

## One Year Bible – Week 5

### *Reading Schedule:*

Genesis = Ge / Exodus = Ex / Matthew = Mt / Psalms = Ps / Proverbs = Pr



Jan 25 – Ge 50:1-Ex 2:10 / Mt 16:13-17:9 / Ps 21:1-13 / Pr 5:1-6  
Jan 26 – Ex 2:11-3:22 / Mt 17:10-27 / Ps 22:1-18 / Pr 5:7-14  
Jan 27 – Ex 4:1-5:21 / Mt 18:1-22 / Ps 22:19-31 / Pr 5:15-21  
Jan 28 – Ex 5:22-7:24 / Mt 18:23-19:12 / Ps 23:1-6 / Pr 5:22-23  
Jan 29 – Ex 7:25-9:35 / Mt 19:13-30 / Ps 24:1-10 / Pr 6:1-5  
Jan 30 – Ex 10:1-12:13 / Mt 20:1-28 / Ps 25:1-15 / Pr 6:6-11  
Jan 31 – Ex 12:14-13:16 / Mt 20:29-21:22 / Ps 25:16-22 / Pr 6:12-15

### *Summary: Exodus reading*

The book of Exodus tells of the beginning of the Israelite people as the forming of a nation. In the first chapters of Exodus we are introduced to Moses. Moses is the subject of many well known Bible stories and is attributed authorship of the first five books of the Bible; Genesis – Deuteronomy. Since we left Joseph the descendants of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob have gone from privilege to enslavement in Egypt. God is about to deliver them through Moses.

### *Summary: Matthew reading*

This week's reading includes significant events such as Peter's confession of Christ's identity, Jesus' foretelling of his death, the transfiguration (the appearance of Jesus in a glorified state), the parable of the unmerciful servant, the story of the rich young man, and Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem (which is the reason for celebrating Palm Sunday).

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

- The question resounds throughout the ages. It is the question every human must answer. In Mt 16:13-16 Jesus prefaces by asking his disciples "Who do the people say that I am?" Then he directly asks, "But what about you? Who do you say I am?" Some see Jesus as a popular historical figure. Others may acknowledge that Jesus is the Son of God yet their lives do not reflect their words. All of life hinges on the answer of this question, and it is a question each of us answers every day we live. What is your answer? Who do you say Jesus is? What then does that mean in your life? – Jan 25
- As you read about the life of Moses, take note of the interventions and the gaps of God's guidance. What do you discover about God as a result of your observations? Make a list.

- Whenever you read "The LORD" all in capital letters you are not reading the same as "The Lord" not all in capital letters. "The LORD" all in capital letters is the personal name of God. Some have pronounced it Yahweh (yā – way), and others Jehovah (Je – hō – vah). Both are the same consonants with different vowels. We don't actually know how to pronounce it because vowels were not written and the Jews throughout history revered God's name as so holy that they did not ever speak it. However God's name is pronounced we do know that when we read "The LORD" we are reading his personal name.

### *Small Group Questions:*

- 1) *OT* – God speaks at length with Moses after Moses approached Pharaoh to demand he release the Israelites. (Ex 5:22-6:12) What phrases or concepts do you see repeated in this dialog? What is the significance of these repeated phrases/concepts? What does God say about himself in this conversation? Which of these qualities stands out to you most and why? – Jan 28
- 2) *NT* – What is Jesus speaking against as he commands that we become like little children? (Mt 18:1-9) How serious does Jesus sound about this subject: what in the passage indicates this? What are some common obstacles to being humble as a child? – Jan 27
- 3) *NT* – The passage in Matthew 18:15-20 is an often referenced prescription for how believers should handle conflict and another's sin. What is the goal of this process? Take a moment to list the stages of the process. Why do you think God designed the process this way? Share any stories you have observed (with care to avoid gossip or slander) about how this process has helped or would have helped. – Jan 27
- 4) *NT* – Have someone read Mt 18:21-35. The passage indicates that forgiveness is the point of the parable. From the passage, what conditions do you observe that qualify forgiveness? Why do you think it is difficult to do? What suggestions would you give to help make forgiving easier? – Jan 28

### *Journal the Psalms this week:*

Psalms 23 may be the most well known Psalm, but familiarity has a tendency to numb over time. Reread Psalm 23 and list all the personal affirmation statements you notice (ex. "I shall not..."; "I will...") and spend some time journaling about the reasons you can trust them. (ex. I shall not be in want because the Lord is my shepherd and he knows my needs.) Interact with God in your journal about anything new he shows you from this Psalm.