

# 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 13 of the plan is below. We will update this plan each week so please check back weekly.

### WEEK 13

Welcome to week thirteen of the “Cover to Cover” Bible reading plan. Last week, we focused on David’s successor, his son Solomon. We finished the week by reading about the actions of Solomon’s son, Rehoboam, and how his decisions led to the division of the Kingdom. This week, we will explore the accounts of several of the kings of Israel and Judah as documented in 1 and 2 Kings.

**DAY 1** To begin the week, we will examine the accounts of several kings. In doing so, we quickly realize that many of the Kings did not have the same heart David did. In particular, Chapter 16 of 1 Kings contains the account of Ahab, who was the worst of the worst. As bad as Ahab was, his wife, Jezebel, was far worse. These chapters remind us that God never wanted his people to have a King. He wanted to be their King. The chapters we read today and in the week ahead will make it plain why a king was not a good thing for God’s people. With that in mind, **read 1 Kings 15-16** today.

**DAY 2** Today we read the conclusion of the story of Ahab and Jezebel. God uses Jehu to destroy Ahab’s house and eliminate Baal worship. Yet even Jehu, who worked so diligently for God, did not finish well. Today, **read 2 Kings 9-10**.

**DAY 3** Today, we read about three kings who encountered significant spiritual and political challenges. After the story of Ahab and Jezebel, these chapters seem a bit brighter. However, they also highlight the significance of remaining faithful to God and the consequences of wavering in devotion. Today **read 2 Kings 12-13**.

**DAY 4** Today, we read about several kings who struggled to manage their leadership appropriately. These chapters depict the political and military struggles and the prevalent spiritual apathy during this period of God’s people’s history. Today, **read 2 Kings 14-16**.

**DAY 5** Today we end on a high note. In 2 Kings 22, the chapter focuses on King Josiah of Judah. Josiah becomes king at a young age and is known for his strong devotion to the Lord. God uses Josiah to renew his

covenant with the people, and in response, the people commit to following God's commands. Chapter 23 further narrates Josiah's efforts to lead Judah back to obedience to God's law. Today **read 2 Kings 22-23**.

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What is something that caught your attention from this week's sermon?
2. Pastor Thomas Hagan talked about how the people lost the scriptures — and likewise lost their way. In what ways might we, like the people of Israel, stray from God's ways due to the influences of surrounding culture?
3. How can the story of King Josiah's reaction to finding the Book of the Law inspire us in our spiritual lives?
4. How can we apply the principles of conviction, repentance, obedience, and worship in our daily lives?
5. In what ways can we align our lives with God's desire, similar to how King Josiah sought to honor God? How can we support each other in our group to remain steadfast in our commitment to knowing and obeying God's word?

### 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.

