

January 2022

OT Ezekiel

Ezekiel was a Jewish priest among captives in Babylon when Jerusalem and the Temple were destroyed in 586BC. He had 'visions of God' and foretold an immense city and Temple, representing victory for God in all nations.

- 01 1:1-9; 26-28 Visions of God
- 02 2:1-10 **The Lord's messenger**
- 03 3:1-11 Speak My words
- 04 3:16-21 Called to warn the nation
- 05 11:1-13 Punishment of the wicked
- 06 11:14-25 New heart for God's people
- 07 34:11-24 The good Shepherd
- 08 34:25-31 Showers of blessing
- 09 37:1-10 **Valley of dry bones**
- 10 37:11-14 Life through God's Spirit
- 11 39:21-29 ~~Israel secure forever~~

OT Daniel

Daniel was a young Jewish noble transported to Babylon around 600BC. Outstanding in faith in God, he became chief executive in the Babylonian and Persian empires and a major prophet.

- 12 1:1-7 Daniel captive in Babylon
- 13 1:8-21 Daniel and friends 'big test'
- 14 2:1-11 Nebuchadnezzar's dream
- 15 2:12-23 Prayer answered
- 16 2:24-30 **Daniel before the king**
- 17 2:31-45 A kingdom that lasts for ever
- 18 2:46-49 Daniel and friends promoted
- 19 3:1-7 Colossal golden image
- 20 3:8-18 Death in fiery furnace?
- 21 3:19-30 The fourth man
- 22 4:1-9 Nebuchadnezzar praises God
- 23 4:19-27 **'O King, break off your sins'**
- 24 4:28-37 Most High rules the world
- 25 5:1-16 Belshazzar terrified at feast
- 26 5:17-30 Daniel interprets writing
- 27 6:1-13 Daniel won't stop praying
- 28 6:14-26 In the lions' den—with who?
- 29 7:1-8 Vision of four beasts
- 30 7:9-18 **Son of man given rule**

February

NT John

Former fisherman John, one of the inner circle of Jesus' disciples, records eye-witness accounts of his miracles, teaching, death and resurrection.

- 01 1:1-9 In the beginning
- 02 1:10-18 Creator comes to earth
- 03 1:19-28 John the Baptist
- 04 1:29-34 Jesus the Lamb of God
- 05 1:35-51 Jesus' first disciples
- 06 2:1-12 **Jesus turns water to wine**
- 07 2:13-25 Jesus clears the Temple
- 08 3:1-8 'You must be born again'
- 09 3:9-15 Like the snake in the desert
- 10 3:16-21 Eternal life
- 11 3:22-30 John, Jesus' herald
- 12 3:31-36 Jesus: receive or reject
- 13 4:1-14 **The woman at the well**
- 14 4:15-26 True worship
- 15 4:27-38 Fields ready for harvest
- 16 4:39-54 **Many Samaritans believe**

Acts

- 17 22:1-11 Paul recounts conversion
- 18 22:12-21 Messenger to nations
- 19 22:22-30 Flog a Roman?
- 20 23:1-11 **Nearly torn to pieces**
- 21 23:12-22 Paul's brave nephew
- 22 23:23-35 Armed guard to Caesarea
- 23 24:1-13 Trial before Felix
- 24 24:14-27 Paul witnesses to Governor
- 25 25:1-12 Trial before Festus
- 26 25:13-22 Festus consults Agrippa
- 27 25:23-27 **Paul before Agrippa**
- 28 26:1-18 **Paul tells his story**



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Acts cont

- 01 26:19-32 'You're mad, Paul'
- 02 27:1-12 Paul sails for Rome
- 03 27:13-26 Fearful storm at sea
- 04 27:27-44 Shipwrecked
- 05 28:1-10 Miracles in Malta
- 06 28:11-16 **Arrival in Rome**
- 07 28:17-30 **Paul proclaims Jesus**

Hebrews

Early Christians—many of them Jewish—are encouraged to endure persecution in view of the uniqueness of Jesus as God and Saviour and the witness of believers in Heaven.

