

January 2021

NT

Luke

- 01 19:45-48 Jesus cleanses Temple
- 02 20:1-8 Jesus challenged
- 03 20:9-18 Parable of wicked tenants
- 04 20:19-26 Jesus can't be tricked
- 05 20:27-40 The dead will be raised
- 06 20:41-47 King David's Lord
- 07 21:1-9 Temple to be destroyed
- 08 21:10-19 Wars and persecution
- 09 21:20-24 Jerusalem doomed
- 10 21:25-38 Jesus to return in power
- 11 22:1-6 Plot to kill Jesus
- 12 22:7-13 Preparing for Passover
- 13 22:14-23 The Lord's Supper
- 14 22:24-30 Who's the greatest?
- 15 22:31-38 Peter's denial foretold
- 16 22:39-53 Jesus prays before arrest
- 17 22:54-62 Peter denies Jesus
- 18 22:63-71 Mocked and condemned
- 19 23:1-5 Jesus before Pilate
- 20 23:6-12 King Herod mocks Jesus
- 21 23:13-25 'Crucify, crucify him!'
- 22 23:26-31 Jesus led to execution
- 23 23:32-38 'Father, forgive them'
- 24 23:39-43 Dying thief turns to Jesus
- 25 23:44-49 Jesus dies
- 26 23:50-56 Body laid in tomb
- 27 24:1-12 Tomb is empty!
- 28 24:13-27 Foolish not to believe
- 29 24:28-35 'The Lord has risen'
- 30 24:36-43 Jesus appears!
- 31 24:44-53 Jesus ascends to Heaven



February

OT

2 Chronicles

After the break of the Jews into two kingdoms in 931 BC, northern Israel turned to idols while Judah remained more faithful to God, with kings including the following.

Asa

- 01 14:1-12 Asa begins reign well
- 03 15:1-7 The Lord with you, but if...
- 04 15:8-15 Jews promise to seek God
- 05 16:1-6 No longer trusting God
- 06 16:7-10 Asa fails in last years

Jehoshaphat

- 07 20:1-12 Crying out to God
- 08 20:13-19 The battle is God's
- 09 20:20-30 God sets an ambush

Josiah

- 10 34:1-7 Josiah, the boy king
- 11 34:8-13 Temple repairs
- 12 34:14-21 Discovery of the Book
- 13 34:22-28 Disaster prophesied
- 14 34:29-33 Promise of obedience
- 15 36:11-21 Jerusalem captured

OT

Psalms

- 16 119:105-112 Your word is a lamp
- 17 119:113-120 My hiding place
- 18 119:121-128 Time for the Lord to act
- 19 119:129-136 Wonderful words
- 20 119:137-144 Your law is true
- 21 119:145-152 I rise before dawn
- 22 119:153-160 Look on my affliction
- 23 119:161-168 I love your law
- 24 119:169-176 Your law my delight
- 25 120:1-7 In my distress
- 26 121:1-8 The Lord will keep you
- 27 122:1-9 I was glad
- 28 123:1-4 Enthroned in the heavens



March

NT

Acts

Luke follows his Gospel of the life of Jesus with the rapid expansion of his kingdom to the nations following the empowering of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. Luke highlights the leadership of Peter and then of Paul whom Luke accompanied on missionary journeys.

- 01 1:1-5 Resurrection witnesses
- 02 1:6-11 Jesus ascends to Heaven
- 03 1:12-26 Matthias replaces Judas
- 04 2:1-13 Filled with the Holy Spirit
- 05 2:14-28 Peter proclaims Jesus
- 06 2:29-41 3000 saved in a day
- 07 2:42-47 New life together
- 08 3:1-10 Crippled beggar jumps
- 09 3:9-16 Crowd amazed
- 10 3:17-26 Jesus sent to bless you
- 11 4:1-7 Arrested
- 12 4:8-17 Only Jesus can save
- 13 4:18-22 Threats
- 14 4:23-31 Prayer for boldness
- 15 4:32-37 Possessions shared
- 16 5:1-11 Ananias and Sapphira
- 17 5:12-16 Apostles heal many
- 18 5:17-23 Angel rescues from jail
- 19 5:24-32 'We must obey God'
- 20 5:33-42 Delivered from death

NT

2 Timothy

The Apostle Paul writes from prison in Rome to his leadership trainee Timothy with final instructions before his likely execution around 65 AD.

