

BIBLE READING HELPS FOR AUGUST 2020

Anchored
IN THE WORD



Reading the Word Together

Following the plan provided in the *Anchored in the Word* booklets will allow you to read through the entire Bible in 2020. Since you'll be reading along with others in our church, it will be easier to discuss what you are reading with other believers. Sharing your insights and questions will greatly encourage others to dive into God's life-giving Word.

Here is what you will find inside:

- A weekly section to keep track of your Bible reading, record insights, and review the weekly memory verse.
- Introductions to each Biblical book that will be read during the month.
- A brief overview of how to do more in-depth Bible study.
- A listing of church events for the month.
- Blank note pages to record key blessings & lessons

Nothing will impact your life like consistently reading and reflecting on God's Word. You will grow in your knowledge of God and His ways. You will find strength and insight for each day. There is abundant hope and help in God's Word for you!

"Blessed is the man Who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, Nor stands in the path of sinners, Nor sits in the seat of the scornful; But his delight is in the law of the Lord, And in His law he meditates day and night."

Psalm 1:1-2 (NKJV)

Introduction to Jeremiah

Jeremiah, often called the "weeping prophet" because of his sorrow over the persistent message of God's judgment, prophesied to the nation of Judah from the reign of King Josiah in 627 BC until sometime after the destruction of Jerusalem in 586. He dictated his prophecies to a scribe named Baruch (36:4, 32). Jeremiah's task as a prophet was to declare the coming judgment of God. However, throughout the book we also see God's concern for repentance and righteousness in individuals as well as nations. This dual focus is seen in God's instructions to Jeremiah: he was "to pluck up and to break down" but also "to build and to plant" (1:10). Jeremiah sees a future day when God will write his law on human hearts, and "they shall all know me," and "I will remember their sin no more" (31:33-34).

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Introduction to Lamentations

The book of Lamentations is made up of five poems, each an expression of grief over the fall of Jerusalem. Like a eulogy at a funeral, these laments are intended to mourn a loss—in this case, the loss of a nation. The latter half of chapter 3 implies that the purpose behind the book's graphic depictions of sorrow and suffering was to produce hope in the God whose compassion is "new every morning" (v. 23) and whose faithfulness is great even to a people who have been condemned for their own

unfaithfulness. The author, while not identified in the book itself, may have been the prophet Jeremiah, who was said to have "uttered a lament for Josiah" (2 Chron. 35:25). Lamentations was probably written shortly after Jerusalem's fall in 586 BC.

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Introduction to Ezekiel

Ezekiel, a prophet and priest, was exiled to Babylon in 597 BC. His ministry extended over at least twenty-three years. The book opens with his first dramatic vision of the "likeness" of the Lord himself. Ezekiel was keenly aware of God's presence and power in human affairs. He addressed both the exiles and the people left in Judah with messages of warning and judgment, predicting the fall of Jerusalem. After Jerusalem's fall (in 586), Ezekiel prophesied hope and reassurance for the people of Judah, who had then lost the focus of God's covenant, the temple in Jerusalem. His vision of the valley of dry bones (ch. 37) is a classic picture of God's ability to renew his people.

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Week Thirty-One

Reading Schedule

✓	Date	Day	Text
	8/2	Sunday	Isaiah 36-38
	8/3	Monday	Isaiah 39-42
	8/4	Tuesday	Isaiah 43-47
	8/5	Wednesday	Isaiah 48-51
	8/6	Thursday	Isaiah 52-56
	8/7	Friday	Isaiah 57-59
	8/8	Saturday	Isaiah 60-63

Memory Verse

You are worthy, O Lord, To receive glory and honor and power; For You created all things, And by Your will they exist and were created.

Revelation 4:11

Discovery Questions

Where is John the Baptist referenced in the prophecies of Isaiah?

What characteristic of the New Jerusalem is referenced in Isaiah 60?

Week Thirty-Two

Reading Schedule

✓	Date	Day	Text
	8/9	Sunday	Isaiah 64-66
	8/10	Monday	Jeremiah 1-3
	8/11	Tuesday	Jeremiah 4-6
	8/12	Wednesday	Jeremiah 7-9
	8/13	Thursday	Jeremiah 10-12
	8/14	Friday	Jeremiah 13-15
	8/15	Saturday	Jeremiah 16-18

Memory Verse

Of old You laid the foundation of the earth, And the heavens are the work of Your hands. They will perish, but You will endure; Yes, they will all grow old like a garment; Like a cloak You will change them, And they will be changed. But You are the same, And Your years will have no end.

Psalm 102:25–27

Discovery Questions

Some call Isaiah the “Bible in miniature” because of its breadth and that it has 66 chapters like the Bible has 66 books. How does the last chapter of Isaiah correlate to the last book of the Bible?

How did the Lord coach Jeremiah (in chapter 15) to not take the rebellion of Israel personally?

