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IN THE WORD

# About this reading plan

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The plan that we are using this year has 5 days per week assigned for reading. It provides readings from different portions of Scripture each day. Every day includes a portion from the Old and New Testament with the Psalms sprinkled in.

If you read them all the portions each day, you'll read through the entire Bible in 2022! If that sounds exciting, go for it! If that looks like it will be hard to be consistent, then read the NT portions along with the selections from Psalms. Doing that will only require 1 chapter most days of the year.

Committing to be part of a Discipleship Group Isaiah one way to help yourself be consistent. Each week as part of our groups, we'll go over the readings from last week together. Since you'll be reading along with others in our church, it will be easier to discuss what you are reading with other believers.

In this guide you will find the readings for the current month. Also included Isaiah a summary plus a question to help you investigate further and/or apply the Word to your life.

Remember to pray before, during and in response to reading. Whether prompted by the questions provided or by the Spirit, think of your time in the Word as time with God Himself, and include prayer as part of your response. Consider doing so with a pen so you can bring what the Lord has been teaching you to your discipleship groups. Journal space Isaiah provided.

## Week 40 / Day 1

### ☐ **Jeremiah 11-13**

Judah thinks she is immune from judgment because of the covenant, but Yahweh shows that faithfulness to the covenant demands judgment. Still the LORD laments this reality.

*What did Jeremiah want God to do to the people?*

### ☐ **2 Corinthians 12**

Paul does not boast in his experiences, but in God's grace during his weakness. Paul is coming again not to be a burden, but to build them up. He is concerned more about their spiritual condition than his own problems.

*Are experiences a good test of truth?*

## Week 40 / Day 2

### ☐ **Jeremiah 14-16**

Jeremiah leads the people to repent, but they have passed the point of no return. Yahweh will not listen. Jeremiah's own life is to picture Judah's bleakness. Even with this dark forecast, there is a glimmer of hope; but this hope comes only after judgment. *How were the prophets lying to the people?*

### ☐ **Psalms 76**

God has made Himself known through powerfully defending His people. In wrath, one aspect of God's glory is put on display. *What should the response of God's people be?*

### ☐ **2 Corinthians 13**

Paul hopes his third appearance at Corinth will settle their questions about his authenticity as Christ's messenger. He urges them to examine their hearts and longs for them to experience the grace of Christ, love of God, and fellowship of the Spirit. *How do you know that you are in the faith?*

## Week 40 / Day 3

### ☐ **Jeremiah 17-20**

Judah's love for sin makes them reject any offer of mercy that would require change. They seek to silence Jeremiah. Jeremiah announces further judgment. He was bold before the people but broken before God, pouring out his feelings in prayer.

*What can give us hope when we are persecuted for being faithful to God?*

### ☐ **James 1**

Christians must trust God and obey Him. God uses trials to produce persevering faith that demonstrates itself in believing prayer and consistent Christian conduct. There is much to learn about temptation today.

*How would you encourage a Christian who was going through a difficult time from this chapter?*

## Week 40 / Day 4

### ☐ **Jeremiah 22, 23, 26**

The prophet Zedekiah that not only would his palace be ruined, but the house (dynasty) of David would have no king until the Messiah would come. There was no hope to be found in escaping judgment, but hope could be found through embracing judgment.

*Why did the people want to kill Jeremiah at the house of the Lord?*

### ☐ **Psalms 77**

Although Asaph despairs because he feels deserted by God, he finds encouragement in reflecting upon God's past mighty deeds.

*What did the psalmist seek from God?*

### ☐ **James 2**

Faith alone saves, but the faith that saves is not alone - good works are the inevitable result of genuine faith. True faith is demonstrated by practical works of righteousness.

*In what sense was Rahab and Abraham justified by works?*

## Week 40 / Day 5

### ☐ **Jeremiah 25, 35, 36, 45**

Jeremiah predicts that Judah will experience 70 years of captivity. Their disobedience is continually rebuked. Judah's king responds by destroying Jeremiah's scroll. Jeremiah writes it again.

