

1 Samuel Reading Plan

The reading plan below is to accompany this year's preaching series through 1 Samuel. The Idea is that you read through the set readings on the week leading up to the sermon passage for that week. Each week you have at least 4 readings to prepare you for the sermon on Sunday. You will read passages from the Old Testament, Psalms, New Testament and the book of 1 Samuel. The readings are selected to relate to the sermon passage in some way. They either:

- relate to the themes of the sermon passage,
- give background to the events of the sermon passage, or
- Tell the same story from a different angle.

Beside each reading is a short description of the theme or content of the passage. Lastly, the preaching plan is divided into several blocks, which correspond with the current preaching plan (e.g. the first block of sermons on 1 Samuel will be 5 weeks, leading up to Easter). To get the most out of the readings, it is recommended to read them in conjunction with the sermon series, as opposed to reading them in one go.

**Additional and Cross Reference readings are in Italics*

Block 1: 5 Weeks

Week 1		
OT	Deuteronomy 21:15-17	Right of the Firstborn
Psalm	Psalm 106:1-5	Who can declare the Lord's mighty acts?
NT	Luke 2:21-40	The circumcision of Jesus, visit to Simeon, and prophesy of Anna
Preaching	1 Samuel 1:1-28; 2:11	Birth and dedication of Samuel

Week 2		
OT	Ruth 4:1-22	Salvation comes to Naomi
Psalm	Psalm 113	Praise be to the Lord for he gives children to the childless
NT	Philippians 4:4-9	Rejoice in the Lord Always
Preaching	1 Samuel 2:1-10	Hannah's prayer of praise

Week 3		
OT	Leviticus 10:8-20	Instructions for the Priests
Psalm	Psalm 1	The Wicked will not survive the Judgment
NT	Hebrews 10:11-31	One final sacrifice is no to be treated lightly
Preaching	1 Samuel 2:12-36	Eli's wicked sons, contempt for the sacrifice

Week 4		
OT	Ezekiel 3:16-27	Prophet as a watchman
Psalm	Psalm 119:41-48	Delighting in God's word to his people
NT	John 3:31-36	The one from Heaven speaks God's words
Preaching	1 Samuel 3:1-4:1a	Samuel Commissioned by God

Week 5		
OT	Jeremiah 3:14-18 <i>Joshua 6:1-12</i>	A time is coming where the Ark will not be considered
Psalm	Psalm 78:40-72 <i>Psalm 78:56-72</i>	<i>Places the taking of the Ark in redemptive history</i>
NT	Revelation 19:11-21	The King of Kings will lead the army of the Lord
Preaching	1 Samuel 4:1b-22	The Ark captured, and death of Eli

Block 2: 6 Weeks

Week 6		
OT	Ezekiel 43:1-5	The Glory of the Lord returning to the Temple
Psalm	Psalm 126	The restoration of Zion
NT	Matthew 1:18-25	Immanuel: 'God with Us' in finality through Jesus
Preaching	1 Samuel 5:1-7:1	The Ark returned

Week 7		
OT	Judges 3:7-11	Othniel the Judge
Psalm	Psalm 60	With God we will do valiantly
NT	John 16:16-33	Jesus has conquered the world
Preaching	1 Samuel 7:2-17	Samuel Subdues the Philistines: The Last Judge of Israel

Week 8		
OT	Deuteronomy 17:14-20	When a King is Wanted
Psalm	Psalm 24	The Lord, Strong and Mighty is the King of Glory
NT	Acts 2:22-36	Jesus the crucified has been made Lord and King
Preaching	1 Samuel 8:1-22	Israel Wants a King

Week 9		
OT	1 Samuel 9:1-27	Saul is Anointed Part 1
Psalm	Psalm 8	Saul has been made ruler over the works of God's fingers
NT	Acts 13:13-22 <i>Acts 13:13-41</i>	Paul's Sermon at Psidian Antioch
Preaching	1 Samuel 10:1-8	Saul is Anointed Part 2

Week 10		
OT	Joshua 7:1-26	Achan Identified
Psalm	Psalm 43	God the True Defender
NT	John 1:1-18	Jesus not Received By His Own People
Preaching	1 Samuel 10:9-27	Saul Presented to the People

Week 11		
OT	Genesis 14:1-24	Abraham Rescues Lot and Meets Melchizedek
Psalm	Psalm 130	Awaiting Redemption from the Lord
NT	2 Thessalonians 1:1-12	God's Judgment and Glory
Preaching	1 Samuel 11:1-15	Saul's Victory and Confirmation as King

