

# **The Old Testament Books of the Bible**

## *A Reader's Theater*

Reader 1: Book one.

Reader 2: Genesis!

Reader 3: "In the beginning..."

Reader 4: Book number two:

Reader 5: Exodus

Reader 6: "Let my people go!"

Reader 1: Book number three:

Reader 3: Leviticus

Reader 2: "God called to Moses from the tent of meeting"

Reader 4: Book number 4:

Reader 5: Numbers

Reader 6: How many Israelites were there?

Reader 2: Book number 5:

Reader 1: Deuteronomy

Reader 3: Moses' last sermon to the Israelites

Reader 5: Book number 6

Reader 4: Joshua

Reader 6: (singing) fit the battle of Jericho, Jericho, Jericho!

Reader 4: Book number 7

Reader 5: Judges

Reader 3: All twelve of them

Reader 1: Book number 8

Reader 2: Ruth

Reader 1: “Your people will be my people, and your God, my God.”

Reader 6: Books numbers 9 & 10

Reader 2: 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel

Reader 5: Samuel becomes a great prophet, and Saul and David become kings.

Reader 3: Books numbers 11 & 12

Reader 4: 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Kings

Reader 3: A royal history continues!

Reader 5: Books numbers 13 & 14

Reader 2: 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Chronicles

Reader 6: Israel and Judah split, and the whole circus falls to pieces.

Reader 1: Book number 15:

Reader 2: Ezra

Reader 1: Back to Jerusalem after the Exile

Reader 3: Book number 16:

Reader 4: Nehemiah

Reader 3: The temple is rebuilt!

Reader 5: Book number 17:

Reader 6: Esther

Reader 5: “If I perish, I perish.”

Reader 6: Book number 18:

Reader 1: Job

Reader 6: “Why me, God?”

Reader 3: Book number 19

Reader 2: Psalms

Reader 4: “The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want...”

Reader 5: Book number 20

Reader 1: Proverbs

Reader 6: The wisdom of the wise-est!

Reader 5: Book number 21

Reader 4: Ecclesiastes

Reader 3: Solomon’s advice to the young

Reader 2: Book number 22

Reader 1: Song of Solomon

Reader 2: A passionate love story!

Reader 1: Book number

Readers 2 & 3: Twenty-three!

Reader 4: Isaiah

Reader 5: But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles.

Reader 6: Book Twenty-four...

Reader 5: Jeremiah

Reader 4: “I know the plans I have for you,” says the Lord.

Reader 3: Book Twenty five:

Reader 2: Lamentations

Reader 1, 3, 5: “We lay down and wept...”

Reader 6: Book twenty-six

Reader 2: Ezekiel

Reader 4: “Then you will know that I am the Lord!”

Reader 5: Book twenty-seven

Reader 3: Daniel

Reader 1: “Roar!” But the Lord shut the lions’ mouths

Reader 2: Book twenty-eight

Reader 6: Hosea

Reader 3: “You want me to marry WHO?”

Reader 5: Book twenty-nine

Reader 4: Joel

Reader 6: The Day of the Lord is coming!

Reader 5: Book thirty

Reader 4: Amos

Reader 3: “Let justice roll on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream!”

Reader 2: Book thirty-one

Reader 1: Obadiah

Reader 2: And the kingdom will be the Lord’s!

Reader 3: Book thirty-two

Reader 4: Jonah

Reader 5: Calling out to God from the belly of the fish!

Reader 6: Book thirty-three

Reader 4: Micah

Reader 2: Act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with your God.

Reader 1: Book thirty-four

Reader 3: Nahum

Reader 5: The Lord is slow to anger and great in power.

Reader 6: Book thirty-five...

Readers 1,3, 5: Five to go!

Reader 4: Habakkuk

Reader 2: For I am going to do something in your days that you would not believe

Reader 1: Book thirty-six

Reader 6: Zephaniah

Reader 2: At that time I will gather you; at that time I will bring you home

Reader 4: Book thirty-seven

Reader 5: Haggai

Reader 3: The consequences of disobedience, the blessings of obedience

Reader 4: Book thirty-eight

Reader 3: Zechariah

Reader 2: On that day a fountain will be opened to the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, to cleanse them from sin and impurity

Reader 5: And now,

All: the last book in the Old Testament...

Reader 2: Book thirty-nine!

Reader 1: Malachi

Reader 6: I have loved you, says the Lord

All: And those are the books of the Old Testament