*What did God want the people to understand through the example of the Rechabites?*

### ☐ **Psalms 133**

The psalmist describes how good unity among God's people is. It is a gift that comes from Yahweh.

*How does this relate to having unity in the church?*

### ☐ **James 3**

Since man's tongue can't be controlled by man alone, the Christian who avoids sins of the tongue has a clear sign of God's grace. Also, godly wisdom is contrasted with demonic wisdom.

*What illustration of the tongue stands out to you? Why?*

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## Week 41 / Day 1

### ☐ **Jeremiah 27, 28, 29, 24**

Judah must accept the "yoke" of Babylon as their judgment. The exile would come to an end and Yahweh would return them to Israel. In Babylon, the people would find favor during captivity. *What would happen to Babylon after God's appointed time?*

### ☐ **James 4**

Pride leads to fussing and fighting. The answer for pride is to humbly submit to God. Humility is the only appropriate response in light of God's sovereignty. *How does God describe boasting and arrogance?*

## Week 41 / Day 2

### ☐ **Jeremiah 37, 21, 34**

Zedekiah wanted the intercession of the man of God but not the instruction of the Word of God. Jeremiah was not a popular preacher, but his message was faithful. Those who heeded him lived; those who resisted the Word died. Zedekiah makes and cruelly breaks a covenant.

*What would happen to King Zedekiah?*

### ☐ **Psalms 79**

Asaph laments that Jerusalem has been devastated and cries out to God to act for the sake of His own glory.

*What does Asaph ask God for?*

### ☐ **James 5**

It is foolish to choose wealth over God. Believers should model faith and patience until the Lord's return. Humility leads away from despair over sickness toward seeking God's help. By leading others to truths found in this book, a believer may save their souls and cover a multitude of sins.

*What is James' instruction to the one who is suffering?*

## Week 41 / Day 3

### ☐ **Jeremiah 30-33**

Judah had sinned, so God had to correct them in love; but He would not permit their enemies to take advantage of them. God is faithful to His people even when they are not faithful to Him. Yahweh will forgive, heal, and establish His people once again.  
*Why is Rachel weeping?*

### ☐ **1 Peter 1**

Peter praises God for their eternal inheritance. They are immensely privileged in spite of their present distresses. Trust and obey until you see Jesus. You were redeemed by Jesus' blood, purified by the Spirit, born again by the Word.  
*What is God's commandment for us?*

## Week 41 / Day 4

### ☐ **Jeremiah 38, 39, 52**

Zedekiah was a weak and fickle king. Though he mistreated Jeremiah, God promised that Jeremiah would be kept safe when Jerusalem fell to Babylon. Zedekiah rebelled against the king of Babylon and the King of Kings; he lost both battles.

*How long was Jerusalem under siege by Babylon?*

### ☐ **1 Peter 2**

Grow by the Word. God is building you into a spiritual house for His glory. Jesus is insignificant to the lost, but precious to us. We are called to show forth His praises through good works.

Undeserved suffering endured patiently follows Jesus' example.

*What are our spiritual sacrifices?*

## Week 41 / Day 5

### ☐ **2 Kings 24-25; 2 Chronicles 36**

Judah begins this section as a puppet kingdom of Babylon and ends it as a kingdom plundered by Babylon. The Kingdom of Judah ends with a brutal siege and deportation. But Jehoiachin's release from prison and elevation to honor provides hope to the destroyed, exiled nation of Judah that God will restore them.

