

# Introductions to the Books of the Old Testament

Genesis: A reading from Genesis.

Exodus: A reading from Exodus.

Numbers: A reading from the Book of Numbers.

Deuteronomy: A reading from Deuteronomy, the Book of the Second Law.

Joshua: A reading from the Book of Joshua, the son of Nun.

Judges: A reading from the Book of the Judges of Israel.

I Samuel: A reading from the First Book of Samuel, the First Book of the Kingdom.

I Kings: A reading from the First Book of Kings.

II Kings: A reading from the Second Book of Kings.

I Chronicles: A reading from the First Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Israel.

Judith: A reading from the Book of Judith.

Esther: A reading from the Book of Esther.

Job: A reading from the Book of Job.

Proverbs: A reading from Proverbs.

Wisdom: A reading from the Wisdom of Solomon.

Sirach: A reading from the Wisdom of Jesus, the son of Sirach.

Isaiah, Jeremiah, Baruch, Ezekiel, Daniel, Joel, Jonah, Micah, Zephaniah, Zechariah, Malachi:

A reading from the Prophecy of *Name*.

# Introductions to the Books of the New Testament

- Acts: A reading from the Acts of the Holy Apostles. (*In those days...*)
- Romans: A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul the Apostle to the Romans.
- I Corinthians: A reading from the First Letter of Saint Paul the Apostle to the Corinthians.
- II Corinthians: A reading from the Second Letter of Saint Paul the Apostle to the Corinthians.
- Galatians: A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul the Apostle to the Galatians.
- Ephesians: A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul the Apostle to the Ephesians.
- Phillipians: A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul the Apostle to the Phillipians.
- Colossians: A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul the Apostle to the Colossians.
- I Thess.: A reading from the First Letter of Saint Paul the Apostle to the Thessalonians.
- II Thess.: A reading from the Second Letter of Saint Paul the Apostle to the Thessalonians.
- I Timothy: A reading from the First Letter of Saint Paul the Apostle to Timothy. (*Timothy, my son...*)
- II Timothy: A reading from the Second Letter of Saint Paul the Apostle to Timothy. (*Timothy, my son...*)
- Titus: A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul the Apostle to Titus. (*Titus, my son...*)
- Philemon: A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul the Apostle to Philemon.
- Hebrews: A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.
- James: A reading from the Universal Letter of Saint James.
- I Peter: A reading from the First Letter of Saint Peter. (*Dearly beloved...*)
- II Peter: A reading from the Second Letter of Saint Peter. (*Dearly beloved...*)
- I John: A reading from the First Universal Letter of Saint John. (*Dearly beloved...*)
- II John: A reading from the Second Universal Letter of Saint John. (*The elder to a lady who is elect and to her children...*)
- III John: A reading from the Third Universal Letter of Saint John. (*Dearly beloved...*)
- Jude: A reading from the Universal Letter of Saint Jude. (*Those called by God...*)

Unless otherwise specified above, the salutation is: *Brothers and sisters...*