

Scripture Reading Schedule

Week 5: May 11-15

Monday	Exodus 2:11-15
Tuesday	Exodus 2:23-25
Wednesday	Psalms 139:7-12
Thursday	Isaiah 41:10
Friday	Exodus 3:1-12
Saturday	Acts 7:30-34

Week 6: May 18-22

Monday	Deuteronomy 1:1-8
Tuesday	Numbers 14:26-35
Wednesday	Deuteronomy 34:1-5
Thursday	Joshua 1:1-9
Friday	Joshua 3:1-17
Saturday	Romans 8:18-25

Week 7: May 25-29

Monday	2 Kings 25:8-12
Tuesday	Psalms 137:1-6
Wednesday	Lamentations 1:1-7
Thursday	Psalms 42:1-8
Friday	Lamentations 3:19-33
Saturday	2 Corinthians 1:3-7

Week 8: June 1-5

Monday	1 Kings 17:1-6
Tuesday	1 Kings 17:7-16
Wednesday	1 Kings 18:1-19
Thursday	Psalms 46:1-7
Friday	1 Kings 18:1-40
Saturday	Romans 11:2-4

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Week 9: June 8-12

Monday	Ruth 1:1-7
Tuesday	Ruth 1:8-18
Wednesday	Ruth 2:1-12
Thursday	Psalms 87:1-7
Friday	Ruth 4:13-22
Saturday	Galatians 3:26-29

*****Passages that are bold and italicized are scripture that may be used on Sunday morning.*****

The Fire & The Cloud: Meeting Jesus in the Journey of the Old Testament



Spring 2026 Reading Guide

There is a strange comfort in knowing that the people of God have always been on the move.

From the first exile east of Eden to a Moabite widow gleaning at the edges of a foreign field, the Bible is not primarily a book of settled certainties. It is a travel document — a record of a people perpetually uprooted, following, and arriving somewhere they did not expect.

Threading through every displacement, every wilderness, and every fearful river crossing is a single, insistent presence who we come to know as *Jesus the Christ*.

This nine-week reading guide follows the great movements of the Old Testament story: exile, pilgrimage, wilderness, lament, and homecoming.

Each week builds toward a text that has shaped the imagination of God's people across centuries, that will be the sermon for the week.

As we read these stories we are challenged to stop seeing them as "clues" pointing forward to Jesus, and instead to see that Jesus was never absent from them.

The God who walks with Cain's brother, who binds himself in covenant to wandering Abram, who speaks from a burning bush at the edge of the desert — this God is inseparably and recognizably *Jesus-like*.

That reorientation changes how we read these ancient stories bringing from the strange world of the past forward to today.

When we meet Cain, marked and driven out, we are not watching a distant ancestor. We are watching ourselves — exiled by our own violence and envy, and sought out by a Brother whose blood, unlike Abel's, speaks not accusation but mercy.

When we follow Abraham into the not-yet, we discover that faith is not a matter of seeing the destination clearly; it is a matter of trusting the One who walks beside you in the dark.

When Joseph weeps and reveals himself to the brothers who sold him, we are standing at the edge of a grace so terrifying it takes our breath away — and we recognize it, because we have seen it before, at another table, with bread and wine and the same impossible words: *I am your brother*.

The pillar of cloud by day and the fire by night — the images that give this series its name — are not just ancient miracles. They are signs that God provides enough light for the next step, but not a map for the whole road. Jesus does not hand us a destination, or certainty. What he gives us is his company, and says that is enough.

That is the invitation of this reading guide.

Whether you find yourself in exile — far from where you hoped to be — or in wilderness, waiting for a word that hasn't come, or standing at the edge of a Jordan that has not yet parted, these readings are meant to locate you within a story that is still being told.

The Monday through Thursday passages each week approach the Friday anchor from a different angle, building slowly toward it. Do not rush them. Let the words sit. Let the silences breathe and listen.

Read these words prayerfully - asking the Spirit to speak to you through them.

The fire does not consume. The cloud does not abandon. The One who led them then is leading still.

Come and meet Him on the journey.

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Week 1: April 13-17

Monday	Genesis 1:26-31
Tuesday	Genesis 2:15-17
Wednesday	Genesis 3:8-19
Thursday	Psalms 51:1-12
Friday	Genesis 4:1-16
Saturday	Matthew 5:21-24

Week 2: April 20-24

Monday	Genesis 6:5-8
Tuesday	Genesis 11:1-9
Wednesday	Hebrews 11:8-10
Thursday	Psalms 105:1-11
Friday	Genesis 12:1-9; 15:1-6
Saturday	Hebrews 11:8-16

Week 3: April 27-May 1

Monday	Genesis 37:3-11, 23-28
Tuesday	Genesis 39:1-6, 20-23
Wednesday	Genesis 41:37-45
Thursday	Psalms 105:16-22
Friday	Genesis 45:1-15
Saturday	Romans 8:28

Week 4: May 4-8

Monday	Exodus 1:8-14
Tuesday	Exodus 12:29-33
Wednesday	Psalms 77:14-20
Thursday	Isaiah 42:16
Friday	Exodus 13:17-22
Saturday	John 8:12