*What happened to Zedekiah and his sons?*

### ☐ **Psalms 126**

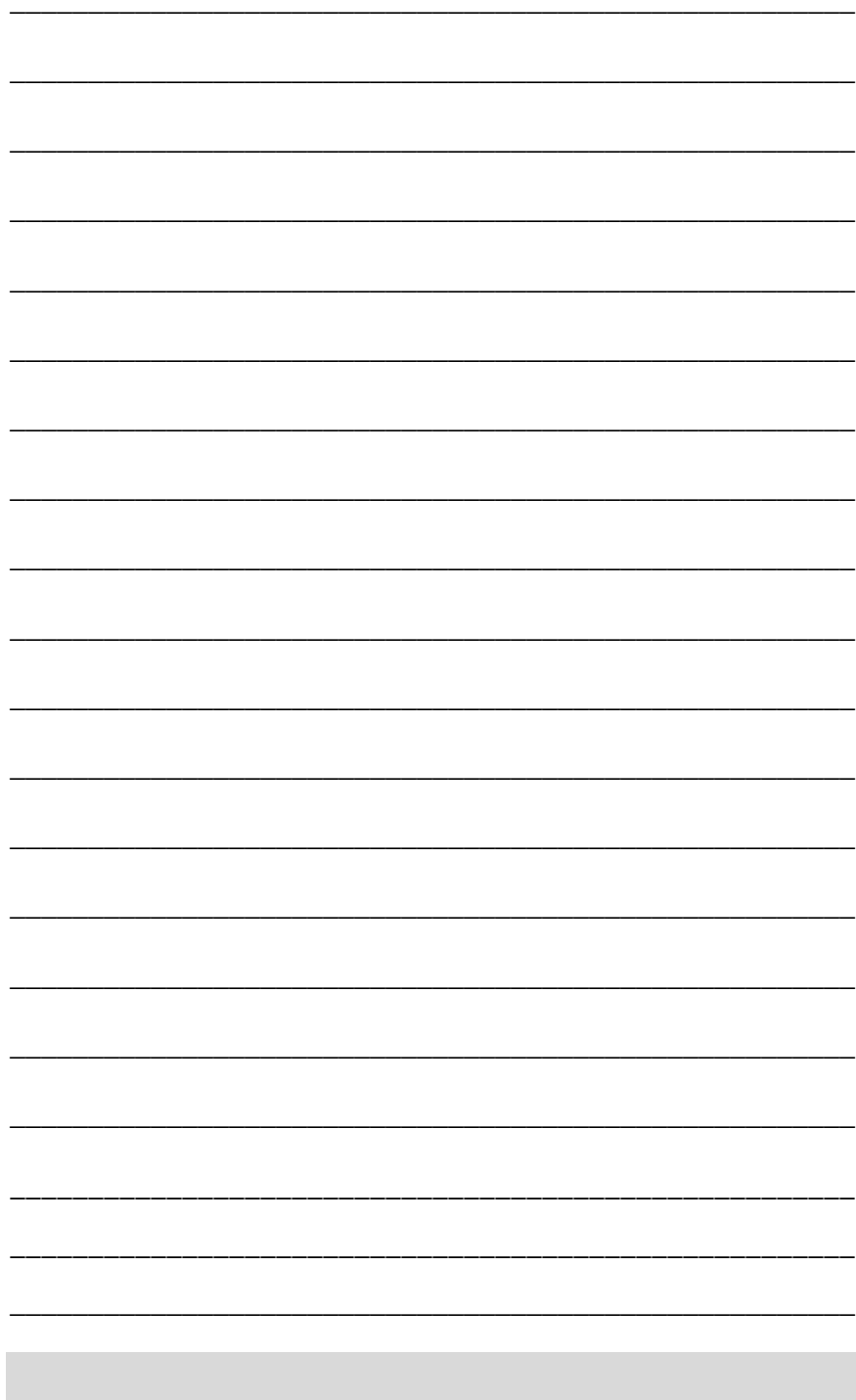
The psalmist describes the restoration of God's people to the land. Even the nations acknowledge God's hand in their restoration.

*What did the returnees feel like?*

### ☐ **1 Peter 3**

Wives must submit to their husbands (even if they are unbelievers). Husbands submit to your wives recognizing you share the same standing spiritually. Return ill will with blessing, because you are called to inherit a blessing.

