

See *Jesus* in the Old Testament

In Luke 24:27, Jesus walks with two disciples and opens the Scriptures to them, showing how everything written in Moses and the Prophets pointed to Him.

In Part I, we traced that “scarlet thread” through the Law – from creation and the promised Seed in Genesis, to the Passover Lamb and God’s presence in Exodus, to sacrifice and atonement in Leviticus, to salvation lifted up and the promised King in Numbers, and the promise of restoration in Deuteronomy.

Now, as we move into the early historic books, we will see God’s promises carried forward through conquest and failure, deliverance and rebellion, redemption and kingship, temple and exile. These books show us both the faithfulness of God and the deep need of His people, preparing us to see Jesus as the true and better fulfillment of every promise, every deliverer, every king, every sacrifice, and every hope.

Part II – Seeing Jesus in Israel’s History

JOSHUA | The Greater Yeshua¹, the Scarlet Cord, and the Promised Inheritance

- June 15 – ch. 1 *God commissions Joshua to lead His people into the land He promised, calling him to courage, obedience, and confidence in God’s presence.*
- June 16 – ch. 2 *God shows mercy to Rahab and preserves her household through the scarlet cord, giving a glimpse of salvation by grace through faith in Him.*
- June 17 – ch. 3 *God leads His people across the Jordan on dry ground through the ark of His presence, showing that He Himself goes before them.*
- June 18 – ch. 4 *God commands His people to set up memorials after crossing the Jordan so future generations would remember His mighty hand and worship Him.*
- June 19 – ch. 5 *God prepares His people to enter the land through circumcision, the Passover, and the end of manna, marking them as His covenant people.*
- June 20 – ch. 6 *God brings down Jericho by His power, judging the city while sparing Rahab and her household according to His promise to her.*
- June 21 – ch. 9 *God’s people are deceived by the Gibeonites because they do not seek His counsel, yet they keep their oath and preserve them alive.*
- June 22 – ch. 10 *God fights for His people, giving them victory over their enemies and showing that the promised inheritance comes by His power, not theirs.*
- June 23 – ch. 21 *God gives His people the land He swore to their fathers, showing that not one word of His good promises failed.*
- June 24 – ch. 24 *Joshua calls Israel to remember the LORD’s saving work and serve Him alone, warning them against idolatry as they renew the covenant.*

¹**Yeshua** is the Hebrew/Aramaic form of the name rendered in English as Jesus. It is closely connected to Joshua (Yehoshua), meaning “Yahweh saves” or “The LORD is salvation”. The title for the readings for the book of Joshua uses Yeshua to highlight how Joshua’s work of leading Israel into the promised land points forward to Jesus, the greater Joshua, Yahweh putting on flesh and truly and finally saving His people (Matthew 1:21, Hebrews 4:8-10).

JUDGES | The Flawed Deliverers, the Ruin of Sin, and the Need for a King

- June 25 – ch. 1 *Israel begins to possess the land, but their incomplete obedience leaves enemies among them and sets the stage for future compromise.*
 - June 26 – ch. 2 *Israel turns from the Lord after Joshua's generation, beginning a cycle of rebellion, judgment, crying out, and deliverance through flawed judges.*
 - June 27 – ch. 4 *God delivers Israel through Deborah, Barak, and Jael, showing His power to save His people through unexpected and unlikely means.*
 - June 28 – ch. 6 *God calls Gideon to deliver Israel from Midian, showing mercy to His fearful people even when their suffering is tied to their own sin.*
 - June 29 – ch. 7 *God saves Israel through Gideon's small and weakened army, making it clear that deliverance comes by His power.*
 - June 30 – ch. 8 *Gideon refuses kingship but leads Israel into idolatry, showing the need for a better deliverer who can give God's people lasting rest.*
 - July 1 – ch. 11 *God uses Jephthah to deliver Israel, but his tragic vow reveals how deeply Israel's faith has been distorted by the nations around them.*
 - July 2 – ch. 13 *God announces the birth of Samson, raising up a deliverer set apart from the womb to begin saving Israel from the Philistines.*
 - July 3 – ch. 14 *Samson's sinful desires and conflict with the Philistines show God working through a deeply flawed deliverer to begin rescuing His people.*
 - July 4 – ch. 16 *Samson falls through his own sin, yet God grants him final victory over the Philistines, showing his weakness and Israel's need for a greater Savior.*
 - July 5 – ch. 17 *Micah makes his own shrine and priesthood, showing the spiritual confusion of a people who do what is right in their own eyes.*
 - July 6 – ch. 18 *The tribe of Dan steals Micah's idols and priest, revealing how far Israel has fallen when worship is shaped by convenience instead of God's Word.*
 - July 7 – ch. 19 *Israel's moral collapse is exposed through shocking violence, showing the ruin that comes when everyone does what is right in his own eyes.*
 - July 8 – ch. 20 *Israel responds to evil with civil war, revealing a nation broken by sin and in desperate need of righteous leadership.*
 - July 9 – ch. 21 *Judges ends with grief, confusion, and compromise, leaving Israel longing for a true King who will lead God's people in righteousness.*
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RUTH | The Redeemer, the Restored Inheritance, and the Coming King

