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BIBLE READING PLAN
SEPTEMBER - OCTORBER

**GOD HAS SOMETHING TO SAY TO YOU.
EVERYDAY.**

As followers of Jesus, one of the most important things we can do is spend time getting to know Him better. And the best way to do that is by reading His Word daily.

The Bible isn't just for Sundays or special occasions—it's meant to guide you, encourage you, and even challenge you as you figure out what it means to live for Him in today's world. And it's not just about reading it, but understanding it, and letting it shape the way you think, act, and make decisions. When you spend time with God in His Word, you'll hear His voice, find direction, and discover a deeper purpose for your life.

We are kicking off a new season of going deeper as a church and we are embarking on another year to finish reading the Bible—together! To help us stay on track, we've created this special devotional to guide us as we grow deeper in God's Word and our relationship with Him.

This is your chance to connect with God like never before, and let His Truth shape who you are and how you live. So grab your Bible and let's dive in— God has something incredible to say to YOU!

HOW TO DO A R.E.A.P JOURNAL ENTRY

We've specially designed a **Bible Reading Plan devotional** for you. This plan includes a carefully selected scripture passage, a brief overview of the day's reading, and a thought-provoking question, challenge, or response to help you reflect deeply.

All you need to do is set aside some dedicated time to spend with God each day. Gather your Bible, the reading plan, this devotional, and a pen, and you're ready to dive in!

The R.E.A.P. method is a simple and practical way to engage with scripture meaningfully. More than just ticking off the boxes of the Bible Reading Plan, the goal is for you to understand and respond to God's Word. R.E.A.P. stands for Read, Examine, Apply, and Pray.

STEP 1 - READ | What Does The Bible Say?

Start by writing today's date and the Bible passage from the Bible Reading Plan at the top of your journal page.

Before you dive into the Word, take a moment to get your heart ready. Sit quietly, take a deep breath, and prepare to listen to what God wants to say to you. You can:

- **Pray:** Ask God to clear your mind and speak to your heart.
- **Worship:** Sing to a worship song to focus on Him.
- **Surrender:** Give your worries and distractions to God.

Now, read the passage for the day slowly and carefully. You might want to read it more than once to really let it sink in. As you read, look for any verses that stand out—ones that grab your attention or feel like God is speaking directly to you. Highlight those verses and copy them into your journal under the letter "R" (for "Read").

STEP 2 - EXAMINE | What Does It Mean?

Take time to examine what the Scripture means in its proper context. This step is about digging deeper to understand what the writer was trying to say and who they were saying it to. The goal is to get to the original meaning of the Scripture.

Here are some simple questions to help you figure it out:

- What is happening in this passage?
- What does this tell you about God? What is He doing?
- What does this tell you about people? How are they acting or responding?
- Are there any repeated words, key ideas, or things being emphasised?
- Who wrote this, and who were they writing to?
- What's going on at the time—what problem or situation is the writer talking about?
- Who or what is the main focus of this passage?

(Want to go deeper? There are some great tools to help you understand the background and context better. You can check out study Bibles, Bible dictionaries, or commentaries—or use these websites: biblestudytools.com and blueletterbible.org)

Finally, write down everything you observe under the letter "E" (for "Examine") in your journal.

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STEP 3 - APPLY | How Will This Change Me?

Application is about how you live out what you have read. The goal isn't just to learn something new—it's to **let God's Word transform your heart and actions.**

Think about what needs to change in your life so you can live out the truth you just read. Ask yourself these questions:

- Is there a **sin** I need to confess?
- Is there a **promise** I can hold onto?
- Is there an **attitude** I need to change?
- Is there an **example** I can follow?
- Is there a **prayer** I can pray?
- Is there an **error** I should avoid?
- Is there a **truth** I need to believe?

Make it personal! Write down under the letter "A" (for "Apply") what God is challenging you to respond to. This is your call to action—a step of obedience that makes God's Word real in your everyday life.

STEP 4 - PRAY | How Will I Respond To God?

Real change happens when you let the Holy Spirit work in your life. This step is about talking to God in prayer and responding to what He has shown you through His Word. Take a moment to pray:

- Thank God for speaking to you through His Word.
- Ask Him to help you change your heart and live differently based on what you have read.
- Be honest about your struggles or anything you need His help with.

Write down your prayer under the letter "P" (for "Pray") in your journal. You can also include other prayer requests like, praying for your friends, family, or a situation. Writing your prayers help you keep track of your conversations with God. Over time, you'll be able to look back and see how He has answered your prayers and been faithful in your life.

**EXAMINE**

God calls His people to stop listening to the deceptive voices and turn back to Him. Although their disobedience would bring discipline and hardship, God's desire was never to abandon them. Instead, He would use it to correct them, humble them, and ultimately bring them back into the right relationship with Him. The heart of these passages is restoration. God promised to heal, redeem and gather His people again, and to transform their hearts so they would truly know and follow Him.

**APPLY**

God desires to transform our hearts, not just our actions. Are there areas where you focus more on changing your behaviour rather than allowing God to work within you?

**PRAY**

- *Ask God to help you trust His promises and timing when circumstances are confusing or challenging.*
- *Pray that the Holy Spirit would continue transforming your heart so that your love, obedience, and faith flow from a genuine relationship with Him.*

**EXAMINE**

Jeremiah 32 takes place during one of Judah's darkest moments as Jerusalem is under siege by Babylon. In the middle of this crisis, God tells Jeremiah to buy a field, an act that seems unreasonable but becomes a powerful sign of hope. It shows that judgment would not be the end of the story, and that God would one day restore His people and fulfil His promises.

Jeremiah responds by acknowledging God's power and sovereignty. God reminds him that nothing is too difficult for Him. Although judgment came because of the people's rebellion, restoration would come because of God's faithfulness. He promised to gather His people, transform their hearts, and establish a lasting relationship with them.

**APPLY**

Jeremiah obeyed God even when His instructions did not make sense. Is there an area where God is calling you to trust and obey Him, even when you do not fully understand?

**PRAY**

- Ask God to strengthen your faith in areas where you are struggling to trust His timing or His plans.
- Thank God that nothing is too difficult for Him and that His promises remain true even when circumstances seem impossible.

**EXAMINE**

Jeremiah 33 continues God's message of hope during a time of destruction and exile. Even while Jerusalem faced judgment, God promised the people restoration, healing, and rebuilding, showing that nothing is beyond His power to restore.

God reminded His people that His faithfulness depends on His character, not their performance. He promised a righteous Branch from David's line who would establish an everlasting kingdom of justice and righteousness. This promise points to Jesus, who fulfils God's new covenant through His death and resurrection.

**APPLY**

Is there a situation in your life where it is difficult to see God's work? How can you choose to trust His faithfulness even when you cannot see the outcome?

**PRAY**

- *Ask Him to strengthen your faith to trust that He can restore what feels lost or impossible.*
- *Pray for a deeper understanding of His faithfulness and a heart that rests in the hope we have through Jesus, the fulfilment of His promises.*

**EXAMINE**

Jeremiah 34 takes place during the Babylonian siege of Jerusalem, where God warns King Zedekiah that the city will fall because of Judah's continued disobedience. This judgment was not random, but the result of their repeated rejection of God's commands. The chapter also records how the leaders freed Hebrew slaves but later broke their promise and returned them to bondage. Their actions revealed that their repentance was only temporary. This reminds us that outward obedience is not enough; God desires hearts that are truly transformed and committed to Him.

**APPLY**

Is there an area where you need to be more consistent in following God? What can you do to grow in obedience in that area?

**PRAY**

- *Pray for a heart that obeys God consistently in both hard or good times.*
- *Pray for a heart that fears God, that your words, vows, and lifestyle honour and bring glory to His name.*

**EXAMINE**

Paul encourages believers to keep growing toward spiritual maturity, reminding them that following Jesus is a lifelong journey. Rather than relying on past achievements or earthly identity, believers are called to keep their eyes fixed on Christ and eternity.

Paul contrasts a life focused on earthly desires with one shaped by heavenly citizenship. Because believers belong to Christ, their priorities, attitudes, and actions should reflect their identity as citizens of heaven. In chapter 4, Paul urges believers to stand firm, pursue unity, rejoice always, and bring every concern to God in prayer. True contentment is not found in circumstances but in Christ, who gives His people strength and peace.