Week Thirty-Three

Reading Schedule

✓	Date	Day	Text
	8/16	Sunday	Jeremiah 19-22
	8/17	Monday	Jeremiah 23-25
	8/18	Tuesday	Jeremiah 26-27
	8/19	Wednesday	Jeremiah 28-30
	8/20	Thursday	Jeremiah 31-32
	8/21	Friday	Jeremiah 33-35
	8/22	Saturday	Jeremiah 36-38

Memory Verse

All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

2 Timothy 3:16-17

Discovery Questions

How long does God say to Israel in Jeremiah 25 that their captivity will last?

One family was noted by God for their faithful obedience to God in spite of rampant idolatry. Who was it?

Week Thirty-Four

Reading Schedule

✓	Date	Day	Text
	8/23	Sunday	Jeremiah 39-41
	8/24	Monday	Jeremiah 42-44
	8/25	Tuesday	Jeremiah 45-48
	8/26	Wednesday	Jeremiah 49-50
	8/27	Thursday	Jeremiah 51-52
	8/28	Friday	Lamentations 1-2
	8/29	Saturday	Lamentations 3-5

Memory Verse

As we have said before, so now I say again, if anyone preaches any other gospel to you than what you have received, let him be accursed.

Galatians 1:9

Discovery Questions

What did God identify as Babylon's chief vice?

How did God illustrate the fall of Babylon?

Week Thirty-Five

Reading Schedule

✓	Date	Day	Text
	8/30	Sunday	Ezekiel 1-4
	8/31	Monday	Ezekiel 5-8
	9/1	Tuesday	Ezekiel 9-12
	9/2	Wednesday	Ezekiel 13-15
	9/3	Thursday	Ezekiel 16
	9/4	Friday	Ezekiel 17-19
	9/5	Saturday	Ezekiel 20-21

Memory Verse

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Nor stands in the path of sinners, Nor sits in the seat of the
scornful; But his delight is in the law of the LORD, And in His law he
meditates day and night.

Psalm 1:1-2

Discovery Questions

Why did Ezekiel feel like it was harder to be a prophet to his own people than to foreign countries?

What four types of faces did the Cherubim have?

Appendix A - The Inductive Study Method

Observation – What do I see?

Start by reading the passage once through to get the big picture. Then read it again slower: noticing punctuation, identifying grammar, and observing how thoughts connect. Let the scene develop in your mind.

Now, “zoom out” in stages to get the **context**

- Immediate context – What is going on?
- Surrounding context – What happened before and after?
- Larger context – What is this book all about?

Next, consider how the **literary style** might be contributing

- Historical narrative – Factual retellings of events
- Law – God’s commands to His covenant people
- Poetry – Scripture written in verse
- Wisdom – Principles from generations of godly people
- Prophecy – Revelation from God about the future
- Argument – Ideas built upon each other to make a whole

Finally, “**interview**” the passage with these questions:

- Who? – What is significant to know about each person?
- What? – What is happening? What is being said or done?
- Where? – Lookup every location you encounter!
- When? – When did this occur? In other Scripture?
- Why? – Look for reasons and explanations. Connect them!
- How? – Are methods described or instructions given?

Interpretation – What does it mean?

When interpreting Scripture, always keep in mind that “meaning” is not our subjective thoughts read into the text, but God’s objective truth read out of the text. Using the analogy of a puzzle, try applying the “four C’s” of accurate interpretation:

- *Content* – Do I have all the pieces? Observation is critical
- *Context* – Where does this piece belong in the big picture?
- Literary context – what type of literature is this?
- Historical context – what events surround this text?
- Cultural context – what were the “norms” then?
- Geographic context – does location matter?
- Theological context – what did they know of God?
- *Comparison* – Where does this piece fit with the others?
- The greatest interpreter of Scripture is Scripture
- *Consultation* – Does this piece really fit here?
- Commentaries are great consultation resources

And never forget the golden rule of interpretation:

“When the plain sense of Scripture makes common sense, seek no other sense...or it will be nonsense.”

Application – How does it affect me?

To find out how the principles you’ve discovered might apply to you, it helps to restate them as a question to yourself like this:

“How does that fact that [...principle from the Bible...] affect me?”

Then ask yourself what action you should take based on what you now know. Seek God’s will in prayer for this. Permit the Holy Spirit to answer these questions for you and open your eyes to God’s perspective.

Events in August

Faithful Men Book Study

Saturday the 8th @ 6 PM

Weekly Gatherings

Sunday Worship Service

Sundays @ 9:00 AM

“Theology in 30” Class

Sundays @ 5:00 PM *ONLINE*

Covina Fellowship Group*

Wednesdays @ 7:00 PM

West Covina Fellowship Group*

Wednesdays @ 6:30 PM

**Meeting locations and times vary and sometimes change. Please see a pastor for information and to enroll.*

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