*What is the true beauty of a woman?*



## Week 42 / Day 1

### ☐ **Lamentations 1-5**

The book of Lamentations is a series of five poetic prayers grieving the destruction of Jerusalem and the exile of God's people. These prayers give voice to the pain and tragedy God's people have experienced. They desire God to see and trust that He does.

*What help came to Jerusalem?*

### ☐ **Psalms 137**

Israel responds to the exile by grieving honestly, remembering Jerusalem, and appealing to God to judge rightly.

*How might you apply this psalm to shape your response to horrific experiences?*

### ☐ **1 Peter 4**

The Gentiles walk in immorality, but we are called to give an account to God. We must love one another and use our gifts to minister to one another. Don't be surprised by trials. Joining with Jesus in His sufferings leads to joining with Jesus in His glory.

*How does love cover sins?*

## Week 42 / Day 2

### ☐ **Obadiah**

When the Babylonians destroyed Jerusalem, the Edomites rejoiced and helped the enemy instead of helping their brethren. Obadiah informs them of God's coming judgment for their violence and arrogance. God will save a remnant from Judah. *What specific sins of Edom does Obadiah point out?*

### ☐ **Jeremiah 40-42**

Those who remained in the land after the fall of Jerusalem were divided and did not turn back to the LORD. Jeremiah warned them to remain instead of fleeing to Egypt. However, Judah continues refusing to listen to God's Word through Jeremiah. *Why were Johanan and the captains of the forces afraid to go back to Jerusalem?*

### ☐ **Psalms 147**

This psalm focuses on God's faithfulness to Israel in terms of His care for Jerusalem and the future of His chosen city. This is a hymn of praise without a line of lament. *What is pleasant and beautiful to the LORD?*

### ☐ **1 Peter 5**

The elders are responsible to feed the flock and oversee it while serving as examples. All are to submit to one another because God gives grace to the humble. We have an enemy, but our God has called us to eternal glory by Jesus Christ! *How should we watch for the devil?*



## Week 42 / Day 3

### ☐ **Jeremiah 43-44, 46**

Everything Jeremiah said had happened, but the people still refused to listen to him. Their continual rebellion and idolatry meant that judgment would not end for them - it would follow them to Egypt. Babylon would also defeat Egypt.

*What is the irony of the remnant of Judah going to Egypt?*

### ☐ **2 Peter 1**

Everything that is necessary for life and godliness we have through the knowledge of God. Add to this faith. Diligence in these things provides assurance about our standing before God. Peter intends to always remind them of these things because they are sure through experience, but also through the Scriptures which provide a more reliable testimony.

*How can we receive more grace and peace?*

## Week 42 / Day 4

### ☐ **Jeremiah 47-49**

The Philistines had been defeated by Egypt, but the Babylonians would destroy them both. Proud Moab would also fall. They were broken by the LORD because they refused to be broken before the LORD. Other surrounding nations would experience judgment.

*When will Babylon rest?*

### ☐ **Psalms 80**

Asaph pleads with God to restore His people who, like a vine ravaged by boars, have suffered excruciating defeat by foreign enemies.

*Who brought the tribulation upon the people?*

### ☐ **2 Peter 2**

There are many false prophets that God will judge, but God will deliver the righteous. The difference between a sinning believer and a false teacher seems to lie in their intent to ensnare others. There is a weakness in giving in to temptation, but there is an unholy boldness in calling others to wickedness. It would be better for these wicked ones to never have heard the right way; that is, better than the current situation - knowing/rejecting the truth while actively turning others away from it.

*What purpose did destroying Sodom and Gomorrah serve?*

## Week 42 / Day 5

### ☐ **Jeremiah 50-51**

This prophecy was given before Jerusalem's fall and sent by Jeremiah to be read in Babylon. It is intended to give hope to those in captivity and warning to their captors. The Babylon was mighty, her days were numbered by God.

