

## One Year Bible – Week 49

### **Summary: 1John Reading**

The book of 1John is traditionally attributed to have been written by the apostle John, also the writer of the fourth gospel – John. John is written to counter heretical teachings that distorted the truth of God and to assure believers of their salvation in the midst of such confusion.

### **Summary: Daniel / Hosea Reading**

The book of Daniel gives a historical account of the faithful Jews in Babylonian captivity. Daniel was taken captive and ultimately served in the Babylonian government. The book of Daniel can be divided in two main sections. Chapters 1-6 are historical stories of the Babylonian exiles while chapters 7-12 are visions.

The prophet Hosea lived in the tumultuous times of the waning years of the Northern Kingdom of Israel before its fall to Assyria. Hosea was a contemporary of Isaiah and Micah.

### **Things to Look for and Questions to Ponder as You Read:**

- *NT* – 1John 1:1-4 introduces the letter of 1John. In this introduction the author makes it a point to emphasize that what he is saying was in fact observed by him; not merely clever stories. This eyewitness account leads us to hear the words in 1John in a different light. Imagine the feeling of hearing directly from one who knows. One who was with Jesus in the flesh. – *Nov 30*
- *NT* – Read 1John 2:6. In many ways this verse encapsulates both the book of 1John as well as the model for the Christian life: “Whoever claims to live in him must walk as Jesus did.” If we claim loyalty to Jesus then our lives should reflect him and who he wants us to be. – *Dec 1*
- *NT* – John writes in 1John 5:13, “I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life.” What things in his letter of 1John can you identify that help you know that you have eternal life?

### **Small Group Questions:**

- 1) *NT* – Read 1John 1:8-10. What is the contrast being addressed here? What does this passage assure us if we confess our sins? According to this passage, what happens when one claims not to have sinned?

Why is this so? How is this passage significant in our daily Christian walk? – *Nov 30*

- 2) *NT* – Read 1John 2:28-3:10. According to what we read in this passage, what does it mean to be a child of God? Reread verses 6 and 9. What is being said in these verses – Is this saying that when we become Christians that sin will no longer be a part of our lives, that we will no longer sin? Explain? What role does the devil play in this passage? Why do you think John talked about the devil here? What motivation(s) do you see in this passage for living righteously? – *Dec 2, 3*
- 3) *NT* – Read 1John 3:16-20. Interestingly, both John 3:16 and 1John 3:16 speak of God’s love for us through Jesus. What is this passage saying about love? Explain verse 18 in your own words. On a scale of 1-10, 1 being not at all and 10 being always, how would you rate our consistency with this passage as the church today? Feel free not to share this answer but, how would you rate yourself? According to verse 19 how do we know that “we belong to the truth” and how do we “set our hearts at rest in his presence?” – *Nov 27*

### **Journal the Psalms this week:**

Read Psalm 121:1-2. Spend some time meditating on the word “help.” What thoughts does this word make you think of? What do you think the Psalmist means when this word is used? Why do you think the Psalmist writes these words at the end of verse 2: “...the Maker of heaven and earth.” Journal your answers to these questions and other thoughts about what you have read. – *Dec 2*

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### **Reading Schedule:**

Dan = Daniel / Hos = Hosea / 1 & 2Pe = 1 & 2 Peter / Ps = Psalms /  
Pr = Proverbs



Nov 29 – Dan 6:1-28 / 2Pe 3:1-18 / Ps 119:129-152 / Pr 28:21-22  
Nov 30 – Dan 7:1-28 / 1Jn 1:1-10 / Ps 119:153-176 / Pr 28:23-24  
Dec 1 – Dan 8:1-27 / 1Jn 2:1-17 / Ps 120:1-7 / Pr 28:25-26  
Dec 2 – Dan 9:1-11:1 / 1Jn 2:18-3:6 / Ps 121:1-8 / Pr 28:27-28  
Dec 3 – Dan 11:2-35 / 1Jn 3:7-24 / Ps 122:1-9 / Pr 29:1  
Dec 4 – Dan 11:36-12:13 / 1Jn 4:1-21 / Ps 123:1-4 / Pr 29:2-4  
Dec 5 – Hos 1:1-3:5 / 1Jn 5:1-21 / Ps 124:1-8 / Pr 29:5-8