Biblical Passages about Leadership

Book of Joshua (examples of good leadership)

Joshua, chapters 1–2 (God promises to assist the Transjordan tribes)

Joshua, chapter 5 (rites at Gilgal)

Joshua 21:43—22:9 (God fulfills his promise to Joshua and the Israelites)

Joshua, chapter 24 (the tribes settle Canaan, a warning to follow commandments, Joshua’s farewell, Israel’s success)

Book of Judges (examples of good and questionable leadership)

Judges 3:7–11 (Othniel—good)

Judges, chapter 4 (Deborah and Barak—good)

Judges 6:1–24 (the call of Gideon—good)

Judges 16:4–22 (Samson and Delilah—questionable)

First and Second Samuel (examples of good and poor leadership)

1 Samuel 8:1–5 (request for a king—poor)

1 Samuel 8:6–22 (God grants the request—warning of poor leadership)

1 Samuel 13:1–14 (Saul offers sacrifice and is reproved—poor)

1 Samuel 17:32–51 (David defeats Goliath—good)

2 Samuel 5:1–5 (David king of Israel—good)

2 Samuel 7:8–29 (the Lord’s promises and David’s prayer—good)

2 Samuel, chapter 11 (David’s sin—poor)

2 Samuel 12:7–25 (David’s punishment and repentance—good)