- 21 1:1-7 Paul and Timothy
- 22 1:8-18 Life and immortality
- 23 2:1-13 Good soldier of Christ
- 24 2:14-26 Approved of God
- 25 3:1-9 Godless last days
- 26 3:10-17 Scripture God-breathed
- 27 4:1-8 Preach the Word
- 28 5:9-22 Paul's fellow workers

OT

Psalms

- 29 124:1-8 Saved by God
- 30 125:1-5 Safe for ever
- 31 126:1-6 Fortunes restored

day by day

Jan-March 2021

OT 2 Chronicles
Psalms

NT Luke's Gospel
Acts of Apostles
2 Timothy

Striking verses
and comments

Five-year programme
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books in sequence
Individuals and families

All scripture is
breathed out by God.
2 Timothy 3:16

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April 2021

Good Friday April 2

Matthew

- 01 27:24-31 Innocent but condemned
 02 27:32-44 **The King crucified**
 03 27:45-56 Jesus dies: dead raised
 04 27:57-66 **Great stone seals tomb**
 05 28:1-10 Risen from the dead!
 06 28:11-15 Chief priests bribe guards
 07 28:16-20 Jesus: 'Go to all nations'

OT Ezra

In 538 BC Cyrus king of Persia allowed Jewish exiles in Babylon to return to Judea and rebuild the Temple. They met great opposition from local leaders who persuaded a new king, Artaxerxes, to stop the rebuilding, but competed in 516 BC.

- 08 1:1-13 Proclamation of King Cyrus
 09 2:1-2;6-70 Exiles return to Israel
 10 3:1-7 Rebuilding the Altar
 11 3:8-13 **Rebuilding the Temple**
 12 4:1-6 Enemies oppose rebuilding
 13 4:7-16 Letter to King Artaxerxes
 14 4:17-24 King orders work to cease
 15 5:1-5 Rebuilding begin again
 16 5:6-17 Letter to King Darius
 17 6:1-5 Darius searches records
 18 6:6-12 **Darius' wonderful decision**
 19 6:13-18 Temple finished
 20 6:19-22 Joyful Passover
 21 7:1-10 Ezra sent to teach
 22 7:11-20 Royal support
 23 7:25-28 God's faithfulness
 24 9:1-9 Intermarriage: Ezra prays
 25 9:10-15 **Before You in our guilt**
 26 10:1-8 People confess their sin
 27 10:9-17 Conference in the rain

Psalms

- 28: 127:1-5 Unless the Lord ...
 29 128:1-6 Blessed by the Lord
 30 129:1-8 Afflicted from youth

May

OT Nehemiah

Persian king Cyrus allowed Jewish exiles in Babylon to return to Jerusalem in 538 BC and rebuild the Temple. In 445 BC Nehemiah, Jewish cupbearer to King Artaxerxes, obtained permission and finance to lead rebuilding the city walls.

- 01 1:1-11 Nehemiah's earnest prayer
 02 2:1-8 **King grants request**
 03 2:9-20 Let's rebuild city walls
 04 4:1-9 Fierce opposition
 05 4:10-14 Do not be afraid
 06 4:15-23 God will fight for us
 07 5:1-5 Slavery and oppression
 08 5:6-13 Nehemiah's anger
 09 5:14-19 **Generosity**
 10 6:1-9 Conspiracy
 11 6:10-14 A failed tactic
 12 6:15-19 The wall is finished
 13 7:1-6 Choice of leaders
 14 8:1-8 Ezra reads the Law
 15 8:9-18 Great rejoicing

OT Esther

God is not mentioned in this crisis for the Jews when ruled by Persia (539-331 BC). But He is clearly seen as their Saviour, controlling the erratic king and dramatic events involving the faith of the Jewish queen.