- July 10 – ch. 1 *Naomi returns to Bethlehem in grief and emptiness, while Ruth clings to her and takes refuge among the people of the LORD.*
- July 11 – ch. 2 *God provides for Ruth and Naomi through Boaz, a worthy man whose kindness gives them hope in their time of need.*
- July 12 – ch. 3 *Ruth seeks refuge through Boaz as her redeemer, trusting him to act with covenant faithfulness on her behalf.*
- July 13 – ch. 4 *Boaz redeems Ruth and restores Naomi's inheritance, carrying forward the family line that will lead to David and ultimately to Jesus.*

1 SAMUEL | The Promised Anointed, the Rejected King, and the Champion Who Saves

- July 14 – ch. 1 *God hears Hannah's prayer and gives her Samuel, preparing to raise up a prophet who will lead Israel during a time of spiritual need.*
- July 15 – ch. 2 *Hannah praises the LORD who brings down the proud and raises up the humble, looking ahead to His anointed King.*
- July 16 – ch. 3 *God calls Samuel as His prophet, raising up a faithful voice in a time when His Word was rare.*
- July 17 – ch. 4 *Israel treats the ark like a weapon instead of trusting the LORD, and God allows their defeat to show His presence cannot be manipulated.*
- July 18 – ch. 5 *God humbles Dagon and afflicts the Philistines, showing that He alone is the living God and no idol can stand before Him.*
- July 19 – ch. 6 *The Philistines return the ark with guilt offerings, confessing the LORD's power even as Israel must learn to honor Him as holy.*
- July 20 – ch. 7 *God delivers Israel from the Philistines as Samuel leads them in repentance and prayer, showing that victory comes by returning to the LORD.*
- July 21 – ch. 8 *Israel rejects the LORD as King by demanding a king like the nations, revealing their need for a better King than the one they ask for.*
- July 22 – ch. 13 *Saul disobeys the LORD and loses his dynasty before it began, showing that Israel needs a king whose heart fully belongs to God.*
- July 23 – ch. 15 *Saul's rebellion exposes his rejected kingship, showing that outward obedience cannot replace a heart submitted to the LORD.*
- July 24 – ch. 16 *God chooses David and anoints him as king, showing that the LORD looks on the heart and provides the ruler His people truly need.*
- July 25 – ch. 17 *David defeats Goliath as Israel's champion, pointing to Jesus, the greater Champion who saves His people from the enemy they could not defeat.*
- July 26 – ch. 18 *David rises in favor with the people while Saul grows jealous and fearful, showing the conflict between the LORD's anointed and the rejected king.*
- July 27 – ch. 20 *Jonathan shows covenant loyalty to David, protecting the LORD's anointed even at great cost to himself.*
- July 28 – ch. 22 *Saul's violence against the priests exposes the corruption of his kingship, while David begins to gather the distressed and needy around him.*
- July 29 – ch. 24 *David spares Saul's life, trusting the LORD to judge between them rather than taking the kingdom into his own hand.*
- July 30 – ch. 30 *God strengthens David in distress and uses him to recover what was lost, showing the LORD's faithfulness to preserve His anointed.*
- July 31 – ch. 31 *Saul dies in defeat, bringing his rejected kingship to a tragic end and preparing the way for the king God had chosen.*

2 SAMUEL | The Forever King, Covenant Kindness, and the Altar of Mercy

- August 1 – ch. 1 *David mourns Saul and Jonathan, showing honor even in grief as the kingdom begins to pass to the LORD's anointed.*