**APPLY**

Have you become comfortable staying where you are in your walk with God? What is one area in your life that you can intentionally grow in this week?

**PRAY**

- *Ask God to help you grow in spiritual maturity and not become stagnant in your walk with Him.*
- *Pray and thank God for His strength in every season and ask Him to shape your mind so that your thoughts and actions reflect Christ more each day.*

**EXAMINE**

Paul writes to Timothy as a spiritual mentor, encouraging him to stand firm in the truth while leading the church. He warns against false teaching and reminds Timothy that ministry must be grounded in the gospel and God's grace.

Paul reflects on his own life as an example of God's mercy. Though he once persecuted the church, God transformed him into a servant of Christ, reminding believers that His grace can change anyone. Paul also gives instructions for worship and church life, emphasising prayer, purity, and sincere devotion to God. Finally, he outlines the qualifications for elders and deacons, showing that church leadership is built on godly character, faithfulness, and a life that reflects Christ.

**APPLY**

What part of your character do you think God is developing in you right now? For example, patience, humility, self-control, kindness, courage, or faithfulness.

**PRAY - PRAYER & FASTING (DAY 1)**

- *Pray for God to remove pride in the church and shape hearts through His grace.*
- *Pray for Malaysian church leaders to lead with Christlike humility and unity.*
- *Pray for Malaysia's leaders to uphold religious freedom and promote peace and harmony.*

**EXAMINE**

Jeremiah 35 highlights the example of the Rechabites, a family who faithfully obeyed the commands of their ancestor. Even when they were offered wine in the temple, they refused because they had committed themselves to obey their ancestor's commands. God uses their faithfulness as a contrast to Judah's persistent disobedience. While the Rechabites remained consistent to human instruction, God's own people repeatedly ignored His commands.

Jeremiah 36 shows another response to God's Word. God instructs Jeremiah to write His messages on a scroll, which is then read publicly. Instead of repenting, the message is rejected by King Jehoiakim, who cuts the scroll and burns it piece by piece. Even though human leaders attempt to silence God's Word, it cannot be destroyed or stopped. God instructs Jeremiah to rewrite the scroll, showing that His message will endure despite opposition.

**APPLY**

Is there anything God is saying to you that you have been rejecting or avoiding? What is holding you back from surrendering to God and to respond in obedience?

**PRAY - PRAYER & FASTING (DAY 2):**

- *Pray for God to give us peaceful hearts, humility, and wisdom when facing criticism or conflict.*
- *Pray for Malaysian leaders to respond to challenges with grace, humility, and wisdom, and for unity, respect, and mutual understanding among religious leaders.*
- *Pray for believers to honour God in their desires and avoid becoming a stumbling block to others.*

**EXAMINE**

These chapters take place during the final days before Jerusalem's fall. Even though the situation is desperate, King Zedekiah and the officials repeatedly refuse to fully listen to God's message through Jeremiah. There is curiosity about God's Word, but not true obedience.

Jeremiah is imprisoned and mistreated because his message is unpopular. He continues to warn that surrendering to Babylon is the only way to survive, but the leaders accuse him of discouraging the people. Instead of recognising God's warning, they treat Jeremiah as the problem.

In chapter 38, Jeremiah is thrown into a cistern and left to die because of the officials' hostility toward his message. Yet even in his suffering, God continues to preserve his life through the actions of those who show compassion and courage.

**APPLY**

Do you value God's truth even when it is unpopular or difficult to accept? What is one step you can take this week to follow His truth?

**PRAY - PRAYER & FASTING (DAY 3):**

- *Pray for leaders to embrace accountability and seek God's wisdom above human approval.*
- *Pray for Malaysian churches to build cultures of transparency, discernment, trust, and unity.*
- *Pray for Malaysia's government to uphold integrity, justice, transparency, and accountability.*

**EXAMINE**

These chapters describe the final moments before and after the fall of Jerusalem. King Zedekiah secretly seeks God's message through Jeremiah, but even though he knows the truth, he struggles to obey because he fears the people around him more than he fears God. Jeremiah tells him that surrendering to Babylon is the only way to survive, but Zedekiah chooses not to listen.

Jerusalem eventually falls, just as God had warned. The Babylonian army destroys the city, and Zedekiah faces the consequences of his rebellion. Yet even in judgment, God remembers Jeremiah's faithfulness and protects him. While many experience the consequences of rejecting God, Jeremiah receives mercy and is given freedom.

In **Jeremiah 40**, the Babylonian commander recognises that Jerusalem's destruction happened because the people sinned against God and refused to listen to Him. Jeremiah is released and chooses to remain with the people who stayed in Judah.

**APPLY**

Jeremiah remained faithful even when following God was costly. What is one area where God is calling you to remain faithful even when it is difficult?

**PRAY - PRAYER & FASTING (DAY 4):**

- *Pray for believers to honour God's processes and respond with humility in the church.*
- *Pray for unity and mutual submission among Malaysian believers and churches.*
- *Pray for religious leaders in Malaysia to lead with integrity, wisdom, and moral character.*

**EXAMINE**

After the fall of Jerusalem, the people who remained in Judah were given an opportunity to rebuild their lives. Gedaliah was appointed as governor and encouraged the people to live peacefully under Babylonian rule and focus on restoring the land. For a short time, there was a sense of stability and hope.

However, Ishmael and his followers plotted against Gedaliah and eventually assassinated him. This act of violence brought fear and confusion among the people. Despite God's opportunity for restoration, human pride, selfish ambition, and a lack of trust continued to bring destruction.

Psalms 74 reflects the pain of God's people as they experienced the devastation of Jerusalem. The psalmist cries out to God, asking why He allowed His sanctuary to be destroyed. Yet even in the middle of grief and uncertainty, the psalm remembers God's power, faithfulness, and authority over all things. It shows that even when circumstances seem hopeless, God remains worthy of trust and praise.

**APPLY**

Do you sometimes let pride or your own plans get in the way of what God wants to do? What is one area you need to surrender to God, and what step of obedience can you take?

**PRAY - PRAYER & FASTING (DAY 5):**

- *Pray for humble hearts that prioritise God and serve Him faithfully in all we do.*
- *Pray for the Malaysian Church to grow in humility, fellowship, and unity as a community that trusts God.*
- *Pray for Malaysia to continue growing in unity and compassion by caring for the less fortunate and marginalised.*

**EXAMINE**

These passages come together to tell the story of Judah's fall, the consequences of persistent rebellion, and the hope that remains in the midst of judgment. **2 Kings 24** and **25:1-26** describe the devastating destruction of Jerusalem and the temple and the exile of God's people, showing that God's warnings through the prophets had been fulfilled. **Psalms 79** gives voice to the grief and sorrow of the people as they witness the destruction of Jerusalem, yet their lament also becomes a prayer for God's mercy and restoration. This reminds us that sin has serious consequences, but even in the midst of judgment, God remains faithful and gives His people reason to hope in Him.

**APPLY**

When you can't see God working, how can you remind yourself that He is still faithful and has a good plan for your life?

**PRAY - PRAYER & FASTING (DAY 6):**

- *Pray for the local church to experience the presence and work of the Holy Spirit.*
- *Pray for unity among Malaysian believers, that the Church will reflect the oneness of Christ.*
- *Pray for Malaysians to demonstrate integrity, hospitality, and kindness as we welcome visitors during Visit Malaysia Year 2026.*

**EXAMINE**

Paul reminds Timothy that the church is God's household, called to proclaim the truth of the gospel. Therefore, the character of believers, especially leaders, must reflect Christ through faithful teaching, sincere worship, and godly living.

Paul warns against false teaching and encourages Timothy to remain grounded in God's Word. Though young, Timothy is called to be an example in speech, conduct, love, faith, and purity, showing that spiritual maturity is seen through a Christ-centered life.

Paul also gives practical instructions for caring for others, honouring leaders, and building a church marked by love, integrity, and servant-hearted leadership. Believers are called to honour Christ in every area of life and point others to Him through their actions.

**APPLY**

Paul told Timothy to be an example in speech, conduct, love, faith, and purity. Which of these do you feel God is helping you grow in right now?