- 16 1:1-8 **Persian King's great banquets**
 17 1:10-22 Queen Vashti's refusal
 18 2:1-4 **Search for new Queen**
 19 2:5-11 Esther's cousin Mordecai
 20 2:12-14 King's concubines
 21 2:15-18 Esther crowned Queen
 22 2:19-23 Mordecai discovers a plot
 23 3:1-11 **Haman plots against Jews**
 24 3:12-15 Destroy all Jews!
 25 4:1-11 Mourning, fasting and weeping
 26 4:12-17 Esther risks her life
 27 5:1-8 Esther prepares banquet
 28 5:9-14 Plans to hang Mordecai
 29 6:1-14 Mordecai honoured by King
 30 7:1-10 **Esther reveals Haman's plot**
 31 8:1-17 Esther saves the Jews

June 2021

NT Acts

- 01 6:1-7 Administrators appointed
 02 6:8-15 Stephen arrested
 03 7:1-8 Death trial
God's prophets rejected
 04 7:9-19 Joseph
 05 7:20-29 Moses
 06 7:30-38 **The burning bush**
 07 7:39-43 Worshipping idols
 08 7:44-50 God's throne
 09 7:51-52 Murderers!
 10 7:54-60 Death by stoning
 11 8:1-3 Persecution
 12 8:4-8 Philip brings great joy
 13 8:9-25 **Simon the sorcerer**
 14 8:26-33 Ethiopian chancellor
 15 8:34-40 Baptised and joyful
 16 9:1-9 Saul converted
 17 9:10-19 Ambassador for Jesus
 18 9:20-22 Immediate proclamation
 19 9:23-25 Escape from Damascus
 20 9:26-30 **Befriended by Barnabas**
 21 9:31 Believers multiply
 22 9:32-35 Peter heals paralytic
 23 9:36-43 Dorcas raised from death

NT Titus

Before martyrdom in Rome in the mid 60s AD, Paul pioneered churches in Crete, and writes to fellow missionary Titus about their teaching and order.

- 24 1:1-4 Promise of eternal life
 25 1:5-9 Qualifications for Elders
 26 2:1-15 Life that pleases God
 27 3:1-7 **Saved by God's mercy**
 28 3:8:15 Devoted to good deeds

NT Philemon

Runaway slave Onesimus, converted to Jesus through Paul in prison, returns to his master Philemon with a letter from the apostle.

- 29 1:1-7 Philemon's love
 30 1:8-25 Plea for converted slave

day by day

April-June 2021

OT Ezra
 Nehemiah
 Esther
 Psalms

NT Acts of the Apostles
 Titus
 Philemon

 Striking verses and comments

Five-year programme
 Old and New Testament
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Eternal life which God promised before the ages began. Titus 1:2

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July 2021

OT Isaiah

To Judah in the mid-700s BC Isaiah warns of God's judgment for rejecting Him, but looks ahead to the birth, death and victory in all nations of the Saviour, Jesus.

- 01 1:1-9 Sinful nation
- 02 1:16-20 Woe for calling evil good
- 06 6:1-7 Isaiah's vision of the Lord
- 07 6:8-13 God's messenger
- 08 7:1-9 Isaiah sent to King Ahaz
- 09 7:10-17 The sign of Immanuel
- 10 9:1-7 To us a Child is born
- 11 11:1-9 **Wonderful King to come**
- 12 12:1-6 The Lord of joy
- 13 14:1-7 Israel to be restored
- 14 19:16-25 Egypt, Assyria and Israel
- 15 25:1-5 Wonderful things
- 16 25:6-12 Death swallowed up
- 17 26:1-4 Perfect peace
- 18 32:1-8 **What a King!**
- 19 35:1-4 Coming Saviour
- 20 35:5-10 Everlasting joy

Psalms

- 21 130:1-8 The Lord's forgiveness
- 22 131:1-3 Hope in the Lord
- 23 132:1-12 Mighty One's dwelling
- 24 132:13-18 King from David's line
- 25 133:1-3 **Living in unity**
- 26 134:1-3 Come, bless the Lord
- 27 135:1-7 The Lord good and great
- 28 136:1-16 God's love forever
- 29 137:1-9 Jerusalem remembered
- 30 138:1-8 Give thanks
- 31 139:1-16 Search me, O God.



