The King James Bible: Suggested Readings

### The Old Testament

## Genesis

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| 1, 2 | The Creation |
| 3 | The Fall |
| 4.1-15 | Cain and Abel |
| 6.1-9.19 | Noah and the Flood |
| 11.1-9 | The Tower of Babel |
| 12.1-9 | The call of Abraham |
| 16 | Sarah and Hagar |
| 17 | God's covenant with Abraham |
| 18.1-15 | A son promised to Sarah |
| 18.16-19.28 | The destruction of Sodom |
| 21.1-22.19 | Isaac |
| 24.57-67 | Rebecca |
| 25.19-27.46 | Esau and Jacob |
| 30.22-43 | Jacob's youth |
| 32,22-32 | Jacob returns to Canaan |
| 37 | Joseph sold into Egypt |
| 39 | Potiphar's wife tempts Joseph |
| 41 | Joseph and the Pharaoh |
| 42-54 | Joseph and his brothers |

## Exodus

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| 1.8-2.22 | Moses |
| 4.1-17 | The burning bush |
| 5.1-18 | The Israelites' complaints |
| 11 | The last plague |
| 14 | The Exodus from Egypt |
| 16 | Manna and the Sabbath |
| 17 | Moses strikes the rock for water |
| 17 | Amalek defeated |
| 19, 20 | Moses on Mt. Sinai |
| 32 | The descent from Sinai |
| 40 | The Tabernacle |

## Leviticus

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| 12 | The purification of women |
| 13.9-46 | The laws concerning leprosy |
| 17.10-12 | The significance of blood |

## Numbers

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| 13.17-14.45 | The spies in Canaan |
| 20.1-13 | Moses strikes the rock |
| 21.4-9 | The fiery serpents |
| 22.20-23.12 | Balaam |

## Deuteronomy

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| 14.3-21 | Clean and unclean beasts |
| 23.19-20 | Usury |
| 24.1-6 | Divorce |
| 25.1-4 | Beating of offenders |
| 25.5-10 | Raising up children for a dead brother |
| 34 | The death of Moses |

## Joshua

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| 2 | Rahab |
| 3,4 | The River Jordan |
| 6 | The Battle of Jericho |
| 9 | The Gibeonites |
| 10.12-14 | The sun stands still |
| 20 | The cities of refuge |
| 24.29-33 | The death of Joshua |

## Judges

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| 2.11-23 | Sins of the Israelites |
| 4 | Deborah, Joel |
| 6.36-7.25 | Gideon |
| 11 | Jephtha |
| 12.1-6 | “Shibboleth” |
| 13-16 | Samson |

## Ruth

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| 1-4 | Ruth |

## The First Book of Samuel

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| 1-5 | Samuel and the Ark |
| 8-10 | Saul the King |
| 15 | Samuel and Saul |
| 16-17 | David the King |
| 18 | David and Jonathan |
| 28 | The Witch of Endor |
| 31 | The slaying of Saul and Jonathan |

## The Second Book of Samuel

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| 1 | David's lamentations |
| 2.1-4 | David, King of Judah |
| 5.1-10 | David, King of Israel |
| 6 | David and the Ark |
| 11-12 | David and Bath-sheba |
| 13.1-19.8 | David and Absalom |

## The First Book of the Kings

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| 1.1-2.12 | King Solomon |
| 3 | Solomon's wisdom |
| 10 | The Queen of Sheba, Solomon's wealth |
| 11-12 | The dividing of the kingdom |
| 16.29-34 | Ahab the King |
| 18-19 | Elijah |
| 21-22 | Ahab and Jezebel |

## The Second Book of the Kings

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| 2 | Elijah and Elisha |
| 4-5 | Elisha |
| 6.24-7.20 | Elisha's prophecy fulfilled |
| 17 | The end of the kingdom of Israel |
| 25 | The end of the kingdom of Judah |