**PRAY - PRAYER & FASTING (DAY 7):**

- *Pray for God to transform our hearts and give us compassion to serve others and for boldness and passion to share Christ with those around us.*
- *Pray for Malaysian believers to follow God's will without comparing their journey with others.*
- *Pray for Malaysia's opposition parties to promote accountability and uphold the Constitution and laws.*

**EXAMINE**

In these passages, they come together with a central message of remaining faithful to God and His truth while living a life that reflects the gospel. In 1 Timothy, Paul warns against false teaching and the love of money, calling believers instead to pursue righteousness, faith, love, endurance, and godliness. In 2 Timothy and Titus, Paul continues this emphasis by reminding Christian leaders to remain faithful to the gospel, endure suffering, teach sound doctrine, and lead lives that reflect God's truth. It is a call and a reminder to us that being a faithful disciple is not only about knowing the truth, but also about living it out through godly character, perseverance, and faithful leadership.

**APPLY**

Who has God placed in your life that you can encourage, disciple, or strengthen in their faith, even in small ways this week?

**PRAY - PRAYER & FASTING (DAY 7):**

- *Pray for strength to walk in obedience and faithfulness to God.*
- *Pray for a heart that serves others with love and humility.*
- *Pray that our lives will glorify God in all that we do.*

**EXAMINE**

In **2 Kings 24–25**, Judah's continued unfaithfulness eventually results in the Babylonian invasion, the destruction of Jerusalem and the temple, and the exile of God's people. What had been warned through the prophets for generations now comes to pass, showing that God's Word can be trusted. **2 Chronicles 36** highlights this same pattern, that God repeatedly sent messengers to warn His people because He had compassion on them, but they mocked His messengers, rejected His Word, and hardened their hearts until there was no remedy.

Yet it does not end only with destruction. The release and honouring of Jehoiachin at the end of **2 Kings** provides a small but significant glimpse of hope. Even though Judah had experienced the consequences of its sin and was now in exile, God had not forgotten His people or abandoned His covenant purposes. God is faithful to His Word in both judgment and mercy.

**APPLY**

What are some things that God may be teaching you this season?

**PRAY**

- *Pray for grace to apologise, forgive, and pursue reconciliation and peace with others.*
- *Pray for the fruit of the Holy Spirit to be evident in our lives.*
- *Pray for strength to stand firm in Christ and trust in His victory over Satan.*

**EXAMINE**

Habakkuk begins with honest questions about injustice and suffering, showing that God welcomes our struggles and is not distant from our concerns. The prophet wonders why evil seems to prosper, yet God reminds him that justice will come in His appointed time.

God reveals that Babylon will be used as an instrument of judgment, even though they are also sinful. Habakkuk learns that the righteous are called to live by faith, trusting God's character even when His ways are difficult to understand.

Chapter 2 reveals that God will ultimately judge pride, violence, greed, and injustice. In chapter 3, Habakkuk responds with worship and renewed trust, choosing to rejoice in God despite difficult circumstances. His journey shows what it means to move from confusion to confidence through faith.

**APPLY**

What would it look like for you to choose worship and trust in God this week, even if some of your circumstances do not change?

**PRAY**

- *Pray that Malaysia belongs to the Lord and pray for His sovereignty and blessing over the nation and its people.*
- *Pray for God's presence to fill every state in Peninsular Malaysia, Sabah, and Sarawak.*
- *Pray that Jesus is the King over Malaysia, its leaders, communities, and churches.*

**EXAMINE**

After the fall of Jerusalem, the people of Judah ask Jeremiah to seek God's guidance and promise to obey. God instructs them to remain in the land and trust His protection, but they reject His answer because it does not match their expectations.

Their decision reveals a repeated pattern of seeking God's guidance only when it agrees with their own desires. In Egypt, they continue in disobedience and idolatry, showing that true obedience requires a willing heart, not just a request for direction.

**APPLY**

Do you sometimes seek advice from God or others just to confirm what you want to do? How can you grow in true submission to God's leading?

**PRAY**

- *Pray for courage to follow His direction even when it challenges your plans or comfort.*
- *Pray and ask God for His faithful guidance and ask Him to align your heart with His will in every decision you make.*

**EXAMINE**

In **Jeremiah 44**, the Jews living in Egypt continue worshiping false gods despite having already witnessed the destruction of Jerusalem and experienced the consequences of their rebellion. Rather than acknowledging their sin, they insist on following their own desires, showing how their hearts have become hardened against God. Jeremiah declares that their suffering was the result of their persistent disobedience and refusal to listen to God's warnings.

In **Jeremiah 45**, the focus shifts from the rebellious community to Baruch, Jeremiah's faithful scribe. Baruch is discouraged by the difficult circumstances around him and is tempted to seek something greater for himself. God calls him to set aside his personal ambitions and remain faithful to his calling.

Jeremiah 46 then widens the picture to the nations, particularly Egypt, showing that even a powerful kingdom cannot stand outside God's authority. Together, the chapters move from Judah's rebellion, to Baruch's personal struggle, to God's dealings with the nations, showing that whether in suffering, ambition, or the exercise of power, God remains sovereign and calls the people to stop pursuing their own ways.

**APPLY**

Is there an area of your life where you have been insisting on your own way instead of trusting God? Why?

**PRAY**

- *Pray for a heart that is willing to listen and obey God, especially in areas where you may be tempted to insist on your own way or resist His correction.*
- *Thank God for His sovereignty over all things and ask Him to help you rest in His control even when circumstances feel uncertain.*

**EXAMINE**

Jeremiah 47–48 contains prophecies against the Philistines and Moab, showing God's judgment against nations marked by pride, violence, and false security. The Philistines trusted in their military strength, but their power could not stand against God's plan. Moab relied on wealth, stability, and reputation, yet God brought their pride low.

These chapters remind us that human strength and achievements cannot replace dependence on God. Pride leads to downfall, but trusting in God leads to life. No nation or power is beyond His authority.

**APPLY**

Are there signs of pride in your life, such as needing recognition, control, or validation from others? How can you intentionally practice humility before God and others?

**PRAY**

- *Ask God to reveal any pride or self-reliance in your heart that is replacing dependence on Him.*
- *Pray for humility to trust His guidance rather than your own strength or understanding.*

**EXAMINE**

Paul writes to Titus about strengthening the church in Crete through godly leadership and sound teaching. Church leaders must reflect Christ through self-control, humility, and integrity, as their character influences the spiritual health of others.

Paul warns against false teaching, reminding believers that sound doctrine is essential for a healthy church and protects them from being led astray. He also emphasises that God's grace does not only forgive but transforms believers to reject sin and live righteous lives.

This transformation should be seen in everyday life through humility, gentleness, and peaceable relationships. Salvation is not only about forgiveness but a new identity that produces a life reflecting Christ.

**APPLY**

Paul asked Titus to help strengthen the church he was in. What can you do to help strengthen the church, connect group, or wherever you are at?

**PRAY**

- *Ask God to make your life consistent with the truth you believe in, both in private and in public.*
- *Pray for a deeper love for God's Word so that your faith is rooted in His truth.*

**EXAMINE**

Titus 3:12-15, Paul closes his letter by encouraging believers to be devoted to good works, meet practical needs, and live fruitful lives. **1**

Peter 1 points believers to the living hope they have through Christ and calls them to live holy lives because they have been redeemed by His precious blood.

In **1 Peter 2:1-10**, Peter continues by urging believers to put away sinful attitudes and grow spiritually through God's Word, describing them as living stones being built into a spiritual house and as God's chosen people who are called to declare His praises. This reminds us to grow in holiness, building one another up as God's people, and actively doing good as a witness to the world.

**APPLY**

God has called you to reflect His goodness. Who is one person you can encourage or point to Jesus through your words or actions this week?

**PRAY**

- *Thank God for making you His child and giving you a new identity and living hope through Jesus Christ.*
- *Pray for a growing hunger for God's Word, prayer, and fellowship with other believers.*

**EXAMINE**

This oracle from Jeremiah was one against the nations of Ammon and Edom. God declared that He would destroy these two nations because of what they did to Israel. Ammon was greedy, seizing the land that was meant as Israel's inheritance. Despite the prophecy against the Ammonites, God also says that He will restore them eventually. Edom on the other hand was cruel to Israel; when they were facing oppression from King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon, Edom assisted and collaborated with the Babylonians.