August

OT Isaiah cont

King Hezekiah

- 01 36:1-12 **Assyria invades Israel**
- 02 36:13-22 'No god can save you'
- 03 37:1-7 The Lord says: 'Do not fear'
- 04 37:8-13 'Don't trust God' says enemy
- 05 37:14-20 Hezekiah prays
- 06 37:21-29 God's power over enemy
- 07 37:30-38 Invaders destroyed

The Saviour Foretold

- 08 40:1-8 **Comfort for God's people**
- 09 40:9-17 Good news
- 10 40:18-26 God's greatness
- 11 40:27-31 Strength for the weak
- 12 41:14-20 Fear not, worm Jacob
- 13 42:1-9 The Lord's Servant
- 14 42:10-17 Sing a new song
- 15 43:1-10 **Fear not: you are Mine**
- 16 43:11-21 No other Saviour
- 17 43:22-28 Sins blotted out
- 18 44:1-8 Chosen
- 19 44:21-28 Redeemed
- 20 45:1-10 Persia's future King Cyrus
- 21 45:11-17 Things to come
- 22 45:18-25 **Turn to Me and be saved**
- 23 46:1-7 Idols can't save
- 24 46:8-13 God's purpose will succeed
- 25 47:8-11 Lovers of pleasure
- 26 48:1-11 God's anger deferred
- 27 48:12-16 Listen to Me!
- 28 48:17-22 No peace for the wicked
- 29 49:1-7 **Salvation worldwide**
- 30 49:8-18 Restoration of Israel
- 31 49:19-26 The Lord your Saviour



September 2021

NT Acts

- 01 10:1-8 Cornelius calls for Peter
- 02 10:9-23 Peter's vision
- 03 10:24-33 Peter's eager audience
- 04 10:34-43 Good news of peace
- 05 10:44-48 **Non-Jews turn to Jesus**
- 06 11:1-18 Peter's amazing account
- 07 11:19-26 'Christians' in Antioch, Syria
- 08 11:27-30 Famine aid
- 09 12:1-10 Peter faces execution
- 10 12:11-19 Prayers astonished
- 11 12:20-25 Herod's pride punished
- 12 13:1-3 **World mission begins**
- 13 13:4-12 Cyprus governor believes
- 14 13:13-22 Southern Turkey reached
- 15 13:23-31 Paul proclaims Jesus
- 16 13:23-41 Forgiveness of sins
- 17 13:42-52 Belief and unbelief
- 18 14:1-7 Iconium citizens divided
- 19 14:8-20 **Paul left for dead**
- 20 14:21-28 Missionaries report
- 21 15:1-11 Jerusalem conference
- 22 15:12-21 Freedom from rituals
- 23 15:22-29 Letter to non-Jews
- 24 15:30-35 Believers encouraged
- 25 15:36-41 Paul and Barnabas
- 26 16:1-5 **Young Timothy recruited**
- 27 16:6-10 Good news reaches Europe
- 28 16:11-15 Lydia's heart opened
- 29 16:16-24 Paul and Silas in prison
- 30 16:25-40 Midnight conversions



day by day

July-Sept 2021

OT Isaiah Psalms

NT Acts



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The ransomed of the Lord
shall return and come to
Zion with singing:
everlasting joy shall be
on their heads. Isaiah 51:11

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October 2021

OT Isaiah cont

- 01 50:1-6 Morning by morning
- 02 50:7-11 The Lord God helps me
- 03 51:1-6 **Salvation forever**
- 04 51:7-11 Everlasting joy
- 05 52:1-6 Beautiful garments
- 06 52:7-12 Beautiful feet
- 07 52:13-15 Jesus' suffering foretold
- 08 53:1-7 Despised and rejected
- 09 53:8-12 Bearing the sins of many
- 10 54:1-8 **Everlasting love**
- 11 54:9-10 God' promise of peace
- 12 54:11-17 Freedom from fear
- 13 55:1-5 Free gift
- 14 55:6-9 Seek the Lord
- 15 55:10-11 Success of God's word
- 16 55:12-13 Joy, peace, singing
- 17 56:1-8 **Joyful house of prayer**
- 18 57:14-21 Peace or no peace
- 19 58:1-7 False religion
- 20 58:8-14 True religion
- 21 59:1-8 Sin separates
- 22 59:9-13 Turning back from God
- 23 59:14-21 Redeemer will come
- 24 60:1-9 **Nations and kings**
- 25 60:19-22 Everlasting light
- 26 61:1-7 Liberty for captives
- 27 61:8-11 Joy in the Lord
- 28 62:1-12 God will rejoice over you
- 29 65:17-25 New Heavens and Earth
- 30 66:10-14 Comfort and joy
- 31 66:15-24 **Judgment and glory**