## Esther

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| 1-8 | Esther |

## Job

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| 1-42 | Job |

## The Psalms

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| 1-150 | Especially 1, 2, 8, 11, 14, 19, 22, 23, 24, 38, 40, 42, 45, 46, 51, 63, 90, 91, 96, 103, 110, 114, 114, 115, 121, 122, 127, 130, 133, 137, 139, 150. |

## The Proverbs

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| 1-31 | Especially 1.1-10, 3.1-20, 15.1-5, 21.1-4, 26.1-14, 30.15-28, 31.10-31. |

## Ecclesiastes, or the Preacher

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| 1-12 | Especially 1.1-17, 3.1-15, 11, 12. |

## The Song of Solomon

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| 2 | Love |

## Isaiah

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| 2.1-4 | War |
| 5.1-7 | Parable of the vineyard |
| 6 | Isaiah's vision |
| 7.10-17 | Immanuel |
| 9.1-7 | The Prince of Peace |
| 11.1-9 | The rule of the Messiah |
| 32.1-8 | Righteousness and justice |
| 37.21-38 | Isaiah's prophecy |
| 40.1-8 | Comfort |
| 42.1-9 | The mission of the Servant |
| 53 | The suffering servant |
| 55 | Seek the *Lord* |
| 61.1-9 | The year of the Lord's favor |

## Daniel

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| 1-6 | Daniel |
| 13\* | Susanna and the Elders |
| 14\* | Bel and the Dragon |

## Jonah

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| 1-4 | Jonah and the great fish |

## Judith\*

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| 8-16 | Judith |

## Ecclesiasticus, or the Wisdom of Jesus the Son of Sirach\*

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| 13.1-14 | False friends |
| 30 | Disciplining children |
| 38.24-34 | Craftsmen and workmen |
| 44.1-15 | Famous men |

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| *\** | *Books or chapters marked with an asterisk exist only in the Apocrypha.* |

### The New Testament

## The Gospel according to Matthew

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| 1.18-2.23 | Birth of Jesus |
| 3 | John the Baptist |
| 4 | The Temptation of Christ |
| 5-7 | The Sermon on the Mount |
| 9.9-17 | The call of Matthew |
| 10 | The mission of the Twelve |
| 11.25-30 | Jesus’ prayer |
| 13.24-52 | Six parables of the kingdom |
| 13.53-58 | The prophet without honor |
| 15.21-31 | The woman of Tyre |
| 15.32-39 | The feeding of the five thousand |
| 16.13-28 | Peter’s confession and rebuke |
| *(16.17-19)* | *(The keys of the kingdom)* |
| 17.24-27 | The tribute |
| 18.1-20 | Jesus and the children; forgiveness |
| 18.21-35 | Parable of the merciless servant |
| 20.1-19 | Parable of the laborers in the vineyard |
| 20.20-28 | The mother of James and John |
| 20.29-34 | The healing of the blind men |

## The Gospel according to Mark

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| 4.1-20 | Parable of the sower |
| 5 | Healings (The Gadarene swine) |
| 6.14-29 | Death of John the Baptist |
| 6.30-44 | The feeding of the five thousand |
| 8.14-26 | The disciples rebuked |
| 9.1-13 | The Transfiguration |
| 9.14-32 | The dumb boy healed |
| 10.1-31 | On marriage, children, and riches |

