

# DAILY BIBLE READINGS 2024

## A CHRONOLOGICAL READING OF THE WHOLE BIBLE

# JUNE

REIGN & FALL OF SOLOMON, STRUGGLE FOR FAITH IN JUDAH, THE DEMISE OF ISRAEL

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**Psalms 72, 127**  
**1 Kings 10**  
*Kids: 2*  
*Chronicles 9*

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**1 Kings 11**  
**2 Chronicles 9**  
*Kids: 1 Kings 12*

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**1 Kings 12-13**  
*Kids: 1 Kings 13*

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**1 Kings 14**  
**2 Chronicles 10-12**  
*Kids: 1 Kings 14*

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**1 Kings 15:1-24**  
**2 Chronicles 13-15**  
*Kids: 1 Kings 16:29-33, 17*

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**2 Chronicles 16**  
**1 Kings 15:25 to 17:24**  
*Kids: 1 Kings 18:16-46*

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**1 Kings 18-19**  
*Kids: 1 Kings 19*

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**1 Kings 20-21**  
*Kids: 1 Kings 21*

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**2 Chronicles 17:1 to 19:3**  
**1 Kings 22†**  
*Kids: 1 Kings 22:140*

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**2 Chronicles 19:4 to 21:3**  
**\*2 Kings 1**  
*Kids: 2 Kings 2*

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**2 Kings 2-4**  
*Kids: 2 Kings 4:1-37*

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**2 Kings 5-7**  
*Kids: 2 Kings 5*

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**2 Kings 8-9**  
*Kids: 2 Kings 6:1-23, 8:1-6*

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**2 Kings 10**  
**2 Chronicles 21:4 to 23:21**  
*Kids: 2 Kings 11*

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**2 Chronicles 24**  
**2 Kings 11-12**  
*Kids: 2 Kings 12:1-16, 13:10-25*

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**2 Kings 13-14**  
**2 Chronicles 25**  
*Kids: 2 Kings 14*

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**\*Jonah†**  
*Kids: Jonah 1-2*

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**\*Amos 1-4**  
*Kids: Jonah 3-4*

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**Amos 5-7**  
*Kids: Amos 7*

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**Amos 8-9†**  
**\*Hosea 1-3**  
*Kids: Amos 9*

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**2 Kings 15**  
**2 Chronicles 26-27**  
*Kids: Hosea 1, 3*

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**\*Isaiah 1-2**  
*Kids: 2 Kings 15:1-15, 15:17-38*

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**Isaiah 3-5**  
*Kids: 2 Chronicles 26-27*  
**Isaiah 17, 28**  
*Kids: Isaiah 17, 29:13-24*

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**Hosea 4-7**  
*Kids: Isaiah 2, 5:1-7*

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**Hosea 8:1 to 11:11**  
*Kids: Hosea 6:1-3, Hosea 8, Hosea 11:1-11*

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**Hosea 11:12 to 14:9†**  
**Isaiah 6**  
*Kids: Hosea 11:12 to 12:14, Hosea 14*

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**2 Kings 16**  
**2 Chronicles 28**  
**Isaiah 7**  
*Kids: Isaiah 6, 2 Kings 16:7-20*

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**Isaiah 8-10**  
*Kids: Isaiah 7:1-17, 9:1-7*

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**Isaiah 11-14**  
*Kids: Isaiah 11-12*

\* beginning a new book † completed this book—Congratulations!

**Can't read the whole Bible this year? Read one new book of the Bible!**

*This month:*

- Psalms — February + April-May + June 1 + August-October, about 5½ hours
- 1 Kings — May + June 1-9, about 2 hours
- 2 Chronicles — May + June 2-27 + July-September, about 2 hours
- 2 Kings — June 10-27 + July-August, about 2 hours
- Jonah — June 17, about 10 minutes
- Amos — June 18-20, about 30 minutes
- Hosea — June 20 & 24-26, about 35 minutes
- Isaiah — June 22-30 + July, about 4 hours