- 08 1:1-14 Supremacy of God's Son
- 09 2:1-13 The Cross before the Crown
- 10 2:14-18 Delivered from fear of death
- 11 3:1-11 Jesus greater than Moses
- 12 3:12-19 Beware of unbelief
- 13 4:9-13 **Sharper than a sword**
- 14 4:14-16 Jesus the Great High Priest
- 15 5:1-14 Eternal salvation
- 16 6:1-12 Going on—or falling away
- 17 7:23-28 Saved by death of Jesus
- 18 8:8-13 New covenant
- 19 9:11-14 Eternal redemption
- 20 9:23-28 **Christ to come again**
- 21 10:1-10 One sacrifice for sin
- 22 10:11-18 Sins remembered no more
- 23 10:19-31 Love and good works
- 24 10:32-39 Living by faith
- 25 11:1-16 People of faith
- 26 11:17-31 More people of faith
- 27 11:32-40 **Still more people of faith**
- 28 12:1-17 The great race
- 29 12:18-29 Joy forever
- 30 13:1-16 **Life that pleases God**
- 31 13:17-25 **Obedience, prayer, peace**



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John

- 01 4:46-54 Official's son healed
- 02 5:1-17 Healing at the pool
- 03 5:18-24 **Honouring Father and Son**
- 04 5:25-29 Hear, believe, live for ever
- 05 5:30-47 Old Testament tells of Jesus
- 06 6:1-15 Jesus feeds the 5000
- 07 6:16-24 Jesus walks on water
- 08 6:25-34 'Give us a miraculous sign'

Good Friday April 15

Isaiah

- 09 52:7-10 Good news
- 10 52:13-15 **Many astonished**
- 11 53:1-3 Despised and rejected
- 12 53:4-6 Pierced for our sins
- 13 53:7-9 Like a lamb for slaughter
- 14 53:10-11 The Lord's will
- 15 53:12 **He bore the sins of many**
- 16 54:1-3 Break forth into singing

John cont

- 18 6:35-51 The bread of life
- 19 6:52-59 Argument about Jesus
- 20 6:60-71 Many turn away
- 21 7:1-13 Good man or deceiver?
- 22 7:14-24 Opposition in the temple
- 23 7:25-36 Attempted arrest
- 24 7:37-52 **Division over Jesus**
- 25 8:1-11 Adulteress forgiven
- 26 8:12-20 Light of the world
- 27 8:21-30 Many believe in Jesus
- 28 8:31-38 The truth will set you free
- 29 8:39-47 Children of the devil
- 30 8:48-50 'Before Abraham I am'



May

NT

James

James, the brother of Jesus and leader of the early church in Jerusalem, teaches that true faith in Jesus is evidenced by good deeds.

Free salvation by lives of good deeds.

- 01 1:1-8 **Testing our faith**
- 02 1:9-18 The lowly and the rich
- 03 1:19-27 Hearing and doing the word
- 04 2:1-7 Sin of partiality
- 05 2: 8-13 The royal law
- 06 2:14-26 Faith without works: dead
- 07 3:1-12 Taming the tongue
- 08 3:13-18 **Wisdom from above**
- 09 4:1-4 Warning against worldliness
- 10 4:5-12 Grace for the humble
- 11 4:13-17 Boasting about tomorrow
- 12 5:1-6 The rich warned
- 13 5:7-12 Patience in suffering
- 14 5:13-20 Prayer for the sick

OT

Song of Solomon

Written by King Solomon, this is perhaps an opera with two main parts. Bridegroom Prince and his rustic bride express their love, prefiguring the wedding scene with which the Bible closes.

- 15 1:1-10 **Bride declares her love**
- 16 1:11-17 Delight in each other
- 17 2:1-7 Total happiness
- 18 2:8-17 Arise, my love, and come away
- 19 3:1-5 Bride and groom reunited
- 20 3:6-11 The great King and groom
- 21 4:7-16 King admires bride's beauty
- 22 5:2-8 **Bride searches for her**

Psalms

- 24 141:1-10 Prayer rising as incense
- 25 142:1-7 I cry out to the Lord
- 26 143:1-12 Let your good Spirit lead me
- 27 144:1-15 My love and my fortress
- 28 145:1-13 Praise for ever and ever
- 29 145:14-21 **Let all bless His holy name**
- 30 146:1-7 Praise as long as I live
- 31 146:8-10 The Lord to reign for ever

June 2022

OT

Hosea

The love of God for his chosen people is vividly expressed in the command to his prophet Hosea to marry a prostitute and forgive—at a cost—her unfaithfulness.