Block 3: 3 Weeks

Week 12		
OT	Deuteronomy 6:1-9	Do Not Forget God When you Enter the Land
Psalm	Psalm 81	Call to Obedience to Yahweh
NT	Acts 20:17-38	Paul's Farewell to the Ephesian Elders
Preaching	1 Samuel 12:1-25	Samuel's Farewell Speech

Week 13		
OT	Ezekiel 11:1-13	Saul's Leadership is the Beginning of Corrupt Leaders
Psalm	Psalm 89	The Lord has Chosen David
NT	Mark 1:1-11	Jesus, the Son who God delights in
Preaching	1 Samuel 13:1-15	Saul's Failure

Week 14		
OT	Obadiah 15-21	Judgment on the Nations
Psalm	Psalm 28	The Lord Will Save His People
NT	1 John 5:1-5	Faith Conquers All
Preaching	1 Samuel 13:16-14:23	Israel Battle Against the Philistines

Block 4: 7 Weeks

Week 15		
OT	Judges 11:29-40	The Toughest Oath to Keep
Psalm	Psalm 15	The One Who Keeps His Oaths When It Hurts Will Not Be Moved
NT	Matthew 5:33-37	Making Oaths is Dangerous
Preaching	1 Samuel 14:24-46	Jonathan Eats Honey

Week 16		
OT	Genesis 4:1-16	Cain and Abel
Psalm	Psalm 51:10-19	Sacrifices are Not Enough
NT	Mark 12:28-34	To Love God is Better than Sacrifice
Preaching	1 Samuel 14:47-15:1-35	God Rejects Saul as King

Week 17		
OT	Jeremiah 9:23-26	Boast in Knowledge of the Lord
Psalm	Psalm 8	David made Ruler over the Works of God's Hands
NT	1 Corinthians 1:26-31	God has Chosen the Weak to Shame the Strong
Preaching	1 Samuel 16:1-23	David Anointed as King

Week 18		
OT	1 Kings 20:26-30	God Wins the Battle for Israel
Psalm	Psalm 7	My Shield is with God
NT	2 Corinthians 10:1-6	Our Battle is Now Spiritual
Preaching	1 Samuel 17:1-58	David Vs Goliath

Week 19		
OT	Genesis 37:1-11	Joseph and His Jealous Brothers
Psalm	Psalm 34	The Lord Delovers the Righteous
NT	Matthew 12:22-45	The Fruit of the Tree Shows Its Health
Preaching	1 Samuel 18:1-19 <i>1 Samuel 23:15-18</i>	Saul is Jealous of David

Week 20		
OT	Genesis 37:12-36	Joseph's Brothers almost Murder Him
Psalm	Psalm 11	Refuge in the Lord
NT	Luke 14:25-34	The Cost of Following the Lord's Anointed is to Hate One's Own Father
Preaching	1 Samuel 19:1-20:42 <i>1 Samuel 23:15-18</i>	Jonathan and David

Week 21		
OT	Habakkuk 3:16-19	I Will Rejoice in the God of My Salvation
Psalm	Psalm 119:105-112	In the Midst of Danger, God's Word is a Lamp Unto our Feet
NT	Luke 6:1-11	Sabbath Rules and David's Violation in need
Preaching	1 Samuel 21:1-15 <i>1 Samuel 23:19-29,</i> <i>1 Samuel 27</i>	David's Life on the Run

Block 5: Weeks

Week 22		
OT	2 Samuel 9:1-13	David and Mephibosheth
Psalm	Psalm 55	Betrayal of a Friend
NT	Matthew 5:43-48	Love Your Enemies
Preaching	1 Samuel 24:1-22	David will Not Kill The Lord's Anointed

Week 23		
OT	Isaiah 32:1-8	The Fool Who Leaves the Hungry Empty
Psalm	Psalm 43	Vindicate Me O God
NT	Romans 12:9-21	Bless Those Who Persecute You
Preaching	1 Samuel 25:1-44	David, Nabal and Abigail

Week 24		
OT	Deuteronomy 18:9-22	Divination is Forbidden
Psalm	Psalm 119:89-96	God's Word is Forever
NT	Acts 19:11-20	Divination is Not Compatible With Christianity
Preaching	1 Samuel 28:1-25	Saul Consults a Medium

Week 25		
OT	1 Chronicles 10:1-11:3	The Death of Saul Explained
Psalm	Psalm 1	The Righteous Vs Wicked/ David Vs Saul
NT	Philippians 2:5-11	The Death of the True Messiah as Contrast
Preaching	1 Samuel 31:1-2 Samuel 1:27	The Death of Saul and David's Reaction