Although the Israelites were not perfect followers of God and often turned away from Him, He did not let it slide when they were attacked by other nations.

**APPLY**

Although we are not invading other nations, we do sometimes do things that go against God's plan for us. Is there anything in your life that is out of God's plan which you need to surrender to Him?

**PRAY**

- *Go to God and humbly surrender the thing in your life that is outside of His plans for you.*
- *Ask God to grant you wisdom and guidance as you take steps to return to the path He has for you.*

**EXAMINE**

The oracle from Jeremiah continues with him declaring God's word against Damascus, Kedar, Hazor and Elam. **Jeremiah 50** continues this with a message about Babylon. Babylon was already considered an evil nation even before they drove Judah into exile. This message continues with a plan from God to restore Judah and Israel in repentance, how they will be pardoned. God then declares His vengeance against Babylon through their fall. It can be seen that He will restore Israel and Judah to showcase His glory to the world, as He takes down every evil nation.

**APPLY**

How can you recognise God's glory in your life today? (e.g. appreciating what He has created, sharing the gospel with the people around you, praising Him through song)

**PRAY**

- *Thank God for His justice, that no matter what happens, we can be certain that He will do what is right for us.*
- *Ask God to help you recognise His glory in your life.*

**EXAMINE**

Jeremiah 51 continues Jeremiah's oracle about Babylon. God declares that He will send a destroying wind against Babylon, and encourage people to flee because Babylon was sure to fall. God's vengeance against Babylon was not just that the nation would fall, but that all of Babylon's effort to destroy Judah would be for nothing because God would restore them. God emphasises that powerless idols will not have any power in comparison to His own. He then continues to emphasise the eventual destruction of Babylon, and that His people would reap from their destruction.

**APPLY**

The nation of Babylon was prideful and arrogant, which is why God prophesied this fate over them. Are there areas in your life where pride has taken root?

**PRAY**

- Humbly seek God for forgiveness if you have been prideful in any way.
- Ask God to show you how you can be more inclined towards His way. (example: treating others well, making Him a priority in your life, letting go of a sinful habit)

**EXAMINE**

Jeremiah 52 predicts the fall of Jerusalem as God revealed His judgment on the people. Here, we read a narrative of those events, which will also be chronicled in 2 Kings 24–25. But more than just prophesying events to come, this chapter also serves as a vindication of Jeremiah's entire ministry. His entire work as a prophet was filled with difficulty and hardship. But in the end, he did as he was told to do by the Lord, and the events to come proved that every single word of it was true.

**APPLY**

How have you experienced God's faithfulness after obeying what He has called you to do?

**PRAY**

- *Thank God for how He stayed true to His word and has been faithful in your life.*
- *Ask God to reveal how you can respond to your situation with obedience and trust in Him.*

**EXAMINE**

The book of **Jeremiah** ends on a hopeful note, with King Jehoiachin being released from prison and given a seat at the king's table. His restoration offers a glimpse of hope that God has not abandoned His people and that restoration is still possible. This is in contrast to **Lamentations 1**, which is mourning the empty city, and how Judah is now in captivity. The author reminisces on the days where Judah was still thriving and recognises why that is no longer so—the people chose to turn their backs on God. However, the author instead chooses to seek God for justice instead of taking it into his own hands like many generations of kings did previously.

**APPLY**

When you are facing a difficult situation, who do you turn to for hope and to set things right?

**PRAY**

- *Come to God and show Him how you are feeling today.*
- *Ask God to give you hope if you are facing a difficult situation.*

**EXAMINE**

Peter reminds believers that they are citizens of God's kingdom living in a broken world, called to turn away from sinful desires and live in a way that reflects Christ. Their conduct serves as a witness to others and points them to God.

Peter shows that the gospel transforms relationships, calling believers to love, honour, and care for one another. The church is to be marked by unity, compassion, humility, and grace, responding to others with blessing rather than retaliation.

Finally, Peter points to Jesus' example of suffering with faith and obedience. Believers are encouraged to endure hardship with hope, knowing that Christ's character displayed through suffering can become a powerful witness to others.

**APPLY**

Peter says to always be ready to share the hope you have in Christ. Would you be ready if someone asked you today? How can you prepare yourself?

**PRAY**

- *Ask God to help you live in a way that reflects Christ in every relationship and every circumstance.*
- *Pray for the strength to respond to suffering, criticism, or unfair treatment with grace, humility, and trust in God.*

**EXAMINE**

Peter reminds believers that following Christ includes suffering, but suffering for doing what is right is never meaningless. Just as Jesus remained faithful through suffering, Christians are called to persevere and live according to God's will, knowing that Christ has overcome sin and death.

Peter also encourages believers to love one another, serve faithfully with their gifts, and walk in humility. Church leaders are called to shepherd God's people faithfully, while all believers must remain alert and stand firm against spiritual opposition.

Hebrews then highlights the greatness of Jesus. God has spoken fully through His Son, who is the Creator, Sustainer, and perfect revelation of God's glory. Through His sacrifice, Jesus provides purification from sin and is worthy of our complete trust, worship, and obedience.

**APPLY**

Are there areas where pride is stopping you from listening, learning, or depending on God? How can you grow in humility this week?

**PRAY**

- *Ask God to strengthen your faith so that you will remain faithful even during seasons of suffering or opposition.*
- *Pray for a humble heart that depends on God's strength rather than your own abilities.*

**EXAMINE**

Lamentations 2 continues the author's lament for the city of Jerusalem that has been emptied because of the exile. God has become Jerusalem's enemy after they turned away from Him. Though it is Babylon that invaded Judah and sent them to exile, the author emphasises that this was brought about by the hand of God. The people of Judah lament over the fallen city, but the author emphasises that they can't be saved except by God's hand.

Lamentations 3 changes the perspective from the city of Judah to an individual sufferer. The author talks about how he has been afflicted by God, but that he still has hope in God's renewing mercies. He has hope that God will soothe his soul, and His goodness will come to the one who seeks Him. The author encourages people to turn back to God and repent, surrendering the suffering situation to God.

**APPLY**

When you go through difficult situations, how can you find hope in the goodness of God? (example: being reminded of good things from the past to help you keep going, giving thanks to God for the small things)

**PRAY**

- *Ask God to give you hope in whatever you're going through. Just like the author of Lamentations who was suffering in exile could have hope in God's goodness, we too can have hope in God's goodness through our difficult seasons.*
- *Pray that you would recognise it when you have drifted away from God and have the humility to repent, turn back to Him.*

**EXAMINE**

Lamentations 4 shows the author lamenting the loss of skilled people in Judah, since they were all taken into exile. The people of Zion are sick and stricken because they were punished by God. They are pursued by their enemies without God's help. But the author also confronts the behaviour of Edom, who are happy to see Judah's affliction, stating that they too would suffer God's wrath and that the punishment of Jerusalem would end.

**APPLY**

What steps can you take to ensure that your faith and reliance remain on God rather than on people?

**PRAY**

- *Spend time honestly bringing your current situation before God, sharing your worries, struggles and needs with Him.*
- *Ask God to strengthen you, guide you and help you as you walk through what you are facing*

**EXAMINE**

After all the pain and sorrow expressed by the author in the rest of the book, **Lamentations 5** ends the book on a hopeful note. The chapter starts off talking about the misery of Zion, how they are suffering the consequences of their ancestors' sins as well as their own sins, and how they have to risk their lives just to find food. But the author then turns to God and prays for restoration. He believes that this season of suffering will not last forever, and has hope that things will change.

**APPLY**

Is there a situation in your life where you need to put your hope in God for restoration?

**PRAY**

- *Ask God to bring restoration and healing into your situation.*
- *As you pray for restoration, ask God to renew your hope and help you trust that He is at work, even when you cannot yet see the outcome.*

**EXAMINE**

The book of **Ezekiel** begins with a very dramatic vision from Ezekiel of a storm that brought beings from heaven (later called cherubim in Ezekiel 10), and Ezekiel saw the glory of the Lord, and heard His voice. In **Ezekiel 2**, the Lord speaks to him and calls him to prophesy to the rebellious nation of Israel. God gives him the warning not to be taken in by their words, but to only listen to the words of God. He gives Ezekiel a scroll to eat.