November

OT Jeremiah

Jeremiah was God's prophet in Jerusalem when the city was besieged by Babylon and destroyed in 586 BC. Though the city and Temple were destroyed, and the citizens taken into captivity, Jeremiah prophesied that under God's New Covenant the Jews would be restored to their land.

- 01 1:1-12 Too young?
- 02 1:13-19 Judgment on evil nation
- 03 9:1-11 Jeremiah weeps
- 04 9:12-26 Scattered among nations
- 05 10:6-16 The true God
- 06 11:1-13 Broken covenant
- 07 11:14-23 **Plot against Jeremiah**
- 08 12:14-17 If the nations learn ...
- 09 13:1-11 The ruined loincloth
- 10 15:10-21 Your word my joy
- 11 16:10-18 Israel to be restored
- 12 17:5-10 Cursed or blessed
- 13 17:19-27 Keep Sabbath holy
- 14 18:1-11 **Potter and clay**
- 15 19:1-15 The broken flask
- 16 20:1-18 Jeremiah put in stocks
- 17 21:1-14 Jerusalem to fall
- 18 23:1-8 Saviour-King coming
- 19 24:1-10 Good and bad figs
- 20 25:1-14 70 years captivity
- 21 29:1-15 **Jeremiah's letter to exiles**
- 22 30:1-11 Disciplined but saved
- 23 30:12-22 My people, your God
- 24 31:1-14 Everlasting love
- 25 31:15-20 Great compassion
- 26 31:21-30 Restored from captivity
- 27 31:31-34 New covenant
- 28 31:35-37 **God's promise is forever**
- 29 32:1-11 Peace and joy
- 30 33:14-26 Son of David will reign!



December 2021

NT Acts

- 01 17:1-9 Thessalonica's reaction
- 02 17:10-15 Bereans search scriptures
- 03 17:16-21 Paul sad at Athens idols
- 04 17:22-34 Sneers about resurrection
- 05 18:1-8 **Conversions in Corinth**
- 06 18:9-17 Paul seized
- 07 18:18-23 Paul sails back to base
- 08 18:24-28 Apollos meets believers
- 09 18:1-10 Paul in Ephesus
- 10 19:11-22 Bonfire of occult books
- 11 19:23-31 City in uproar
- 12 19:32-41 **Saved by city leader**
- 13 20:1-6 Return to Greece
- 14 20:7-12 Boy raised to life
- 15 20:13-16 Paul sails to Jerusalem
- 16 20:13-24 Ephesus: Paul's farewell
- 17 20:25-38 Departure with tears
- 18 21:1-9 To Jerusalem by sea
- 19 21:10-16 **Paul ready to die**
- 20 21:17-26 Paul meets church leaders
- 21 21:27-40 Saved from lynch mob

NT Christmas

- Luke**
- 22 1:5-17 Turning hearts
- 23 1:26-38 Angel appears to Mary
- 24 1:39-45 Mary visits Elizabeth
- 25 2:1-7 **Birth of Jesus**
- 26 2:8-21 **Shepherds and angels**
- 27 2:22-32 Anna
- 28 2:33-38 Simeon
- 29 2:39-52 Jesus aged 12
- 30 3:1-14 John heralds Jesus
- 31 3:15-22 The Father's beloved Son

The angel said to the shepherds, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people for unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour who is Christ the Lord" Luke 2:10,11

day by day

Oct-Dec 2021

OT Isaiah Jeremiah Psalms

NT Acts Christmas (Luke)

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All the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God. Isaiah 52:10

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