## NOTES ON THIS MONTH'S READINGS...

### WEEK 22 (May 28 to June 3) — ISRAEL IS DIVIDED

**Date:** about 946-930 BC (some texts provide summaries from Solomon's reign, about 970-930 BC) • Song of Songs and Solomon's two psalms (72 and 127) come from sometime during Solomon's reign, about 970-930 BC • Ecclesiastes likely comes from late in Solomon's reign, perhaps between 946 and 930 BC

**The Story:** God has blessed Israel through Solomon—but Solomon proves unfaithful to God. So God removes most of Israel from the control of David's descendants. Is Israel doomed? Will its faith endure? What will happen to David's dynasty? Faith and faithlessness collide as the kings lead their people sometimes toward God and sometimes away from him. Hope endures as long as the people of Israel and Judah look to God. This week's readings cover the last of Solomon's wisdom writings, his two psalms, and the story of his fall and the tragic breakup of Israel.

### WEEK 23 (June 4-10) — THE TIME OF ELIJAH AND ELISHA

**Date:** about 930 to 848 BC

**The Story:** God is faithful to Israel and Judah when his people are faithful to him—and sometimes even when they are not. In Judah, David's royal descendants lead their nation in following God, but inconsistently. God is patient with them, helping them generously when they seek him. In Israel, though, the kings continue in "the same sin Jeroboam had caused Israel to commit" (1 Kings 15:34, etc.)—the worship of the idols Jeroboam had set up (1 Kings 12:28-30). God sends prophets to both nations to correct, warn, and even encourage them. Prominent among the prophets are Elijah and his successor Elisha, whom God sends to restore Israel's faith. Both men challenge kings, arouse faith in God, suffer persecution, and work miracles.

### WEEK 24 (June 11-17) — BATTLE FOR FAITH IN ISRAEL AND JUDAH

**Date:** roughly 848-750 BC

**The Story:** God, as he does in our own lives, works in the midst of the tumult of Israel and Judah. He blesses faithfulness, punishes evildoers, and even shows his grace to sinful people who might yet turn back to him. Covering about a century, this week's readings take us through the remainder of the ministry of Elisha and the stories of several kings of Israel and Judah, and of Judah's sole ruling queen. Ahab's royal line in Israel comes to a sudden end; David's royal line in Judah nearly does, too. Yet faith endures, and religious reforms are enacted in Judah, albeit briefly. The first writing prophets, Jonah and Amos, appear around this time. Jonah learns that God reaches out to all people, even the wicked, violent Assyrians in Nineveh. Amos cries out that destruction from God will soon come upon Israel if the nation does not repent.

### WEEK 25 (June 18-24) — WARNING CRIES FROM THE PROPHETS

**Date:** roughly 762 BC to about 725 BC

**The Story:** God has kept his word: he has blessed Judah and Israel whenever they have been faithful to his covenant with them. But now, some 250 years after King David, Judah's faithfulness is inconsistent, and Israel's is worse: Israel is full of idolatry and, with it, frequent evil conduct (remember Ahab and Jezebel?). But God is not ready to give up on Israel quite yet. Through several prophets—Amos, Hosea, and Isaiah in this week's readings—he warns both Israel and Judah to turn from their evil ways before judgment comes upon them. This week's readings cover the reigns of Kings Ahaziah (also called Uzziah) and Jotham in Judah and a succession of kings in increasingly unstable Israel: Zechariah, Shallum, Menahem, Pekahiah, and Pekah.

### WEEK 26 (June 25 to July 1) — ISRAEL FALLS

**Date:** about 745-701 BC (Isaiah 13:1 to 14:23 dates to sometime in the period 745-686 BC)

**The Story:** God continues to plead with Israel, with increasing urgency, to repent before it is too late. Two prophets at this time—Hosea in Israel and Isaiah in Judah—convey his messages. Neither nation listens. As a result, God delivers wicked Israel over to the Assyrian empire; it is overrun and its people are exiled. Meanwhile, in Judah, Isaiah speaks both warnings and hope to King Ahaz and the people. But Ahaz allies himself with Assyria for Judah's protection—and in doing so he rejects the Lord. Hope for Judah arises, though, in the next king, Hezekiah, who quickly works to turn God's remaining people back to God.