Though in **Ezekiel 3**, Ezekiel did eat the scroll in his vision, in reality, the meaning of this act was to have the Word become part of himself and to fill himself up with the Word. The Word that God had for the people of Israel was one of judgement against the nation, and God confirmed that the people would not listen. However, God declared that He would give Ezekiel the strength to still prophesy to the nation. It was a heavy and overwhelming vision, but Ezekiel still felt the hand of the Lord upon him.

**APPLY**

How can you intentionally create space to hear God's Word and respond to it with obedience, especially in areas where He may be challenging you?

**PRAY**

- *Pray that your life will be so sensitive to the Holy Spirit that you follow His guidance promptly and without hesitation.*
- *Ask the Holy Spirit to empower you to stand firm in faith, spiritually upright, regardless of the pressures around you*

**EXAMINE**

Ezekiel's next vision came 7 days later. In this vision, God warns him to always share with the people what God has told him, so that he is not responsible if they die in their sin. God tells Ezekiel that those who listen to him and don't turn away from sinful behaviour will die in their sin, no matter how many righteous acts they have done. The vision continues in **Ezekiel 4**, where God tells Ezekiel to lie on his side for one day of each year of Israel and Judah's sins, and that he would be bound by ropes as a picture of the coming siege and captivity. Though this was a dramatic and scary way of showing the people about their sins, Ezekiel was obedient and did what God asked of him. God also warned Ezekiel of the coming famine as part of the people's punishment.

**APPLY**

Is God asking you to do something that is scary for you? What has your response been?

**PRAY**

- *Ask God to show you if there are any sins you need to turn away from.*
- *Ask God to give you the strength and courage to obey Him, even when what He asks of you feels difficult or frightening.*

**EXAMINE**

The writer of Hebrews emphasises the supremacy of Jesus, declaring that He is greater than the angels and Moses, and worthy of complete trust and worship. As the eternal Son of God, Jesus is the Creator and King over all creation, making His message of salvation impossible to ignore.

Believers are warned not to drift away from the gospel. Jesus became fully human, suffered, and sacrificed Himself to overcome sin and death. As our perfect High Priest, He understands our weaknesses and provides the help we need.

Hebrews also compares Jesus with Moses, showing that while Moses was a faithful servant, Jesus is the Son who rules over God's house. Believers are encouraged not to harden their hearts like Israel but to remain faithful, trust Christ, and encourage one another in faith.

**APPLY**

Are you growing closer to Jesus, or have you slowly become distracted in your faith? What is one step you can take this week to draw nearer to Him?

**PRAY**

- *Ask God to help you stay close to Him, guard your heart from drifting away, and remain faithful in your walk with Christ.*
- *Pray for opportunities to encourage others and help them keep their faith strong and their eyes focused on Jesus.*

**EXAMINE**

The writer of Hebrews encourages believers to remain faithful by reminding them of God's promise of entering His rest. This rest is not merely physical relief but the spiritual peace and security found in Jesus. Unlike the Israelites who missed God's rest because of unbelief, believers can experience it through faith, obedience, and dependence on Christ.

God knows every part of us, including our struggles and sins, yet He invites us to come before Him and receive mercy and grace. Through Jesus, our great High Priest, we can approach God with confidence because He understands our weaknesses.

Hebrews also explains that Jesus is greater than earthly high priests. While they offered repeated sacrifices, Jesus offered Himself once and for all as the perfect sacrifice, bringing forgiveness and restoration. Through His example of obedience, believers are called to grow in spiritual maturity and continue following Christ faithfully.

**APPLY**

Are there things you rely on to find peace and satisfaction instead of Jesus? What is one way you can depend on Him more this week?

**PRAY**

- *Ask Him to help you find true rest in Christ instead of seeking satisfaction from temporary things.*
- *Pray for a heart that desires spiritual growth, deeper obedience, and a stronger relationship with Him each day.*

**EXAMINE**

Ezekiel's vision continues, as God asks him to do more things to show the people of Israel signs of their coming judgement. God says that the people of Israel have refused to follow His decrees and regulations, and that they would become an example to the nations around them of what happens when people refuse to follow His decrees. In **Ezekiel 6**, God specifically speaks against the mountains of Israel, as these are the "high places" which were the centres of idol worship in the country. God does reassure that there will be people who will escape from the destruction, but they will be exiled and they will then repent from their sins. Through the destruction that they will see, they will then know God. **Ezekiel 7** continues this line of thinking with God asking Ezekiel to announce the end, and how the Israelites will pay for their sins on the day of disaster. Material help and human help would not save them from the punishment from God. It is only through this punishment that the people of Israel will realise the error of their ways.

Although we are no longer bound by the same standards as the Israelites, it is important for us to learn from their mistakes so we do not repeat it. God's call for them was to turn away from idols and worship Him, and we too can follow the same example.

**APPLY**

Where are you tempted to place your trust instead of God (E.g. relationships, finances, abilities)? How can you intentionally place your trust back in God?

**PRAY**

- One of the follies of the Israelites was that they chose to seek help from material things and human powers even after God warned them of the dangers of turning away from him. We can learn from this. Ask God to be your help in difficult times.
- Ask God to reveal anything in your life that has taken His rightful place, and help you turn away from it and worship Him alone.

**EXAMINE**

Ezekiel 8 starts a new vision from God a year and a half later about the sins that are being done in the temple in Jerusalem. God leads Ezekiel into the temple in his vision and shows how all the worshipers and temple priests are worshiping idols in public and in their private rooms. Though God has been sending prophet after prophet, the people still say “The Lord doesn’t see us; he has deserted our land!” showing how the people refuse to listen to God’s word for them. In **Ezekiel 9**, God shows Ezekiel what will happen in the vision. However, He shows that He will spare those whose hearts are broken by the sins happening around them. The chapter ends with God emphasising the severity of Israel and Judah’s sin to Ezekiel.

**APPLY**

Are there any “idols” (things you are putting above God) in your life?

**PRAY**

- *Surrender these “idols” to God and commit to putting God first in your life.*
- *Ask God to show you the injustice around you so you too can have a heart aligned with God’s.*

**EXAMINE**

In **Ezekiel 10**, he saw the cherubim again, and they were instructed to scatter burning coals on the city, which meant that Jerusalem would be burned. They followed the glory of the Lord and moved from the entrance of the Temple to the east gate, and then departed from the Temple.

God declares his judgement over the leaders of Israel in **Ezekiel 11**. These leaders believe they are safe and protected, and that God is not watching them. Because of that, they feel like they are free to murder the innocent and helpless. However, God used Ezekiel to prophesy against them, stating that the ones who would be safe from judgement are the victims of these leaders' injustice. One leader even dies right then and there! But there is still hope for the exiles, as God declares that He would bring them back. Then the glory of the Lord left Jerusalem and brought Ezekiel back to Babylon.

**APPLY**

What is usually your response to seeing injustice happening around you? (E.g. someone's money got stolen, your friend is being made fun of, reading about the suffering of refugees, seeing someone struggle with poverty)

**PRAY**

- Ask God to give you a heart of compassion toward those who are hurting and to remove any indifference or spiritual blindness.
- Bring specific individuals or groups facing mistreatment, systemic bias, or unfair circumstances directly before God.
- Ask God to show you how you can treat those who are being mistreated with love and kindness the way Jesus would.

**EXAMINE**

In **Ezekiel 12**, God asks Ezekiel to literally act out the coming exile to the Israelites, acting as if he was placed in exile and leaving. When they questioned what it meant, Ezekiel was able to explain that this is a sign of what would happen to them. God then speaks against the false prophets who have invented their own prophecies, stating that the time has come for His prophecies to be fulfilled. However, the people still believed it was for the distant future.

Ezekiel 13 continues this judgement against false prophets. God calls out the false prophets who prophesy that “all is peaceful!” when there is actually no peace. God declares that He will sweep them away in His anger, and will break them right down to the foundations. He also spoke against false women prophets who gave out magic charms and intentionally deceived the people of Israel. This is not to say that God is against women prophets, as there are many others in the Bible who were chosen by God. However, these women were liars who discouraged the righteous and encouraged the wicked.

**APPLY**

The people excused their apathy by saying, "The vision he sees is for many years from now." Where in your life are you tempted to delay repentance or spiritual obedience because you assume judgment or consequences are far off in the future?