*What nation was to come against Babylon?*

### ☐ **2 Peter 3**

Peter again wants to stir them up by reminding them what the prophets say - the last days will be marked by those who deny the truth about God as Creator & Judge. But God will come to demonstrate the reality to the world. He delays His judgment because He desires repentance. We must focus on living for things that will endure - a new heavens and a new earth.

*Why hasn't the Lord returned to establish His kingdom yet?*

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## Week 43 / Day 1

### ☐ Ezekiel 1-3

Ezekiel was among the first group taken captive to Babylon (before the fall of Jerusalem). While in captivity, Ezekiel was called to serve as God's prophet in Babylon. It starts with a fantastic vision of the glory of Yahweh. The LORD puts His words in Ezekiel's mouth to fearlessly deliver to the rebellious Israelites.

*In what year did Ezekiel receive his vision from God?*

### ☐ John 1

Jesus, the eternal Son of God, takes on flesh (humanity). He came with grace and truth. He was announced as the Lamb of God by John the Baptist. Jesus calls his first disciples.

*What was the response of the people to Jesus' arrival?*

## Week 43 / Day 2

### ☐ Ezekiel 4-6

Ezekiel began his public ministry with four enactments that declared God's judgment against Jerusalem. These bizarre and unpleasant acts were intended to show the people the extent of their sin and its consequences. Chapter 6 is his first sermon.

*How was Ezekiel to cook his food? Why?*

### ☐ Psalm 82

The psalmist pronounces divine judgment upon Israel's unjust judges, reassuring them that God will judge them.

*How might this Psalm help anyone who suffers injustice?*

### ☐ John 2

Jesus performs his first miracle in Galilee to display His glory. At Passover, Jesus overthrows the tables of the money changers and gives his first prophecy of death and resurrection. Many have a superficial faith in Jesus because of the miracles.

*Why did Jesus throw the people out of the temple?*

## Week 43 / Day 3

### ☐ Ezekiel 7-9

Yahweh will repay the land of Israel for its sins. The Temple was defiled by idolatry and those who were guilty would be executed. The glory of God moved from the Holy of Holies and began to depart from the Temple.

*What were the walls of the sanctuary covered with?*

### ☐ John 3

Nicodemus is told about the necessity of a new birth. God sent Jesus into the world because God loves the world and wants all who believe in Jesus to have eternal life. John the Baptist testifies further about Jesus.

*List of some of the things John the Baptist says about Jesus that show He is God.*

## Week 43 / Day 4

### ☐ **Ezekiel 10-12**

Ezekiel sees judgment in Jerusalem and the glory of Yahweh departs. Jerusalem's leaders should not think they will escape the coming judgment. God will scatter his people in judgment, but he will restore them to the land, giving the remnant a "heart of flesh" to keep God's commands.

*What advice were the leading men of the city giving the people?*

### ☐ **Psalms 83**

Asaph pleads for God's help against Israel's enemies, requesting divine deliverance and vindication - not only for their own protection but also so all people will revere God.

*What was the conspiracy of the nations against Israel?*

### ☐ **John 4**

Jesus' growing Judean ministry causes Him to return to Galilee through Samaria. He encounters a woman at a well who believes and spreads the news to city of Samaria. He stayed two days and many more believed. Upon His return to Cana Jesus heals a nobleman's son.

*Who might be like the Samaritans in our time?*



## Week 43 / Day 5

### ☐ **Ezekiel 13-15**

False prophets among the exiles are condemned. The LORD will be against the idolatrous elders of Israel. Jerusalem will not be saved from God's judgment. The city is described like the wood of the vine, useful only to be burned.

*Who could be delivered from judgment? How?*

### ☐ **Psalms 136**

The psalm praises God for familiar themes: His greatness in creation and in the deliverance of His people.

*Why is one line repeated so many times in this psalm?*

### ☐ **John 5**

After healing on the Sabbath, Jesus claims God is His Father. Jesus explains further that because His Father is working, so He is still working, for He and the Father are One. To support this claim, Jesus offers His own testimony, John's testimony, the testimony of His works, and the witness of the Father and the Scriptures.

