

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

WEEK 4

Hello and welcome to week four of the “Cover to Cover” Bible reading plan. Week three was an opportunity to look at the accounts of the lives of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and Joseph. This week, let’s take a look at the first half of the book of Exodus. While the book of Exodus focuses on the story of Moses, it also reveals God’s presence, promises, power, liberation, and sacrifice. Keep those things in mind as you read this week.

DAY 1 As we enter the book of Exodus, the Israelites have grown significantly in number. However, Joseph and his brothers have died. A new King in Egypt, who knew nothing of Joseph, has come to power and forced the Israelites into slavery. In the midst of this setting, the first two chapters of Exodus introduce us to Moses and God establishing his relationship with Moses. Today, read **Exodus Chapters 2 & 3.**

DAY 2 Chapters 7-8 of Exodus chronicle God instructing Moses and his brother Aaron to speak to Pharaoh on his behalf. God will ultimately use this interaction to free his people from slavery in Egypt. However before that can happen, God brings 10 plagues on Egypt specifically designed to demonstrate that God, not Pharaoh, is sovereign over Egypt. The first 4 of these plagues take place in Chapters 7&8. **Read Exodus 7-8** today.

DAY 3 Plagues 5-9 are captured in Chapters 9-10 of Exodus. **Read Exodus 9-10** and reflect on God’s power and sovereignty displayed through these plagues.

DAY 4 Chapter 11 announces the 10th and final plague. However, the plague does not take place in this chapter. Chapter 11 sets the stage for what will come next which will ultimately lead to Pharaoh expelling God’s people from Egypt. Read **Chapter 11** today and reflect on all that God did to free his people..

DAY 5 Chapters 12-14 capture the tenth plague, and God's deliverance of his people from Egypt. Again this is a pivotal moment in the story of God's people. Through Passover, God freed his people and began the path to making them his holy nation. Today, read **Exodus Chapters 12 - 14**.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What is something from this week's sermon that caught your attention or left an impression on you?
2. Pastor Brian summed up Moses' life as, "God takes this guy, who was a big shot 'something' in Egypt; to a 'nothing' in the desert, to then do 'something significant' through him." Can you relate to Moses' life summary? Explain.
3. The opening question of this week's message was, "What do you do when you don't know what to do?" What is your natural reaction when you don't know what to do?
4. Exodus 14:13-15 says: ***Moses answered the people, "Do not be afraid. Stand firm and you will see the deliverance the Lord will bring you today. The Egyptians you see today you will never see again. The Lord will fight for you; you need only to be still." Then the Lord said to Moses, "Why are you crying out to me? Tell the Israelites to move on.***

Pastor Brian talked about the both-and paradox (rather than the either-or) of "be still" and "keep moving." Has there been a time in your life when you were able to put this paradox into practice?
5. What is a current situation or area in your life where you need to trust God as you both "be still" and "keep moving?"

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