**PRAY**

- Ask God to help you respond to His convictions today rather than putting off repentance, forgiveness, or spiritual growth.
- Ask the Lord for courage to act on His Word immediately, even when obedience requires stepping out of your comfort zone.

**EXAMINE**

God tells Ezekiel about the idolatry of the leaders of Israel, who have embraced sinful things but still come to prophets asking for a message. God declares that He will make an example of the people who do this. He then tells Ezekiel that even if Noah, Daniel and Job were in Jerusalem, the only people they would be able to save from the coming war, famine, wild animals and disease are themselves, as there are no other righteous people in the entire land. God compares Jerusalem to a useless vine whose wood is too weak for building tools and only good for bearing fruit. Since Israel failed to produce spiritual fruit and became unfaithful, the vine is worthless and will be handed over to complete destruction.

**APPLY**

A vine can look healthy and full of leaves without ever bearing fruits. Are you constantly busy and look good on the outside, but fail to produce genuine fruit in your heart and relationships?

**PRAY**

- *Pray that your main focus would be producing good spiritual fruit rather than chasing empty success.*
- *Ask the Holy Spirit to cultivate genuine fruit in your life such as love, patience, kindness, and integrity in your home, school, and relationships.*

**EXAMINE**

The writer of Hebrews warns against spiritual immaturity, encouraging believers to move beyond basic teachings and continue growing in faith, love, and hope. Following Jesus is a lifelong journey, and our hope remains secure because it is anchored in God's faithfulness and the finished work of Christ.

Hebrews 7 explains that Jesus is the ultimate High Priest, greater than the priests of the Old Testament. Unlike earthly priests who repeatedly offered sacrifices, Jesus offered Himself once and for all as the perfect sacrifice for sin. As our holy and eternal High Priest, Jesus completely restores our relationship with God. Because His work is finished, believers can approach God with confidence and find lasting security in Christ.

**APPLY**

Have you stopped growing in your faith or remained spiritually stagnant?

**PRAY**

- *Ask Him to help you grow deeper in faith, love, and obedience instead of remaining spiritually stagnant.*
- *Pray that you would trust His promises fully and keep your eyes fixed on Christ in every season of life.*

**EXAMINE**

The writer of Hebrews explains that Jesus is the perfect High Priest who brings a greater covenant than the old covenant. While the old covenant revealed God's standards and humanity's sinfulness, it could not fully remove sin or transform hearts. It pointed people toward their need for a Savior.

Through Jesus, God established a new covenant based on forgiveness, grace, and a restored relationship with Him. Believers can now know God personally and approach Him with confidence through Christ and the Holy Spirit.

The tabernacle and Old Testament sacrifices pointed to the greater work of Jesus, who offered Himself once and for all as the perfect sacrifice. Through His blood, believers receive complete forgiveness, cleansing from sin, and a renewed life. As our High Priest and Savior, Jesus secures our relationship with God and gives us eternal hope.

**APPLY**

Because Jesus has restored your relationship with God through grace, how can you deepen your relationship with Jesus and approach God with greater confidence?

**PRAY**

- *Thank God for establishing a new covenant through Jesus that allows you to experience forgiveness, grace, and a restored relationship with Him.*
- *Ask the Holy Spirit to help you grow deeper in knowing God personally and to strengthen your confidence in approaching Him through Christ.*

**EXAMINE**

In **Ezekiel 16**, God recounts how he brought Israel from being unwanted to being brought to life by Him. God loved and cared for Jerusalem, and treated them with favour and generosity. But the people thought the favour was their own, and they used this favour and the riches given to them by God to worship other gods. God rebukes them for even going as far as sacrificing their children. God declares that he will judge Jerusalem for their sin of giving themselves to other gods, but He finishes off by saying that once He has judged them, His anger will subside and He will restore them, and only then will they be ashamed of their sins. God does all this to ensure that the people will realise their sins against Him.

**APPLY**

Reflect on the good things that God has given you in your life. Is there anything God has given you that you have taken for granted?

**PRAY**

- *Take time to thank God for the good things in your life, even if they are small.*
- *Pray for daily strength to stay faithful to God in every choice you make.*

**EXAMINE**

Ezekiel 17 tells a parable about two eagles and a vine to describe the political situation of Judah. Instead of trusting God, King Zedekiah sought help from Egypt and broke the covenant he had made with Babylon. Through this parable, God reminded His people that disobedience and misplaced trust would have consequences. Yet, even in the midst of judgment, God offered hope. He promised that He Himself would plant a tender shoot that would grow into a mighty cedar tree, providing shelter and life for many. God desires faithfulness and obedience from His people. Like Judah, we can be tempted to rely on our own wisdom, abilities, relationships, or resources instead of trusting the Lord. Ezekiel 17 encourages us to remain faithful to God, remembering that He is sovereign over every nation, circumstance, and season of our lives. The God who humbles the proud is also the God who fulfils His promises.

**APPLY**

In what area of your life are you relying more on your own strength than on God's wisdom and guidance?

**PRAY**

- *Pray to God for a heart that remains faithful and obedient, even when trusting Him feels really hard.*
- *Ask God for the wisdom and humility to depend on Him rather than on your own strength, and understanding.*

**EXAMINE**

This passage addresses a proverb that the people of Israel were repeating: "The parents eat sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge." The people believed they were suffering only because of the sins of previous generations. However, God corrected this misunderstanding by teaching that each person is responsible for his or her own actions. The chapter emphasises God's justice, showing that the righteous will be rewarded while those who persist in sin will face judgment.

At the same time, it also reveals God's great mercy. Again and again, God calls His people to turn away from their sin and return to Him. God desires for them to repent. This reminds us that, no matter what our past looks like, we can always come to the Lord and receive His grace and forgiveness.

**APPLY**

What is one area of your life in which God may be calling you to repent and walk more faithfully with Him?

**PRAY**

- *Pray to God for an honest heart that is willing to recognise and confess sin.*
- *Ask the Lord for the strength to turn away from old habits and walk in obedience to Him.*

**EXAMINE**

God reminds the elders of Israel of their long history of rebellion, beginning in Egypt, continuing through the wilderness, and extending into the Promised Land. Although God repeatedly showed His people mercy and patience, they continually turned to idols and disobeyed Him. Yet this passage is not only about judgment but also about hope, because God promised to gather, cleanse, and restore His people. It reminds us that God is both holy and merciful. He calls us to turn away from anything that competes for our devotion and to trust in His faithfulness, knowing that He continues to fulfil His promises even when His people fail.

**APPLY**

What is preventing you from giving God your complete trust and devotion?

**PRAY**

- *Pray to God for a heart that is fully devoted to Him and willing to turn away from anything that takes His place.*
- *Ask the Lord to help you remember His faithfulness in every season of your life and to trust Him more.*

**EXAMINE**

In **Ezekiel 20:45–49** and **21**, God warns that judgment is about to come upon Jerusalem because of the people's persistent rebellion and refusal to listen to Him. Through the imagery of a consuming fire and a sharpened sword, God reveals both the seriousness of sin and the certainty of His judgment. Although the people dismissed His warnings, God remained faithful to His word and carried out His purposes.

Ezekiel 22 goes on to reveal the depth of Jerusalem's corruption. The leaders abused their authority, the priests neglected God's commands, the prophets spoke falsely, and the people oppressed the weak and vulnerable. God searched for someone who would stand in the gap on behalf of the nation but found no one. These passages tell us that God desires holiness, justice, and faithfulness from His people.

**APPLY**

Are there attitudes, habits, or decisions in your life that God may be calling you to let go of and surrender to Him?

**PRAY**

- *Pray to God for a humble heart that listens carefully to His correction and responds in obedience.*
- *Ask God to help you pursue holiness, practise justice, and faithfully represent Him in your daily life.*

**EXAMINE**

Hebrews 10 explains that the sacrifices offered under the old covenant could never completely remove sin because they had to be offered repeatedly. In contrast, Jesus offered Himself as the perfect sacrifice once and for all, providing complete forgiveness and opening the way for believers to draw near to God. Because of Christ's finished work, we can approach God with confidence, hold firmly to our faith, and encourage one another to remain steadfast.

**APPLY**

What can you do to place greater confidence in Jesus' finished work instead of relying on your own efforts?

