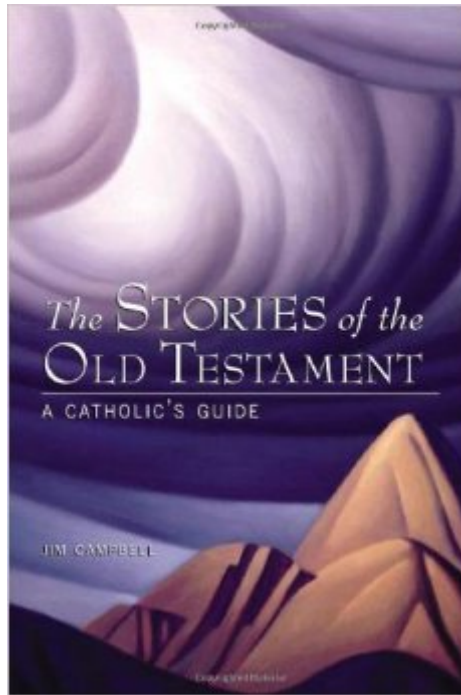


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# The Stories Of The Old Testament



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The forty-six books of the Old Testament offer a rich feast of spiritual nourishment, yet they are by no means the easiest books to read and understand. Without a proper *â cœtour guide,*â • a personâ™s trip through the Old Testament often ends shortly after it begins. *The Stories of the Old Testament* takes the difficult task of reading the Old Testament and turns it into an exciting and enjoyable journey. Author Jim Campbell leads readers through central texts, essential stories, and major figures of the Old Testament in one hundred carefully selected readings. Each of the readings is meant to be completed in one sitting and is paired with Jimâ™s enlightening guide to the text. Youâ™ll also find dozens of short, easy-to-grasp informational pieces that supply the background and commentary youâ™ll need to understand the Old Testament in context. Perhaps most important, Jim helps us connect our stories today to those of long ago and see ourselves as a part of Godâ™s ongoing redemptive work that began *â cœin the beginning.*â •

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I teach 10 grade Catechism, which in our Parish covers the Old and New Testaments . When I first started teaching I taught only the New Testament, which I felt very comfortable teaching to a rather tough age group. In summer of 2007 a decision was made to keep the classes with the same teacher for the entire year. That meant I had to leave my comfort zone and teach the Old Testament to 15 and 16 year olds. I had very little knowledge of the Old Testament. How was I going to make that fun for the teens? Was I going to turn into the type of teacher that I hated in my High School

CCD classes? I started to look around for books that I could use to quickly educate myself. I found this book. It was such a blessing. I think the best way to describe what I found in "The Stories of the Old Testament" was the story behind the story for each of the books in the Old Testament. The stories that we have heard over and over were finally put into context for me. This book brought out the human details that I needed to know to make the Old Testament "Real" to the teens in my class. I could tell the story of Cain and Abel by heart but never in my life had I thought about Cain's hurt feelings when his sacrifice is not accepted. That I could explain and make alive for my teens while teaching them how sin can eat away at all of us and how we can't hide our sins from God. They also were given something to think about. God certainly punished Cain but he did not give him the death penalty. He actually made sure he was safe while "serving his punishment". The detail about the many stories of David gave me great hope. If David was worthy to serve God with all the sins he piled up then He just might use me too!

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