2 SAMUEL, continued

- August 2 – ch. 5 *David is anointed king over all Israel and establishes Jerusalem, as the LORD exalts him and gives His people victory through him.*
- August 3 – ch. 6 *David brings the ark to Jerusalem with exuberant joy, rejoicing before the LORD as God's presence comes near to His people.*
- August 4 – ch. 7 *God promises David a lasting kingdom and a Son whose throne will be established forever, pointing to Jesus, the forever King from David's line.*
- August 5 – ch. 8 *The LORD gives David victory over his enemies and establishes his reign, showing the strength and justice of the kingdom God promised.*
- August 6 – ch. 9 *David shows covenant kindness to Mephibosheth, welcoming the helpless son of Jonathan to his table like one of his own sons.*
- August 7 – ch. 11 *David's sin against Bathsheba and Uriah exposes the failure even of Israel's greatest king and the need for a righteous Son of David.*
- August 8 – ch. 12 *God confronts David's sin through Nathan, showing both the seriousness of sin and the mercy of God toward the repentant.*
- August 9 – ch. 15 *Absalom steals the hearts of Israel and drives David from Jerusalem, showing the sorrow and division brought by sin within the king's house.*
- August 10 – ch. 22 *David praises the LORD as his rock, refuge, and deliverer, looking to the God who saves His king and shows steadfast love to His anointed.*
- August 11 – ch. 23:1-7 *David's final words look ahead to a righteous ruler whose reign will be like morning light, pointing to Jesus, the true King from David's line.*
- August 12 – ch. 24 *David's sin brings judgment on Israel, but God shows mercy at the altar, pointing to the need for sacrifice where wrath is turned away.*

KINGS & CHRONICLES | The Son of David, the Greater Temple, and Hope Beyond Exile

For the majority of this reading plan, we can simply follow each book chapter-by-chapter, but the history of Israel's kings is recorded across 1-2 Kings and 1-2 Chronicles, and these books often cover the same periods, just from different angles. So, for this portion of Part II, the readings will move *chronologically*.

1-2 Kings gives a prophetic history of Israel and Judah, showing how the kings and the people repeatedly broke God's covenant and why judgment/exile came. **1-2 Chronicles**, written later, looks back – especially through the line of David, the temple, worship, and God's continuing promises to His people. Read together, these books help us see both the ruin caused by sin and the faithfulness of God to preserve the promise of a coming King.

As we walk through these readings, we will see that even the best kings were not enough. Israel needed more than another son of David on the throne. They needed the true and greater Son of David, Jesus Christ, whose Kingdom will never end.

- August 13 – 1 Chron. 1 *The genealogy from Adam sets Israel's story within God's larger plan for all humanity.*
- August 14 – 1 Chron. 2 *The genealogy narrows to Judah and David's family line, tracing the promise toward the king God would raise up for His people.*
- August 15 – 1 Chron. 6 *The genealogy of Levi traces the priestly line and temple servants, showing the importance of worship and sacrifice among God's people.*

