5

OCT 7–13

- ☐ 1 Kings 6
- ☐ 1 Kings 7
- ☐ 1 Kings 8
- ☐ 1 Kings 9
- ☐ 1 Kings 10

OCT 14–20

- ☐ 1 Kings 11
- ☐ 1 Kings 12
- ☐ 1 Kings 13
- ☐ 1 Kings 14
- ☐ 1 Kings 15

OCT 21–27

- ☐ 1 Kings 16
- ☐ 1 Kings 17–18
- ☐ 1 Kings 19
- ☐ 1 Kings 20
- ☐ 1 Kings 21

OCT 28–NOV 3

- ☐ 1 Kings 22
- ☐ 2 Kings 1–2
- ☐ 2 Kings 3
- ☐ 2 Kings 4
- ☐ 2 Kings 5

NOV 4–10

- ☐ 2 Kings 6
- ☐ 2 Kings 7
- ☐ 2 Kings 8
- ☐ 2 Kings 9
- ☐ 2 Kings 10

NOV 11–17

- ☐ 2 Kings 11–12
- ☐ 2 Kings 13
- ☐ 2 Kings 14
- ☐ 2 Kings 15
- ☐ 2 Kings 16

NOV 18–24

- ☐ 2 Kings 17
- ☐ 2 Kings 18
- ☐ 2 Kings 19
- ☐ 2 Kings 20
- ☐ 2 Kings 21

NOV 25– DEC 1

- ☐ 2 Kings 22
- ☐ 2 Kings 23
- ☐ 2 Kings 24
- ☐ 2 Kings 25
- ☐ Ezra 1–2

DEC 2–8

- ☐ Ezra 3
- ☐ Ezra 4
- ☐ Ezra 5
- ☐ Ezra 6
- ☐ Ezra 7

DEC 9–15

- ☐ Ezra 8
- ☐ Ezra 9
- ☐ Ezra 10
- ☐ Nehemiah 1
- ☐ Nehemiah 2

DEC 16–22

- ☐ Nehemiah 3
- ☐ Nehemiah 4
- ☐ Nehemiah 5
- ☐ Nehemiah 6–7
- ☐ Nehemiah 8

DEC 23–29

- ☐ Nehemiah 9
- ☐ Nehemiah 10
- ☐ Nehemiah 11
- ☐ Nehemiah 12
- ☐ Nehemiah 13

HELPFUL HINTS

Remind yourself weekly (even daily!) that the end goal is not to check off boxes or successfully execute a reading plan, but to hear God's voice and know Him more.

Keep a pen and paper at hand to write down questions, observations, thoughts for further meditation and prayer, etc.

Do this in community. Invite your spouse, your kids, a friend, or a younger believer to commit to reading at the same time. Make plans to talk and pray together with some regularity about what you are reading.

Bookend your reading time with prayer. Begin by asking God to give you "ears to hear" and a heart to trust and obey. Finish by turning some of what you have read into prayer.

TAKE UP YOUR SWORD

Read Through the Storyline Books of the Old Testament in 2019



"Have you ever thought about the story of the Old Testament? Have you wondered how to connect the dots of psalms and sacrifices, laws and kings, nations and wars? And what does it all mean for our lives today? The story of the Old Testament is the key to understanding it. To trace the clear, continuous narrative is to connect the dots and bring the bigger picture into focus." – David Talley (The Story of the Old Testament)

Did you know...

that the majority of the Old Testament storyline is actually contained in just eleven books starting with Genesis and ending with Nehemiah? In 2019, our Take Up Your Sword reading plan will cover these eleven books at a pace of one chapter a day (mostly!) for five days a week. We think this pace really helps with mental "digestion" and

leaves room each week for catching up or further reflection. Would you join us this year in taking up "the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God?" An excellent reading companion is The Story of the Old Testament by David Talley which can be found on Amazon in both paperback and Kindle format. We highly recommend it!

