

## One Year Bible – Week 48

### **Summary: 1 & 2 Peter Reading**

The book of 1 Peter is written by Peter in Rome to Christians as an encouragement to persevere despite persecution.

The book of 2 Peter was also written by Peter from Rome to Christians with the purpose of countering false teaching especially regarding immoral living, the return of Christ, and final judgment.

### **Summary: Ezekiel / Daniel Reading**

The final eight chapters of the book of Ezekiel are an account of visions God showed him of a renewed future Jerusalem.

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.

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

- *OT* – The end of the book of Ezekiel is an account of visions that God showed Ezekiel of a renewed Jerusalem and a restored temple. The book ends with Ezekiel identifying the name of the city: “YHWH Is There,” as the final words. These final words of Ezekiel, the name of the restored city in his vision after all the destruction and suffering that Ezekiel had written about, are a fitting end not only to the book of Ezekiel but to the Bible as a whole. YHWH is there. God is there. It is the message God has been saying to us since the dawn of time. He is there. – *Nov 24*
- *NT* – Read 1 Peter 4:12-16. As Christians, insult and offense are not unexpected. Not only are they not unexpected but insult and offense are a blessing if they are because of the name of Christ. Through this type of persecution we bear the name of Christ. – *Nov 26*

### **Small Group Questions:**

- 1) *NT* – Read 1 Peter 2:4-12. How does Peter use the reference to “stone” in these verses? What does the author mean by calling believers a “holy” (v 5) or “royal priesthood” (v 9)? In what ways do sinful desires “war against your soul” (v 11)? What is the reason for living “good lives” according to v 12? What are some ways we could faithfully live out verse 12? – *Nov 23-24*

- 2) *NT* – Read 1 Peter 3:15. What do you think the author means by, “in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord?” What exactly should a believer always be prepared to do? Why do you think Peter added, “with gentleness and respect?” Are you prepared to give an answer now? Take a moment for each person who is willing to share their answer with gentleness and respect to one another. – *Nov 25*
- 3) *OT* – Read Daniel 3. The story of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego is one of the most well known stories of faith in the Bible. Describe in your own words the challenge for these men. Do you think you would respond as they did in a similar situation? Why do you think they were able to respond as they did? What does this story mean for us today? – *Nov 26*
- 4) *NT* – Read 2 Peter 1:3-11. What words or phrases stand out to you as significant in verses 3-4? Why? Verse 5 begins with the words, “For this very reason...” What is the reason referred to which leads into the list of verse 5 and following? What relationship do you see, if any, among the list of qualities given in verses 5-7? What is meant by “increasing measure” in verse 8? How does this passage inform the way that we are to live as Christians? – *Nov 27*

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

Read Psalm 119:18, 27, 36-37. What requests do you see the Psalmist making to God in these verses? What are the similarities among these verses? What distinctions do you see among these verses? How often does your prayer life reflect the heart of the Psalmist in these verses? Journal your thoughts to these questions and pray these verses to God in your journal. – *Nov 22-23*

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### **Reading Schedule:**

Eze = Ezekiel / Dan = Daniel / 1 & 2Pe = 1 & 2 Peter / Ps = Psalms / Pr = Proverbs



Nov 22 – Eze 44:1-45:12 / 1Pe 1:1-12 / Ps 119:17-32 / Pr 28:8-10  
Nov 23 – Eze 45:13-46:24 / 1Pe 1:13-2:10 / Ps 119:33-48 / Pr 28:11  
Nov 24 – Eze 47:1-48:35 / 1Pe 2:11-3:7 / Ps 119:49-64 / Pr 28:12-13  
Nov 25 – Dan 1:1-2:23 / 1Pe 3:8-4:6 / Ps 119:65-80 / Pr 28:14  
Nov 26 – Dan 2:24-3:30 / 1Pe 4:7-5:14 / Ps 119:81-96 / Pr 28:15-16  
Nov 27 – Dan 4:1-37 / 2Pe 1:1-21 / Ps 119:97-112 / Pr 28:17-18  
Nov 28 – Dan 5:1-31 / 2Pe 2:1-22 / Ps 119:113-128 / Pr 28:19-20