KINGS & CHRONICLES, continued

- August 16 – 1 Chron. 22 *David prepares Solomon to build the temple, pointing ahead to the greater Son of David who will bring God's presence to His people.*
- August 17 – 1 Chron. 28 *David charges Solomon to build the temple according to the LORD's plan, preparing for the place bearing God's name and presence.*
- August 18 – 1 Chron. 29 *David and the people give willingly for the temple, praising the LORD as the true King whose kingdom and glory belong to Him forever.*
- August 19 – 1 Kings 1 *Solomon is anointed king as David's successor, showing the LORD preserving the throne through the son of David He had chosen.*
- August 20 – 1 Kings 2 *David charges Solomon to walk in the LORD's ways, and Solomon's kingdom is established as judgment and justice come to David's house.*
- August 21 – 1 Kings 3 *Solomon asks the LORD for wisdom to rule His people, showing both the promise of David's son and the need for a King whose wisdom is perfect.*
- August 22 – 1 Kings 4 *Solomon's kingdom enjoys peace and abundance, giving a glimpse of the blessing God's people long for under the Son of David's reign.*
- August 23 – 1 Kings 6 *Solomon builds the temple in Jerusalem, preparing a dwelling place for the name and presence of the LORD among His people.*
- August 24 – 1 Kings 8 *Solomon dedicates the temple with prayer and sacrifice, asking the LORD to hear, forgive, and dwell with His people according to His covenant.*
- August 25 – 2 Chron. 7 *The LORD fills the temple with His glory and calls His people to repentance, promising mercy while warning that unfaithfulness will bring judgment.*
- August 26 – 1 Kings 10 *Solomon's wisdom, wealth, and glory draw the nations to Jerusalem, giving a glimpse of the kingdom blessing under the Son of David.*
- August 27 – 1 Kings 11 *Solomon turns from the LORD to worship other gods, and the kingdom fractures because even the wisest king cannot keep the covenant.*
- August 28 – 1 Kings 12 *The kingdom divides between Rehoboam and Jeroboam, showing the ruin that comes when God's people reject Him and turn to false worship.*
- August 29 – 1 Kings 17 *God provides for Elijah, the widow, and her son during famine, showing His power to preserve life when His people have turned from Him.*
- August 30 – 1 Kings 18 *God answers Elijah by fire on Mt. Carmel, exposing the emptiness of Baal and calling His people back to Himself.*
- August 31 – 1 Kings 19 *God meets Elijah in his fear and weariness, sustaining him and reminding him that His work continues even when His servant feels alone.*
- September 1 – 1 Kings 21 *Ahab and Jezebel's murder of Naboth exposes the injustice of Israel's corrupt kings, bringing the LORD's judgment against their house.*
- September 2 – 2 Kings 2 *The LORD takes Elijah up and confirms Elisha as his successor, showing that His Word and work continue through the servant He appoints.*
- September 3 – 2 Kings 4 *God works through Elisha to provide for the needy, give life to the barren, and raise up the dead, displaying His mercy and power in times of need.*
- September 4 – 2 Kings 5 *God heals Naaman the Syrian through Elisha, showing grace to an outsider who humbly receives His Word by faith.*

KINGS & CHRONICLES, continued

- September 5 – 2 Kings 13 *Even after Elisha's death, God shows mercy to Israel and preserves them because of His covenant promises to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.*
- September 6 – 2 Kings 17 *Israel is carried into exile because they persistently reject the LORD, showing the ruin that comes from generations of idolatry and unbelief.*
- September 7 – 2 Chron. 20 *The LORD delivers Judah as Jehoshaphat leads the people to seek Him in prayer and praise, showing that the battle belongs to the LORD.*
- September 8 – 2 Chron. 23 *The LORD preserves the line of David through Joash and restores him to the throne, showing His faithfulness to keep His covenant promises.*
- September 9 – 2 Kings 18 *Hezekiah trusts the LORD and leads Judah in faithfulness, standing as one of David's better sons while pointing beyond himself to a greater King.*
- September 10 – 2 Kings 19 *The LORD answers Hezekiah's prayer and delivers Jerusalem from Assyria, showing that salvation belongs to Him and His Word will not fail.*
- September 11 – 2 Chron. 29 *Hezekiah reopens the temple and restores worship, calling Judah back to the LORD through cleansing, sacrifice, and praise.*
- September 12 – 2 Chron. 30 *Hezekiah calls all Israel and Judah to keep the Passover, inviting people to return to the LORD who is gracious and merciful.*
- September 13 – 2 Chron. 33 *Manasseh's wickedness brings judgment, but his repentance shows the mercy of the LORD to humble sinners who turn back to Him.*
- September 14 – 2 Kings 22 *Josiah hears the book of the Law and humbles himself before the LORD, showing the power of God's Word to expose sin and call His people back.*
- September 15 – 2 Kings 23 *Josiah leads Judah in covenant renewal and reform, removing idols and restoring the Passover as he seeks to turn the people back to the LORD.*
- September 16 – 2 Kings 24 *Judah's final kings return to rebellion as Babylon rises against Jerusalem, showing that God keeps His promises of judgment against unfaithfulness.*
- September 17 – 2 Kings 25 *Jerusalem falls, the temple is destroyed, and Judah is carried into exile, showing the devastating judgment brought by covenant unfaithfulness.*
- September 18 – 2 Chron. 36 *Judah's exile comes after generations of rejecting the LORD's Word, yet Cyrus's decree opens a door of hope beyond judgment.*



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