



Redemptive-Historical Bible Reading Plan

Based on a plan by Greg Lanier (glanier.wordpress.com)

This plan curates the key chapters of the Old Testament (OT) that help frame the flow of redemptive history (how God has worked *in history* to bring about his plan of salvation). Most sections of OT readings include NT chapters that cross-reference the OT reading and/or shed light on fulfillment in Christ. You can go at your own pace (about one chapter a day is recommended) and pause however often you want, to dig deeper and reflect on what you are reading. At the end, you will have a solid grounding in the entire message of the Bible.

1. Creation. Few things are more foundational to Christianity than the doctrine of the special creation of all things by the Triune God, with the Father, Son, and Spirit all at work in the unified act of creation.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Genesis 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> John 1 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Genesis 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> Colossians 1 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Psalm 19 | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Corinthians 4 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Job 38 | <input type="checkbox"/> Hebrews 1 |

2. Fall, Original Sin, and Judgment. What distinguishes the Judeo-Christian worldview is the doctrine of the original fall of Adam into sin. It is the ‘problem’ for which the rest of Scripture provides the ‘solution.’

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Genesis 3 | <input type="checkbox"/> Romans 1 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Genesis 6-9 | <input type="checkbox"/> Romans 5 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Psalm 51 | <input type="checkbox"/> Romans 8 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Job 38 | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Peter 3 |

3. God’s Covenant Promise to Abraham. *The* central promise that drives OT history is that of God to Abraham: a nation coming from his offspring, a land in which to dwell, and the blessing of all nations through him—all by *faith*.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Genesis 12 | <input type="checkbox"/> Matthew 1:1-17 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Genesis 14 | <input type="checkbox"/> Romans 4 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Genesis 15 | <input type="checkbox"/> Galatians 3 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Genesis 17 | <input type="checkbox"/> James 2 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Genesis 22 | <input type="checkbox"/> Hebrews 7 |

4. Promise Continued through the Patriarchs. God fulfills his promise to Abraham by giving him 12 descendants from which the tribes of Israel emerge.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Genesis 26-27 | <input type="checkbox"/> Acts 7 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Genesis 32 | <input type="checkbox"/> Romans 9 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Genesis 49 | <input type="checkbox"/> Galatians 4 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Psalm 105 | <input type="checkbox"/> Hebrews 11 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Chronicles 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> Matthew 22 |

5. Exodus from Egypt. The exodus from captivity in Egypt is *the* central redemptive work in the OT—the thing to which and from which all OT theology flows.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Exodus 1-15 | <input type="checkbox"/> Matthew 2 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Psalm 78 | <input type="checkbox"/> Matthew 26 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Psalm 136 | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Corinthians 5 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hosea 11 | <input type="checkbox"/> Jude |

6. God’s Covenant Law Given through Moses. Having redeemed his people, God immediately extends and concretizes the Abrahamic covenant for the new nation of Israel. God gives the law that declares his righteous standards as well as a sacrificial

system (based on substitutionary atonement) that provides a means to deal with sin.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Exodus 19-20 | <input type="checkbox"/> Matthew 5 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Exodus 24 | <input type="checkbox"/> Mark 10 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Exodus 34 | <input type="checkbox"/> Luke 22 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Exodus 40 | <input type="checkbox"/> Romans 10 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Leviticus 16 | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Cor 3 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Deuteronomy 5-6 | <input type="checkbox"/> Galatians 5 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Deut 28-30 | <input type="checkbox"/> Hebrews 9 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Psalm 119 | |

7. Rebellion in the Wilderness. Israel immediately falls into a pattern of sin and hardness against their redeeming God, resulting in their judgment in the wilderness prior to entering the land promised to Abraham.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Numbers 11 | <input type="checkbox"/> John 3 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Numbers 14 | <input type="checkbox"/> John 6 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Numbers 20 | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Corinthians 10 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Numbers 21 | <input type="checkbox"/> Hebrews 3 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Psalm 95 | |

8. Conquest of the Land and Early Leadership. Joshua leads the nation into the land promised to Abraham, and the initial period of leadership by the judges is one of ups and downs.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Deuteronomy 1-3 | <input type="checkbox"/> Acts 13 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Joshua 1-6 | <input type="checkbox"/> Hebrews 4 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Joshua 7-12 | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Joshua 20 | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Joshua 23-24 | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Judges 2 | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Judges 5 | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Judges 13-16 | |

9. Establishing the Monarchy. God installs a king over Israel as his vice-regent to bring security to the nation and build a temple where his manifest presence would be made known.

<input type="checkbox"/> 1 Samuel 1-3	<input type="checkbox"/> Matthew 12
<input type="checkbox"/> 1 Samuel 8-10	<input type="checkbox"/> Luke 1-2
<input type="checkbox"/> 1 Samuel 16	<input type="checkbox"/> Luke 20
<input type="checkbox"/> 2 Samuel 5	<input type="checkbox"/> Philippians 2
<input type="checkbox"/> 2 Samuel 11-12	<input type="checkbox"/> Hebrews 12
<input type="checkbox"/> 1 Chronicles 17	<input type="checkbox"/> Revelation 7
<input type="checkbox"/> 2 Chronicles 5	
<input type="checkbox"/> Psalm 2	
<input type="checkbox"/> Psalm 18	
<input type="checkbox"/> Psalm 89	
<input type="checkbox"/> Psalm 110	

10. Religious Life of the Nation. During the early monarchy, Israel's devotional life flourishes in psalms and wisdom writings.