**PRAY**

- *Pray to God with gratitude for the sacrifice of Jesus and for the forgiveness and new life that He has given you.*
- *Pray to God for a deeper appreciation of Christ's finished work so that you may draw near to Him with confidence and trust.*

**EXAMINE**

Hebrews 11 highlights the faith of many people throughout Scripture who trusted God even when they could not see the outcome. From Abraham, Moses, and many others, we see that faith is not simply believing in God but choosing to obey Him and rely on His promises.

Hebrews 12:1-3 continues this message by calling believers to run the race of faith with endurance, laying aside anything that hinders them and fixing their eyes on Jesus. Jesus is the perfect example of faithfulness because He endured the cross for the sake of the joy set before Him.

**APPLY**

Where has your attention been divided lately? How can you shift your attention back to God and give Him priority this week?

**PRAY**

- *Ask God to show you the specific habit or concern taking His place and shift your attention back to Him.*
- *Pray to God for a stronger faith that trusts His promises even when circumstances are difficult.*

**EXAMINE**

Ezekiel 23 uses the imagery of two sisters, Oholah and Oholibah, to represent the kingdoms of Israel and Judah. Through this illustration, God reveals how both kingdoms turned away from Him and pursued idolatry and alliances with foreign nations instead of trusting in Him. Despite God's patience and repeated warnings, the people continued in their unfaithfulness and refused to repent. This tells us that God desires complete devotion from His people and that anything we place above Him can become an idol. It emphasises the seriousness of sin and the importance of remaining faithful to God. As followers of Christ, we are called to love God wholeheartedly and place our trust in Him alone.

**APPLY**

Is there anything in your life that has become more important to you than your relationship with God? What is one practical step you can take this week to place God at the centre of your life again?

**PRAY**

- *Pray to God for a heart that is fully devoted to Him and willing to turn away from anything that draws you away from Him.*
- *Ask the Lord to reveal any idols in your heart and give you the courage to remove them.*

**EXAMINE**

In **Ezekiel 24**, God uses the illustration of a cooking pot to reveal the corruption and uncleanness of Jerusalem. The people's sin had become so deeply rooted that judgment could no longer be delayed. In the second half of the chapter, Ezekiel experiences the heartbreaking loss of his wife. Through this painful event, God uses Ezekiel's grief as a sign of the sorrow and devastation that would soon come upon the people when Jerusalem fell.

**APPLY**

Are there areas of your life in which you have been ignoring God's instruction or have not been obeying Him?

**PRAY**

- *Pray to God for a heart that is quick to repent and willing to obey His Word.*
- *Ask the Lord to help you trust Him and remain faithful during seasons of uncertainty, grief, or suffering.*

**EXAMINE**

Ezekiel 25 records God's judgment against the nations of Ammon, Moab, Edom, and Philistia because of their pride, violence, and delight in Judah's downfall. Rather than showing compassion, these nations rejoiced over the suffering of God's people and acted with hostility and revenge. Through these judgments, God demonstrates that He is not only the God of Israel but also the ruler over every nation and people.

Ezekiel 26 then turns to the city of Tyre, which proudly celebrated Jerusalem's destruction because it believed that it would benefit from Judah's downfall. God warns that Tyre's pride and selfish ambition will lead to its destruction.

**APPLY**

Have you ever felt jealous when something good happened to someone else? How did you respond?

**PRAY**

- *Pray to God for a humble heart that seeks to honour Him in both your thoughts and actions.*
- *Ask God to reveal any pride, bitterness, jealousy, or selfish ambition in your heart and help you turn away from it.*

**EXAMINE**

Ezekiel 27 shows how God emphasises the end of the nation of Tyre. He tells Ezekiel to sing a funeral song for the nation, stating how wonderful and mighty they were, and how they were honoured by many men. Many different nations brought various valuable items to trade with Tyre. But on the day of their ruin, no one will survive. Everyone will be destroyed along with the nation. This was not a glorious victory for the nation that defeated them, but written as a tragic defeat due to the nation's sins.

God then gives Tyre's king a message through Ezekiel in **Ezekiel 28**. He calls out the king's pride in himself and declares that He will bring the king down using a foreign army. He then instructs Ezekiel to sing a funeral song for the king of Tyre, talking about how he was blameless until he fell into sin, and so God would cut him down just like the nation of Tyre.

These funeral songs were meant to be sung as a lament to honour the dead. To sing them to the nation and the king before their deaths was a sobering reminder of the fact that their sins and their pride had caught up to them and they would soon face the consequences.

**APPLY**

Is there an area in your life where you need to be more humble?

**PRAY**

- Ask God to search your heart and reveal specific areas in your life where pride, self-reliance, or arrogance have taken root.
- Surrender your current situation to God and choose to trust in His strength and wisdom rather than relying on your own understanding.

**EXAMINE**

Ezekiel 28:20–26 and **29** reveal God's judgment against the nations that opposed His people and trusted in their own pride and strength. Although they appeared powerful, God reminded them that He alone is the sovereign Lord over all creation. Their pride, injustice, and actions against His people would not escape His judgment. At the same time, God promised restoration for Israel. He would gather, cleanse, and restore His people so that His holiness and faithfulness would be revealed among the nations.

Ezekiel 29 focuses on Egypt, whose ruler trusted in his own power and achievements. God humbled Egypt to show that true authority belongs to Him alone. These chapters remind us that human strength, success, and possessions cannot replace dependence on God.

**APPLY**

*Who or what has the greatest influence over your life right now?
What can you do to make God the highest authority in your decisions and priorities?*

**PRAY**

- *Pray that God will reveal anything or anyone that has taken His place of influence and authority in your life.*
- *Ask God to help you surrender your decisions, priorities, and desires to Him, allowing Him to be the highest authority in your life.*

**EXAMINE**

Hebrews 12:4-29 compares the Christian life to a race that requires endurance, perseverance, and faithfulness. The writer reminds believers that struggles are not always signs of God's absence but can be part of His loving discipline to shape us and produce righteousness. Believers are encouraged to fix their eyes on Jesus, who endured the cross and overcame suffering to fulfil God's purpose. By focusing on Christ, we can continue running the race of faith despite difficulties.

This passage also calls believers to pursue holiness, live in unity, and respond to God's grace with gratitude through worship, obedience, and service. Through Jesus, we have received an unshakable kingdom and are invited to approach God with reverence and worship.

**APPLY**

Since Jesus has given you a secure hope, what is one way you can respond to His grace through worship, obedience, or serving others this week?

**PRAY**

- *Ask God to give you strength and endurance to remain faithful to Him through every challenge and season of life.*
- *Pray for a heart that desires holiness, values fellowship with other believers, and responds to God's grace through worship and service.*

**EXAMINE**

Hebrews 13 reminds believers that their faith should be reflected in their daily lives through love, hospitality, compassion, purity, generosity, contentment, trust in God, and faithful worship. These actions are not merely duties but responses to God's grace and the work of Jesus. The writer reminds us that God is the One who equips His people to live faithfully. Through His Spirit, believers are strengthened to grow in obedience and become more like Christ.

In **2 Timothy 1**, Paul encourages Timothy to remain faithful to the gospel despite hardship. He reminds him that God has given believers a spirit of power, love, and self-control, not fear. Timothy is called to guard and pass on the truth of the gospel, continuing the work of discipleship.

**APPLY**

Who is someone God has placed in your life that you can encourage or help grow in faith?

**PRAY**

- *Pray for opportunities to encourage others, help them grow in faith, and share God's truth with those around you.*
- *Ask God to continue shaping your life to become more like Christ and bring glory to Him.*

**EXAMINE**

Ezekiel 30–32 reveals God's judgment against Egypt and the surrounding nations, showing that no earthly kingdom can stand against His authority. Although Egypt was powerful and influential, its pride and reliance on its own strength led to its downfall. Through these chapters, God reveals that He alone is the true King who rules over nations and history. Human power, success, and achievements are temporary, but God's authority remains forever.

These passages warn believers against pride and self-reliance. Like Egypt, we can be tempted to depend on our abilities and possessions instead of trusting God. Even in judgment, God's purpose is to reveal His holiness and call people back to Him, reminding us to place our complete trust in Him.

**APPLY**

What is one step you can take to grow in humility and depend more on God?