- 01 1:1-11 Hosea's children
- 02 2:14-23 Lord's mercy on Israel
- 03 3:1-5 Hosea redeems his wife
- 04 4:1-6 God's law rejected
- 05 6:1-6 **Israel unrepentant**
- 06 10:11-15 Punishment for great evil
- 07 11:1-12 The Lord's love
- 08 14:1-9 Return to the Lord

OT

Joel

Many years after Israel from captivity, Joel calls the nation to repentance, with the promise of God's blessing.

- 09 1:1-7 Locusts spell disaster
- 10 1:13-20 Call to repentance
- 11 2:12-17 Return to the Lord
- 12 2:18-22 **The Lord has pity**
- 13 2:23-27 Rejoice in the Lord
- 14 2:28-32 Promise of Spirit outpoured
- 15 3:1-8 Judgment of nations

OT

Amos

Before captivity by Assyria of Israel (the northern kingdom) in 722BC, God warns of injustice to the poor, yet foretells restoration.

- 17 1:1-15 Judgment on Israel's neighbours
- 18 2:1-3 Judgment on neighbour Moab
- 19 2:4-8 **Judgment on Judah and Israel**
- 20 4:6-13 You did not return to Me
- 21 5:6-15 Seek the Lord and live
- 22 5:18-27 Need for justice not rituals
- 23 6:1-7 Feasting and luxury will end
- 24 6:8-14 The Lord hates nation's pride
- 25 7:1-9 Prayer suspends judgment
- 26 7:10-17 **False priest accuses Amos**
- 27 8:1-8 Oppression of the poor
- 28 8:9-14 Feasts turned to mourning
- 29 9:1-10 Israel to be destroyed
- 30 9:11-15 Restoration of David's

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John

- 01 9:1-12 Blind man healed
 02 9:13-23 Healing miracle challenged
 03 9:24-41 **Spiritual blindness**
 04 10:1-10 Sheep know their shepherd
 05 10:11-21 The good shepherd
 06 10:22-30 'My sheep hear my voice'
 07 10:31-42 Jesus faces stoning
 08 11:1-16 Lazarus dies
 09 11:17-37 Jesus cries
 10 11:38-44 **Dead man lives**
 11 11:45-57 Plot to kill Jesus
 12 12:1-11 Jesus anointed
 13 12:12-19 King on a donkey
 14 12:20-26 Wheat seed must die
 15 12:27-36 Voice from heaven
 16 12:37-43 They would not believe
 17 12:44-50 **Mission to save the world**
 18 13:1-20 Jesus washes friends' feet
 19 13:21-30 Who's the betrayer?
 20 13:31-38 Love one another
 21 14:1-14 The way to the Father
 22 14:15-24 Holy Spirit promised
 23 14:25-31 Jesus going to the Father
 24 15:1-17 **Vine and branches**
 25 15:18-27 Hated by the world
 26 16:1-11 Holy Spirit promised

OT

Obadiah

A few years after the destruction of Jerusalem by the Babylonians in 586 BC, Obadiah prophesies God's judgment on ungodly nations including Edom which sided with Babylon, but restoration of the Jews.

- 28 1:1-9 Edom will be humbled
 29 1:10-14 Edom's violence against Jews
 30 1:15-18 Nations face God's judgment
 31 1:19-21 **Victory for the Lord's kingdom.**

OT

Zephaniah

Between the falls of Israel (722 BC) and Judah (586) Zephaniah prophesies the Day of the Lord of judgment for those rejecting God and blessing for his followers. No daily readings in this book in view of limited space.

August

OT

Jonah

Judgment on Assyria's capital Nineveh is averted when King and people repent at the preaching of God's prophet Jonah.

- 01 1:1-6 Jonah flees from the Lord
 02 1:7-17 Thrown into the sea
 03 2:1-10 Jonah prays and is saved
 04 3:1-10 Big city turns to God
 05 4:1-11 **Why are you angry, Jonah?**

OT

Nahum

Destruction of the ruthless Assyrian empire is foretold by Nahum about 50 years before he event in 612 BC.

- 06 1:1-16 God's anger with Nineveh
 07 2:1-13 **Nineveh's destruction**
 08 3:1-9 Bloodthirsty city doomed
 09 3:10-19 **Unceasing evil punished**

OT

Habakkuk

Between the fall of Israel in 722 BC and Judah in 586, Habakkuk seeks answers from God why wicked nations can be destroyed by one even more wicked.