<input type="checkbox"/> Psalm 1	<input type="checkbox"/> Proverbs 1-2
<input type="checkbox"/> Psalm 22	<input type="checkbox"/> Proverbs 8
<input type="checkbox"/> Psalm 51	<input type="checkbox"/> Ecclesiastes 1
<input type="checkbox"/> Psalm 72	<input type="checkbox"/> Ecclesiastes 12
<input type="checkbox"/> Psalm 118	<input type="checkbox"/> Song of Songs 1

11. Degradation of the Monarchy. After Solomon, the nation splits into the Northern Kingdom (10 tribes, 'Israel'/'Ephraim,' based in Samaria) and the Southern Kingdom (2 tribes, 'Judah,' based in Jerusalem). Spirals into sin.

<input type="checkbox"/> 1 Kings 11-13	<input type="checkbox"/> Luke 4
<input type="checkbox"/> 1 Kings 17-22	
<input type="checkbox"/> 2 Chronicles 33	

12. Israel and Judah in Exile. Due to repeated cycles of sin, the covenant curse of exile is

poured out. Assyria defeats the Northern Kingdom/Israel (722BC) while Babylonia defeats the Southern Kingdom/Judah (605-586BC).

<input type="checkbox"/> 2 Kings 17	<input type="checkbox"/> Matthew 1:18-25
<input type="checkbox"/> Isaiah 7	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 Peter 2
<input type="checkbox"/> 2 Kings 24-25	
<input type="checkbox"/> Micah 1	
<input type="checkbox"/> Hosea 1-2	
<input type="checkbox"/> Zephaniah 1	
<input type="checkbox"/> Ezekiel 11	

13. Grief and Consolation during Exile. Judah grieves during exile but is comforted by the prophets, who reiterate God's promise of restoration.

<input type="checkbox"/> Lamentations 1	<input type="checkbox"/> John 2
<input type="checkbox"/> Psalm 44	<input type="checkbox"/> Hebrews 10
<input type="checkbox"/> Psalm 69	
<input type="checkbox"/> Jeremiah 25	
<input type="checkbox"/> Habakkuk 2	
<input type="checkbox"/> Daniel 1-2	
<input type="checkbox"/> Daniel 9	

14. (Partial) Restoration from Exile. Though the N. Kingdom is never fully restored (rather, repopulated with Samaritans), the S. Kingdom is released under Persian rule to rebuild the temple. But things are never quite the same.

<input type="checkbox"/> Ezra 1-6	<input type="checkbox"/> John 4
<input type="checkbox"/> Nehemiah 8-9	
<input type="checkbox"/> Haggai 1	

15. Anticipating an Eschatological Deliverer. Throughout the period of the prophets, we get glimpses of an eschatological saviour-figure (a

"Messiah," though not always using that term) who will bring deliverance to God's people.

<input type="checkbox"/> Isaiah 9	<input type="checkbox"/> Matthew 21
<input type="checkbox"/> Isaiah 11	<input type="checkbox"/> Mark 13
<input type="checkbox"/> Isaiah 52-53	<input type="checkbox"/> Romans 15
<input type="checkbox"/> Jeremiah 23	<input type="checkbox"/> John 8
<input type="checkbox"/> Ezekiel 1	<input type="checkbox"/> John 10-11
<input type="checkbox"/> Ezekiel 34	<input type="checkbox"/> John 14
<input type="checkbox"/> Zechariah 9	<input type="checkbox"/> John 18-21
<input type="checkbox"/> Daniel 7	<input type="checkbox"/> Acts 8
	<input type="checkbox"/> Revelation 4-5

16. Anticipating the Day of the Lord. In conjunction with the coming of a deliverer, the OT prophets also envision a new covenant, the return of God's presence, the outpouring of the Spirit, the engrafting of the Gentiles (fulfilling the Abrahamic promise), cosmic renewal, and resurrection in the Day of the Lord.

<input type="checkbox"/> Jeremiah 33	<input type="checkbox"/> Mark 1
<input type="checkbox"/> Isaiah 42	<input type="checkbox"/> Acts 2
<input type="checkbox"/> Isaiah 65-66	<input type="checkbox"/> Romans 11
<input type="checkbox"/> Joel 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 Corinthians 15
<input type="checkbox"/> Ezekiel 36	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 Thessalonians 4
<input type="checkbox"/> Ezekiel 43	<input type="checkbox"/> Hebrews 8
<input type="checkbox"/> Malachi 3-4	<input type="checkbox"/> Revelation 20-22
<input type="checkbox"/> Daniel 12	