## The Gospel according to Luke

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| 1.1-4 | The preface |
| 1.5-25 | Elizabeth and the Angel Gabriel |
| 1.26-38 | The Annunciation |
| 1.46-56 | The Visitation |
| 1.57-80 | The birth of John |
| 2.1-21 | The birth of Jesus |
| 2.22-40 | The Purification |
| 2.41-52 | The boy Jesus in the temple |
| 3.1-22 | John the Baptist |
| 4.16-32 | The rejection at Nazareth |
| 4.33-44 | Jesus at Capernaum |
| 5.1-11 | The great draught of fishes |
| 5.12-26 | Jesus heals a leper and a paralytic |
| 6.1-11 | Jesus and the Sabbath |
| 7.1-10 | *Domine, non sum dignus…* |
| 7.11-17 | The widow’s son brought to life |
| 7.36-50 | John and Jesus |
| 10.1-24 | The mission of the seventy |
| 10.25-37 | Parable of the good Samaritan |
| 10.38-42 | Martha and Mary |
| 11.1-13 | The Lord’s Prayer |
| 11.37-54 | The Pharisees and lawyers rebuked |
| 12.13-40 | The neglect of material things |
| 13.10-17 | The woman healed on the Sabbath |
| 13.22-30 | Who shall be saved? |
| 13.31-35 | The warning about Herod |
| 14.1-6 | Healing on the Sabbath |
| 14.7-14 | Humility |
| 14.15-24 | Parable of the great supper |
| 14.25-15.2 | The cost of following Jesus |
| 15.3-7 | Parable of the lost sheep |
| 15.8-10 | Parable of the lost piece |
| 15.11-32 | Parable of the prodigal son |
| 16.1-13 | Parable of the dishonest steward |
| 16.19-31 | Parable of the rich man and the beggar |
| 17 | On forgiveness, faith, the kingdom of God |
| 18.1-8 | Parable of the importunate widow |
| 18.9-17 | Parable of the Pharisee and the publican |
| 19.11-28 | Parable of the pounds |
| 19.29-48 | Jesus enters Jerusalem and weeps |
| *(Mark 11.11-26)* | *The barren fig tree* |
| 20 | The Pharisees and the saducees |
| 21.5-38 | The end of Jerusalem and the world |
| 22 | The Passover in Jerusalem |
| 23 | The trial and Crucifixion |
| *(Mark 27.24-25)* | *The trial* |
| *(Mark 27.46-49)* | *The last words of Jesus* |
| 24 | The Resurrection, appearance, and Resurrection |

## The Gospel according to John

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| 1.1-24 | The Divine Word & John the Baptist |
| 2.1-11 | The marriage at Cana |
| 3.1-21 | Nicodemus |
| 4 | The woman of Samaria |
| 6.1-21 | The feeding of the 5000; walking on water |
| 8.1-11 | The woman taken in adultery |
| 9 | The blind man |
| 10.1-18 | The Good Shepherd |
| 11 | Lazarus |
| 12.1-19 | Mary anoints Jesus’ feet |
| 12.20-25 | Jesus in Jerusalem |
| 13-17 | The Last Supper |
| 19 | The trial, Crucifixion, and burial |
| 20-21 | The Resurrection and appearance |

## The Acts of the Apostles

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| 1.6-11; 2.1-21 | The Ascension, the Pentecost |
| 3.1-11 | The healing on Solomon’s porch |
| 6:8-15, 7:51-60 | Stephen stoned |
| 9.1-30 | The conversion of Saul of Tarsus |
| 9:32-43 | The miracles of Peter |
| 10:9-23 | Peter’s vision |
| 19.23-41 | The riot at Ephesus |

## The Epistle to the Romans

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| 3.19-31, 5.1-11 | Justification by faith |
| 13 | Obedience to authority |

## The First Epistle to the Corinthians

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| 11.1-16 | The duty of men and women |
| 11.17-34 | The Lord’s Supper |
| 13 | Charity |
| 15.35-58 | The resurrection of the dead |

## The Epistle to the Hebrews

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| 11 | The power of faith *(a fast review of the OT)* |

## The Epistle of James

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| 2.14-26 | Justification by faith and works |

## The Revelation of John the Divine, or The Apocalypse

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| 1.4-20 | John’s vision |
| 4 | The vision of God on His throne |
| 5 | The Lamb and the seven seals |
| 6-7 | The four horsemen; The four angels |
| 12 | The woman clothed with the sun |
| 17 | The scarlet woman and the beast with seven heads |
| 21 | The new Jerusalem |