*In what ways does Jesus claim to be equal to the Father?*

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## Week 44 / Day 1

### □ Ezekiel 16-18

Israel was the wife of Yahweh only because of His grace, but she broke the marriage covenant. Israel was now worse than the surrounding nations. Judgment will come on Judah for her own sins, and she is called to repent.

*What happened to the soul of an unrighteous son even though his father was righteous?*

### □ John 6

A great multitude follow Jesus due to His miracles and He miraculously feeds them all. The crowds want to make Him King so he departs. Jesus walks on the water to rescue the disciples in a storm. The crowds catch up and Jesus accuses them of only following Him so they can get bread. This only perishes, but He offers life that never perishes. This life is freely available to all who will receive the Son.

*Who would the Father give to the Son?*

## Week 44 / Day 2

### ☐ **Ezekiel 19-21**

Ezekiel is called to lament the princes of Israel, who are like a predator, once powerful but now captive, and also like a burnt vine. Although Israel has been unfaithful, Yahweh will restore after the destined judgment.

*Who would God use as a sword against Judah?*

### ☐ **Psalms 84**

The psalmist expresses his excitement for the temple where the Lord's presence is greatly enjoyed. Notice how this longing is expressed when reading today.

*What will God do for the upright?*

### ☐ **John 7**

The controversy over Jesus' words and actions continues to grow. He returns secretly to Jerusalem for the feast of Tabernacles. Water would be poured out reminding Israel of God giving them water in the wilderness. Jesus uses this to teach about living water.

*Who spoke up to help Jesus receive justice?*

## Week 44 / Day 3

### ☐ **Ezekiel 22-24**

For Judah's idolatry, violence, immorality, and greed, God will bring His wrath on the people. God recounts the history of Israel and Judah as two unfaithful brides, who will be judged for their sinful idolatry. Finally, the prophet learns of the siege of Jerusalem.

*Why is Ezekiel forbidden to mourn the death of his wife?*

### ☐ **Psalms 134**

The psalmist summons worshippers to praise the Lord and receive God's blessing.

*How is God described in this psalm?*

### ☐ **John 8**

Jesus confronts those who would punish the woman (but not the man) caught in adultery. The religious leaders did not know where they were going or where He was going because they were in the dark spiritually. The Son makes you free, so trust Him and follow Him. His truth makes you free, so study it, believe it, and obey it.

*How did Abraham see the day of Jesus?*

## Week 44 / Day 4

### ☐ **Ezekiel 25-27**

The nations surrounding Israel—Ammon, Moab and Seir, Edom, and Philistia—have gloated over and even participated in the Babylonian conquest of Judah. God will execute His vengeance on them, and they will know that He is Yahweh.

*Who would God send against Tyre?*

### ☐ **Psalms 85**

The psalmist recalls God's past blessings to His people, and then calls for God to restore and revive His people.

*Why does he seek revival?*

### ☐ **John 9**

Jesus openly claims that He is God, further accelerating the hostility of the religious leaders. To continue to show His divine power, He heals a man born blind, thus demonstrating the truth of His claims in words and actions.

*Why were the Pharisees accused of being in sin?*

## Week 44 / Day 5

### ☐ **Ezekiel 28-30**

The king of Tyre thought he was God, and his heart was lifted up with pride. Surely Satan was the cause of this. Attention then turns to Egypt. Though they imagined they were great, Yahweh would also bring them low by the Babylonians.

*How was Tyre in Eden the garden of God?*

### ☐ **John 10**

Jesus proclaims Himself the Door of the sheep and the Good Shepherd. The Good Shepherd is marked by a commitment to risk his life for the good of the sheep. Jesus again claims to be God and the Jews attempt to stone Him, but Jesus eludes them.

*Which sheep know the voice of the shepherd?*

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