- 10 1:1-11 Habakkuk's questions
 11 2:1-5 The righteous shall live by faith
 12 2:6-14 **Plunderer to be plundered**

OT

Ecclesiastes

King Solomon, with fabulous riches and intellect, tests ways of spending life on earth and concludes all are pointless without following God.

- 14 1:1-11 **All is vanity**
 15 1:12-18 What's in wisdom—or folly?
 16 2:1-11 Vanity of self-indulgence
 17 2:12-17 Vanity of living wisely
 18 2:18-26 Vanity of toil
 19 3:1-8 A time for everything
 20 3:9-15 The God-given task
 21 3:16-22 **From dust to dust**
 22 4:1-8 Evil under the sun
 23 4:9-16 Two better than one
 24 5:1-7 Fear God
 25 5:1-20 Vanity of wealth and honour
 26 6:1-12 Life passes like a shadow
 27 7:1-13 Contrast of wisdom and folly
 28 7:14-29 **Elusive search for wisdom**
 29 8:1-13 Fear God and do well
 29 11:1-10 Judgment follows actions
 30 12:1-8 Remember Creator in youth
 31 12:2-13 Fear God: whole duty of man

September 2022

OT

Micah

About 20 years before the destruction of Israel in 722 BC and of Judah in 586, Micah warns of God's judgment, but promises the Jews eventual mercy and revival, with a Ruler to be born in Bethlehem.

- 01 2:1-5 Woe to the wicked
 02 4:1-5 No more war
 03 4:6-8 The Lord will reign
 04 5:1-5a **Ruler from Bethlehem**
 05 6:6-8 **What does the Lord require?**

OT

Haggai

Rebuild the Temple God exhorts the Jewish exiles returned from Babylon around 520 BC.

- 06 1:1-11 Time to rebuild God's house
 07 1:12-15 The people obey the Lord
 08 2:1-9 Work for I am with you.
 09 2:15-23 **'I will bless you'**

NT

1 & 2 Peter

Endure persecution, writes Peter to believers around AD 62 in Nero's reign, in sure hope of Heaven.

- 10 1:1-12 Joy now and for ever
 11 1:13-25 **New life of holiness**
 12 2:1-12 Life as God's people
 13 2:13-25 Obeying those over us
 14 3:1-7 Wives and husbands
 15 3:8-18 Suffering for doing good
 16 4:1-11 Love and hospitality
 17 4:12-19 Suffering as a Christian
 18 5:1-5 **Shepherds of God's sheep**
 19 5:6-14 **Resist the Devil: he will flee**
 20 1:1-11 Christian qualities
 21 1:12-21 Prophets spoke by the Spirit
 22 2:1-22 The Day of the Lord
 24 3:14-18 **Grow in grace**

OT

Psalms

- 25 147:1-11 **It's good to sing praise**
 26 147:12-20 Strength and blessing
 27 148:1-6 God's people near to Him
 28 148:7-14 Praise, young and old
 29 149:1-9 Sing to the Lord a new song
 30 150:1-6 Everything, praise the Lord

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October 22

OT Zechariah

In 538 BC a large group of Jews returned from exile in Babylon to Jerusalem. Zechariah proclaimed future blessing for God's city for Jews and the nations through a donkey-mounted king who would be pierced.

- 01 1:1-6 Call to return to the Lord
- 02 2:1-13 Many nations to join the Lord
- 03 3:1-10 High Priest's filthy garments
- 04 4:1-10 Not by might but by My Spirit
- 05 6:9-15 The Branch coming to rule
- 06 7:1-14 Call for justice and mercy
- 07 8:1-8,13 The Lord to save his people
- 08 8:14-23 Strong nations seek the Lord
- 09 9:9-13 The King on a donkey
- 10 9:14-17 Jewels in the Lord's crown
- 11 10:6-12 Compassion and redemption
- 12 11:4-16 30 pieces of silver
- 13 12:1-9 The Lord will save
- 14 12:10-14 Mourning for the One pierced
- 15 13:1,7-9 The shepherd struck
- 16 14:1-9 King over all the earth

OT Malachi

Around 450 BC, the last of the Old Testament prophets calls the Jews to repentance. He foretells the coming of 'the sun of righteousness, preceded by a prophet who would turn the hearts of fathers to their children'; the exact words God speaks at the opening of the New Testament era (Luke 1:17)

