

One Year Bible – Week 46

Summary: Hebrews Reading

This week's reading talks of the supremacy of Christ and his sacrifice being once for all. Then come chapter 11 commonly referred to as the "faith chapter," and encouragement to persevere in that faith.

Summary: Ezekiel Reading

The prophet Ezekiel was included in one of the first groups of Babylonian exiles. Therefore, as the prophet Jeremiah spoke to the people of Jerusalem, Ezekiel's role was God's messenger of judgment to the exiles of Babylon around the same time.

Ezekiel's message up to chapter 24 reveals God through the fall of Jerusalem. Chapter 25 begins a section of revealing God to other nations through the fall of Jerusalem.

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

- OT – Read Ezekiel chapter 18. In this chapter God speaks to Ezekiel about generational sin and death. Some people incorrectly conclude that the God of the Old Testament is a God of judgment, and the God of New Testament is a God of grace. Ezekiel 18 shows God's grace very clearly. Despite the sins of one's parents, a person will be judged according to their own actions. Not only that, the sins of one's past will not prevent them from being right with God if they turn from their ways and pursue righteousness. God will forgive the sins of a person's past if they turn from them and seek to live in God's righteousness. The heart of God is love and grace. – Nov 8.

Small Group Questions:

- 1) OT – Read Ezekiel chapter 18. What do you observe about God's character from this section of Scripture? Reread verses 30-32. According to these verses what is the basis for God's judgment? How does one obey this verse – "Rid yourselves of all the offenses you have committed" (v 31)? How does one "get a new heart and a new spirit" (v 31)? What significance do you observe from verse 32? – Nov 8
- 2) OT – Read Proverbs 27:17. Summarize what this verse is saying. What is meant by "iron sharpens iron?" How does the truth of this

proverb inform the way we live, in other words, what are some ways we can apply this proverb to our lives? – Nov 14

- 3) NT – When you think of the word "faith" what comes to mind? How have you heard others, maybe non-believers, describe or define faith? Read Hebrews 11:1. What does this verse say about the relationship of certainty and faith? Is faith blind; ignorant? Does this verse shed new light on, or correct the perceptions of faith that we discussed earlier – if so, how? – Nov 12
- 4) NT – Read Hebrews 12:1-13. Who is the "great cloud of witnesses" that the writer of Hebrews is referring to in v 1? In the first two verses the author gives three appeals: 1) "let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles;" 2) "let us run with perseverance...;" 3) "let us fix our eyes on Jesus." How would you summarize what the author is communicating to the readers in these appeals? Do you see any relationship between these three? If so, how would you distinguish each of the appeals made? What could living this verse look like in your everyday life? What is the subject of verses 4-13? What is the author saying about this subject? What obstacles do you see to living out the author's direction in these verses? How might this passage change the way you see events in your life? – Nov 7

Journal the Psalms this week:

Read Psalm 107:43. The Psalmist ends this Psalm with an appeal to the wise that they would heed what has been said and to consider the "great love of YHWH." What does it mean to consider? What is the Psalmist saying here? At the very least the Psalmist is directing the readers to think on the love that YHWH has shown. Consider the great love of YHWH in your life. Journal your reflections to this verse and thoughts that come to mind regarding the love of God. – Nov 9

Reading Schedule:

Eze = Ezekiel / Heb = Hebrews / Ps = Psalms / Pr = Proverbs



Nov 8 – Eze 18:1-19:14 / Heb 9:1-10 / Ps 106:32-48 / Pr 27:10
Nov 9 – Eze 20:1-49 / Heb 9:11-28 / Ps 107:1-43 / Pr 27:11
Nov 10 – Eze 21:1-22:31 / Heb 10:1-17 / Ps 108:1-13 / Pr 27:12
Nov 11 – Eze 23:1-49 / Heb 10:18-39 / Ps 109:1-31 / Pr 27:13
Nov 12 – Eze 24:1-26:21 / Heb 11:1-16 / Ps 110:1-7 / Pr 27:14
Nov 13 – Eze 27:1-28:26 / Heb 11:17-31 / Ps 111:1-10 / Pr 27:15-16
Nov 14 – Eze 29:1-30:26 / Heb 11:32-12:13 / Ps 112:1-10 / Pr 27:17