

COVER TO COVER

THE BIBLE IN 10 MINUTES, 5 DAYS PER WEEK



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We created this plan to capture the **highlights** of Scripture over the 22 weeks of the “Cover to Cover” sermon series. While this plan will not cover everything, it will give you a holistic perspective on the story of the Bible and what that means for your life today. Week 11 of the plan is below. We will update this plan each week so please check back weekly.

WEEK 12

Welcome to week twelve of the “Cover to Cover” Bible reading plan. In week eleven, we explored David’s story in the book of 2 Samuel and looked at some of the Psalms he wrote at different points in his life. This week, we will focus on David’s successor, his son Solomon.

DAY 1 Chapter 2 of 1 Kings contains Solomon’s installation as King following David’s death. In Chapter 3, Solomon asks God for wisdom. God commended Solomon for not asking for a long life or wealth or his enemies to be destroyed. So, God gave Solomon not only great wisdom but wealth, honor, and respect. Today **read 1 Kings 2-3.**

DAY 2 Chapters 6-8 of 1 Kings record the account of Solomon building Jerusalem’s first temple. God didn’t allow David to build the Temple, but Solomon was able to get it done. He also built a palace for himself and ultimately brought the Ark of the Covenant to rest in the Holy of Holies inside the Temple. And God’s presence filled the Temple. Today **read 1 Kings 6-8.**

DAY 3 Today, we are taking a break from 1 Kings to explore the book of Proverbs. Just as his father, David, wrote many Psalms, Solomon contributed significantly to the book of Proverbs. In Chapters 1 and 2 of Proverbs, we can clearly see Solomon’s deep desire for wisdom shining through. Today **read Proverbs 1 and 2.**

DAY 4 Today, we continue in the book of Proverbs. Chapters 8 and 9 contain a clear contrast between wisdom and folly. Today **read Proverbs Chapter 8-9.**

DAY 5 Today we return to the story of Solomon in 1 Kings. In some translations, chapter 11 begins with the word “but.” After several chapters of all the great things Solomon did, this word should clue us in that something is about to change. In Chapter 11, we begin to see Solomon’s demise. Not only does he marry multiple women, but he marries foreign women, which God clearly warned his people against. These women

ended up dividing Solomon's heart and his nation. In Chapter Twelve, we see how Rehoboam, Solomon's son, grossly mishandled a situation and ended up once again dividing the Kingdom. Today, **read 1 Kings 11-12.**

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What is something that struck you or sticks out to you from this week's sermon?
2. What do you think about Solomon's method of determining the real mother in the story? Do you see it as wise or harsh?
3. How has the church community helped you grow in your faith? Are there specific instances or people who have been particularly influential?
4. Pastor Wayne Kent emphasized the importance of keeping worship at the center of our lives. How do you incorporate worship into your daily and weekly routine?
5. Based on this week's message, what is one thing you feel called to change or improve in your personal life or within the church community? How can we as a group support each other through prayer?

READ THE ENTIRE BIBLE IN 6 MONTHS!

Looking for a challenge? Follow the YouVersion "Read the Bible in Six Months" reading plan. You'll read through the **ENTIRE** Bible over the course of just six months. That works out to six chapters of reading each day a commitment, but certainly manageable, and one that's well worth making. Scan to start.