**PRAY**

- *Pray for a humble heart that depends on God's wisdom and strength instead of your own abilities.*
- *Ask God to help you trust His plans and place your confidence in Him alone.*

**EXAMINE**

In this vision in **Ezekiel 33**, God calls Ezekiel once again to be a watchman for the people, meaning that He wants Ezekiel to announce when wicked people are sure to die. Just as in Ezekiel 3, God is placing the responsibility on Ezekiel to warn the people of their sins. If they do not listen, their blood is on their hands. But if Ezekiel does not warn them, their blood is on his hands. God tells the Israelites that good deeds will not save them if they turn to sin, nor will wicked deeds condemn them if they repent from their sin. God will forgive the sins of those who repent and do what is right, and their past sins will no longer be brought up. God calls Ezekiel to confront the people and tell them that it is not God who is not doing what's right, but it is the people.

**APPLY**

Have you been relying on doing good things to ensure your salvation?

**PRAY**

- *Repent for any time you've put other things ahead of God or trusted human wisdom over His Word. Ask Him to give you a heart that relies fully on Him.*
- *Surrender your life to Him and ask Him to be your salvation, rather than relying on good works to be saved.*

**EXAMINE**

Ezekiel 33 continues with a message about how Jerusalem will fall. He declares that the city will be left in ruins because of the sins they have committed. He even calls out those pretending to be sincere, but have no intention of obeying the words said by Ezekiel. God declares that all these people will suffer the punishment of Jerusalem's destruction.

Ezekiel 34 shows God using Ezekiel to call out those who mistreat the poor. He likens them to shepherds who do not feed their sheep or go and find them when they are lost. He rebukes them, and declares that He himself will search for the lost sheep and bring them back. He will care for the victims of injustice and He will feed them richly. He declares that He will judge between "the fat sheep and the scrawny sheep," or those who commit injustice and the victims of injustice. He also declares that He will bring safety, blessing and prosperity to the land and affirms that the people of Jerusalem are still His children.

**APPLY**

Have you ever felt injustice in your life? How can your mindset change knowing that God is watching out for you when facing injustice?

**PRAY**

- *Pray for God to comfort your heart and remind you that He is working for your good, even when facing unfair situations.*
- *Ask God to guide your steps so you can obey His call to defend and care for people who are being treated unfairly.*

**EXAMINE**

Ezekiel 35 showed God's message for Edom. Because of how they treated Israel even after they had been punished, God declares that Edom's cruelty towards the Israelites would cause them to be destroyed, and God would use that to make Himself known.

With the fall of Jerusalem, the people of Judah were exiled to Babylon. Ezekiel delivered God's messages to His people while they were in exile, and he was an exile himself. At the heart of Ezekiel's prophecy was God's deliverance and restoration of His people in **Ezekiel 36**. That God kept a remnant of exiles from Israel and Judah reminds us that He never allowed His people to be completely destroyed.

**APPLY**

The remnant of Israel and Judah remaining in their land showed that God was still at work among His people. Their story wasn't over. How can you be a similar light to the world around you?

**PRAY**

- *Ask God to give you opportunities to be a light to the people around you.*

**EXAMINE**

The imagery behind Ezekiel's vision of the valley of dry bones in **Ezekiel 37** was restoration. Instead of decomposition, God brings to life. Through the power and truth of the Word of God and the presence of the Holy Spirit, we become more alive each day. As our old nature is dying, our new nature is growing, and God is putting His words in our mouths so we can offer a message of hope and life within a world of death and decay.

Ezekiel 38 shows a different story, where God declares that He will use a prince named Gog to defeat Israel when they are living in peace. However, Ezekiel prophesies that this will happen in the distant future, so this is often noted to be an end times prophecy.

**APPLY**

Is there an area of your life in which you need God to revive just as He did with the dry bones in Ezekiel 37?

**PRAY**

- *Ask God to breathe new life into the dead or dry areas of your life, trusting in His power to restore and revive.*
- *Ask the Holy Spirit for alertness and wisdom so you can stay guard against distractions, temptations, or influences that seek to pull you away from God.*

**EXAMINE**

The end of **2 Timothy 1** gives us an example of Paul acknowledging the people under his care and the work they have done, showing Timothy, and by extension us, how we can appreciate those under our care. Paul began **2 Timothy 2** with a series of commands that challenged Timothy in his ministry and faith: be strong, commit, share in suffering, and remember. He used several illustrations of people who endure hardship to achieve a worthwhile goal: soldiers, athletes, and farmers. Unlike those groups, however, the ultimate sacrifice had already been made for believers. Because of Jesus' victory over death, we know our future is secure and nothing can change that.

In **2 Timothy 3**, Paul identified nineteen sinful behaviours that will characterise unbelievers living in the last days, from ingratitude and unholiness to abusiveness and greed. The issue at the root of all these behaviours is placing love of self over love of God. Even seemingly religious people will be among those Paul described. Timothy was to avoid these behaviours and the people practicing them. Because of the degradation of the world around him, persecution for his faithfulness was all but guaranteed. Paul encouraged Timothy not to give up the fight, though, because he had the power of God and His Word on his side. The truth of Scripture would stand up against anything Timothy faced because it's the Word of God, breathed out by God Himself.

**APPLY**

Paul lists characteristics of people in the last days (lovers of self, lovers of money, proud, ungrateful). Which of these traits tend to creep into your own heart or mindset?

**PRAY**

- Ask God to guard your heart and protect you from becoming a lover of self, money, or pleasure.
- Pray for a renewed love for God and thank Him for all that He has done for you.

2026 BIBLE READING PLAN

SEPT 1	JER 29:24-32, 30, 31	OCT 1	EZE 1, 2, 3:1-15
SEPT 2	JER 32	OCT 2	EZE 3:16-27, 4
SEPT 3	JER 33	OCT 3	HEB 1:5-14, 2, 3
SEPT 4	JER 34	OCT 4	HEB 4, 5
SEPT 5	PHIL 3:15-21, 4	OCT 5	EZE 5, 6, 7
SEPT 6	1 TIM 1, 2, 3:1-13	OCT 6	EZE 8, 9
SEPT 7	JER 35, 36	OCT 7	EZE 10, 11
SEPT 8	JER 37, 38:1-13	OCT 8	EZE 12, 13
SEPT 9	JER 38:14-28, 39, 40:1-6	OCT 9	EZE 14, 15
SEPT 10	JER 40:7-16, 41, PS 74	OCT 10	HEB 6, 7
SEPT 11	PS 79, 2 KINGS 24, 25:1-26	OCT 11	HEB 8, 9
SEPT 12	1 TIM 3:14-16, 4, 5, 6:1-2	OCT 12	EZE 16
SEPT 13	1 TIM 6:2-21, 2 TIM 1:1-2 TITUS 1:1-4	OCT 13	EZE 17
SEPT 14	2 KINGS 25:27-30, 2 CHRO 36	OCT 14	EZE 18, 19
SEPT 15	HAB 1, 2, 3	OCT 15	EZE 20:1-44
SEPT 16	JER 42, 43	OCT 16	EZE 20:45-49, 21, 22
SEPT 17	JER 44, 45, 46	OCT 17	HEB 10
SEPT 18	JER 47, 48	OCT 18	HEB 11, 12:1-3
SEPT 19	TITUS 1:5-16, 2, 3:1-11	OCT 19	EZE 23
SEPT 20	TITUS 3:12-15, 1 PET 1, 2:1-10	OCT 20	EZE 24
SEPT 21	JER 49:1-22	OCT 21	EZE 25, 26
SEPT 22	JER 49:23-39, 50	OCT 22	EZE 27, 28:1-19
SEPT 23	JER 51	OCT 23	EZE 28:20-26, 29
SEPT 24	JER 52:1-30	OCT 24	HEB 12:4-29
SEPT 25	JER 52:31-34, LAM 1	OCT 25	HEB 13; 2 TIM 1:1-14
SEPT 26	1 PET 2:11-25, 3	OCT 26	EZE 30, 31, 32
SEPT 27	1 PET 4, 5, HEB 1:1-4	OCT 27	EZE 33:1-20
SEPT 28	LAM 2, 3	OCT 28	EZE 33:21-33, 34
SEPT 29	LAM 4	OCT 29	EZE 35, 36
SEPT 30	LAM 5	OCT 30	1 KINGS 21, 22:1-28
		OCT 31	2 TIM 1:15-18, 2, 3

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