- 18 1:1-14 Polluted offerings to God
- 19 2:1-9 Priests rebuked
- 20 2:10-17 Judah profanes covenant
- 21 3:1-12 God's messenger coming
- 22 3:13-18 God's treasured possession
- 23 4:1-6 Judgment or blessing ahead

OT Psalms

- 24 1:1-6 Blessed or condemned
- 25 2:1-12 The reign of God the Son
- 26 3:1-8 The Lord's salvation
- 27 4:1-8 Joy, peace and safety
- 28 5:1-12 My King and my God
- 29 6:1-10 The Lord hears weeping
- 30 7:1-17 Refuge in the Lord
- 31 8:1-9 Majestic in all the earth

November

NT John

- 01 16:16-24 From grief to joy
- 02 16:25-33 The Father loves you
- 03 17:1-5 Jesus prays to his Father
- 04 17:6-26 Jesus prays for his disciples
- 05 18:1-14 Arrested
- 06 18:15-27 Peter denies Jesus
- 07 18:28-40 Jesus faces Pilate
- 08 19:1-16 Crowd shouts for death
- 09 19:17-27 Crucified
- 10 19:28-42 Jesus dies and is buried
- 11 20:1-9 The empty tomb
- 12 20:10-18 Mary Magdalene's surprise
- 13 20:19-23 Jesus appears to disciples
- 14 20:24-31 From doubt to belief
- 15 21:1-14 Breakfast BBQ
- ~~16 24:14-25 Jesus restores Peter~~

NT 1 John

In old age towards the end of the first century, the apostle John writes from Ephesus to declare how he had seen and touched Jesus, the eternal 'word of life'—and love, the mark of all who truly follow Him in contrast to false teachers

- 17 1:1-10 The Word of Life
- 18 2:1-6 Christ our Advocate
- 19 2:7-14 The new commandment
- 20 2:15-17 Don't love the world
- 21 2:18-29 Jesus—for and against
- 22 3:11-24 Love one another
- 23 4:1-6 Test all preachers
- 24 4:7-21 God is love
- 25 5:1-12 True faith in Jesus
- ~~26 5:13-20 Certainty of eternal life~~

NT 2 John

~~27 1-13 Truth and love~~

NT 3 John

~~28 1-15 Support, opposition~~

NT Jude

- 29 1-16 False teachers
- 30 17-25 Call to persevere

December 22

NT Revelation

God reveals, through the aged Apostle John, the final victory of Jesus and his followers at the Second Coming—in spite of fierce opposition of Satan and his spiritual and human agents, with many martyrs for Jesus. The Bible ends with Jesus and his people pictured as Groom and bride, and a final invitation for anyone thirsty to come Him for the water of life without price.

- 01 1:1-8 Jesus reveals the future
- 02 1:9-20 Vision of the glorious Man
- 03 2:1-7 Ephesus: Hard work, fading love
- 04 2:8-11 Smyrna: Be faithful to death
- 05 2:12-17 Pergamum: False teaching
- 06 2:18-29 Thyatira: False prophetess
- 07 3:1-6 Sardis: You're dead—wake up!
- 08 3:7-13 Philadelphia: Hold fast, and win
- 09 3:14-22 Laodicea: Lukewarm
- 10 4:1-6 Awesome vision of Heaven
- 11 4:7-11 Holy, holy, holy
- 12 5:1-8 The Lion-Lamb
- 13 5:9-14 Song of praise by millions
- 14 7:9-17 Worship by all nations
- 15 11:15-19 God's reign for ever
- 16 12:1-6 Born to rule
- 17 19:1-5 Loud praise in Heaven
- 18 19:6-10 The Lamb and his bride
- 19 19:11-21 Judgment on the ungodly
- 20 20:1-6 Martyrs resurrected
- 21 20:7-10 Defeat of Satan
- 22 20:11-15 Final judgment
- ~~23 21:1-8 New Heaven and Earth~~
- 24 21:9-21 The New Jerusalem

Christmas Isaiah

- 25 9:6-7 To us a Son is given
- ~~26 11:1-5 The Spirit shall rest on Him~~
- 27 11:6-9 Earth full of God's knowledge

Revelation cont.

- 28 21:22-27 City of light and splendour
 - 29 22:1-5 River of life
 - 30 22:6-12 Jesus coming soon
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