

Biblical Intelligence Reading Plan

I. Foundations — Intelligence in Scripture

Genesis: Early Tradecraft

12–14; 18–21 — Abraham’s negotiations

37; 39–47 — Joseph as analyst

28; 37; 40–41; 46 — Dreams as coded communication

Exodus: Covert Operations

1:15–22 — Midwives’ deception

2:1–10 — Moses’ concealment

12–14 — Mass exfiltration

18; Num 11 — Distributed leadership

II. Espionage & Political Intelligence

Joshua: Classic Espionage

Rahab & the spies

Josh 2; 6 — Reconnaissance & Jericho

Judges & Kings: Political Survival

Judg 13–16 — Samson’s OPSEC failures

1 Sam 16–31 — David’s networks

1 Sam 19; 21–23; 24; 26 — Key episodes

2 Sam 7 — Nathan

1 Kgs 17–19 — Elijah

2 Kgs 6 — Elisha

III. Intelligence in the Life of Jesus

Extraction & Early Protection

Matt 2:1–23 — Flight to Egypt

Operational Security

John 7–8 — Avoiding surveillance

Mark 1:35–38 — Strategic withdrawals

Mark 4 — Parables as layered communication

Luke 4:28–30 — Escaping hostile crowds

Counterintelligence Breach

Matt 26; Mark 14; Luke 22; John 18 — Judas & the quiet arrest

IV. After the Crucifixion — Clandestine Movement**

Disciples in Hiding

John 20:19–29 — Locked rooms & fear

Spread of the Movement

Acts 1–12 — Early networks

Luke 24:1–12 — Women as first witnesses

Acts 16:11–15 — Lydia

Romans 16 — Women leaders & couriers

Oral Transmission

1 Cor 11; 15 — Memorized creeds

V. Paul as Field Operative (Mobility & Travel Strategy)

- Acts 13–28 — Paul's missions

Letters as Intelligence Reports

1 Corinthians — Crisis management

Galatians — Threat response

Philippians — Morale

1 Thessalonians — Status updates

Local Informants

Acts 18–20 — Reports from local leaders

1 Cor 1:11 — Chloe's people

Gal 2 — Intelligence on rival teachers

VI. Early Church as a Clandestine Network

Tradecraft Under Pressure

Acts 4–5 — Internal secrecy

Acts 8 — Scattering

Acts 12 — Arrests & safe houses

Counter-Surveillance

Acts 17 — Avoiding Roman attention

Acts 19 — Rumor control

Psychological Operations

Acts 7 — Martyr narrative

Hebrews — Encouragement under threat

Revelation — Symbolic resistance