DEC 31 – JAN 6

- ☐ Genesis 1
- ☐ Genesis 2
- ☐ Genesis 3
- ☐ Genesis 4
- ☐ Genesis 5–6

JAN 7–13

- ☐ Genesis 7
- ☐ Genesis 8
- ☐ Genesis 9
- ☐ Genesis 10–11
- ☐ Genesis 12

JAN 14–20

- ☐ Genesis 13
- ☐ Genesis 14
- ☐ Genesis 15
- ☐ Genesis 16
- ☐ Genesis 17

JAN 21–27

- ☐ Genesis 18–19
- ☐ Genesis 20
- ☐ Genesis 21
- ☐ Genesis 22
- ☐ Genesis 23

JAN 28–FEB 3

- ☐ Genesis 24
- ☐ Genesis 25
- ☐ Genesis 26
- ☐ Genesis 27
- ☐ Genesis 28

FEB 4–10

- ☐ Genesis 29–30
- ☐ Genesis 31
- ☐ Genesis 32
- ☐ Genesis 33
- ☐ Genesis 34

FEB 11–17

- ☐ Genesis 35–36
- ☐ Genesis 37
- ☐ Genesis 38
- ☐ Genesis 39
- ☐ Genesis 40

FEB 18–24

- ☐ Genesis 41
- ☐ Genesis 42–43
- ☐ Genesis 44–45
- ☐ Genesis 46
- ☐ Genesis 47

FEB 25–MAR 3

- ☐ Genesis 48
- ☐ Genesis 49
- ☐ Genesis 50
- ☐ Exodus 1
- ☐ Exodus 2

MAR 4-10

- ☐ Exodus 3-4
- ☐ Exodus 5
- ☐ Exodus 6
- ☐ Exodus 7
- ☐ Exodus 8

MAR 11-17

- ☐ Exodus 9
- ☐ Exodus 10
- ☐ Exodus 11-12
- ☐ Exodus 13
- ☐ Exodus 14

MAR 18-24

- ☐ Exodus 15
- ☐ Exodus 16
- ☐ Exodus 17-18
- ☐ Exodus 19
- ☐ Exodus 20

MAR 25-31

- ☐ Exodus 21
- ☐ Exodus 22
- ☐ Exodus 23
- ☐ Exodus 24
- ☐ Exodus 25

APR 1-7

- ☐ Exodus 26
- ☐ Exodus 27
- ☐ Exodus 28
- ☐ Exodus 29
- ☐ Exodus 30

APR 8-14

- ☐ Exodus 31-32
- ☐ Exodus 33
- ☐ Exodus 34
- ☐ Exodus 35
- ☐ Exodus 36

APR 15-21

- ☐ Exodus 37
- ☐ Exodus 38
- ☐ Exodus 39
- ☐ Exodus 40
- ☐ Numbers 1

APR 22-28

- ☐ Numbers 2
- ☐ Numbers 3
- ☐ Numbers 4
- ☐ Numbers 5
- ☐ Numbers 6

APR 29-MAY 5

- ☐ Numbers 7
- ☐ Numbers 8-9
- ☐ Numbers 10
- ☐ Numbers 11
- ☐ Numbers 12

MAY 6-12

- ☐ Numbers 13-14
- ☐ Numbers 15
- ☐ Numbers 16
- ☐ Numbers 17
- ☐ Numbers 18

MAY 13-19

- ☐ Numbers 19
- ☐ Numbers 20
- ☐ Numbers 21
- ☐ Numbers 22
- ☐ Numbers 23

MAY 20-26

- ☐ Numbers 24
- ☐ Numbers 25
- ☐ Numbers 26
- ☐ Numbers 27
- ☐ Numbers 28

MAY 27-JUN 2

- ☐ Numbers 29-30
- ☐ Numbers 31
- ☐ Numbers 32
- ☐ Numbers 33
- ☐ Numbers 34

JUN 3-9

- ☐ Numbers 35
- ☐ Numbers 36
- ☐ Joshua 1-2
- ☐ Joshua 3
- ☐ Joshua 4

JUN 10-16

- ☐ Joshua 5-6
- ☐ Joshua 7-8
- ☐ Joshua 9
- ☐ Joshua 10
- ☐ Joshua 11

JUN 17-23

- ☐ Joshua 12-13
- ☐ Joshua 14
- ☐ Joshua 15
- ☐ Joshua 16
- ☐ Joshua 17

JUN 24-30

- ☐ Joshua 18
- ☐ Joshua 19
- ☐ Joshua 20-21
- ☐ Joshua 22
- ☐ Joshua 23-24

JUL 1-7

- ☐ Judges 1
- ☐ Judges 2-3
- ☐ Judges 4-5
- ☐ Judges 6-7
- ☐ Judges 8

JUL 8-14

- ☐ Judges 9
- ☐ Judges 10
- ☐ Judges 11-12
- ☐ Judges 13-14
- ☐ Judges 15

JUL 15-21

- ☐ Judges 16
- ☐ Judges 17-18
- ☐ Judges 19
- ☐ Judges 20
- ☐ Judges 21

JUL 22-28

- ☐ 1 Samuel 1
- ☐ 1 Samuel 2
- ☐ 1 Samuel 3
- ☐ 1 Samuel 4
- ☐ 1 Samuel 5

JUL 29-AUG 4

- ☐ 1 Samuel 6
- ☐ 1 Samuel 7
- ☐ 1 Samuel 8
- ☐ 1 Samuel 9
- ☐ 1 Samuel 10

AUG 5-11

- ☐ 1 Samuel 11-12
- ☐ 1 Samuel 13
- ☐ 1 Samuel 14
- ☐ 1 Samuel 15
- ☐ 1 Samuel 16

AUG 12-18

- ☐ 1 Samuel 17
- ☐ 1 Samuel 18
- ☐ 1 Samuel 19
- ☐ 1 Samuel 20
- ☐ 1 Samuel 21-22

AUG 19-25

- ☐ 1 Samuel 23
- ☐ 1 Samuel 24
- ☐ 1 Samuel 25
- ☐ 1 Samuel 26
- ☐ 1 Samuel 27

AUG 26-SEP 1

- ☐ 1 Samuel 28
- ☐ 1 Samuel 29
- ☐ 1 Samuel 30
- ☐ 1 Samuel 31
- ☐ 2 Samuel 1

SEP 2-8

- ☐ 2 Samuel 2
- ☐ 2 Samuel 3
- ☐ 2 Samuel 4-5
- ☐ 2 Samuel 6
- ☐ 2 Samuel 7

SEP 9-15

- ☐ 2 Samuel 8-9
- ☐ 2 Samuel 10
- ☐ 2 Samuel 11
- ☐ 2 Samuel 12
- ☐ 2 Samuel 13

SEP 16-22

- ☐ 2 Samuel 14
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- ☐ 2 Samuel 18

SEP 23-29

- ☐ 2 Samuel 19
- ☐ 2 Samuel 20
- ☐ 2 Samuel 21
- ☐ 2 Samuel 22
- ☐ 2 Samuel 23-24