

One Year Bible – Week 6

Reading Schedule:

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



Feb 1 – Ex 13:17-15:18 / Mt 21:23-46 / Ps 26:1-12 / Pr 6:16-19
Feb 2 – Ex 15:19-17:7 / Mt 22:1-33 / Ps 27:1-6 / Pr 6:20-26
Feb 3 – Ex 17:8-19:15 / Mt 22:34-23:12 / Ps 27:7-14 / Pr 6:27-35
Feb 4 – Ex 19:16-21:21 / Mt 23:13-39 / Ps 28:1-9 / Pr 7:1-5
Feb 5 – Ex 21:22-23:13 / Mt 24:1-28 / Ps 29:1-11 / Pr 7:6-23
Feb 6 – Ex 23:14-25:40 / Mt 24:29-51 / Ps 30:1-12 / Pr 7:24-27
Feb 7 – Ex 26:1-27:21 / Mt 25:1-30 / Ps 31:1-8 / Pr 8:1-11

Summary: Exodus reading

The Israelites are on the move. The Israelites escape the overwhelming might of Egypt in the famous cross of the Red sea. They are led into the desert where they lived for 40 years and God provided them with manna and quail to eat. Moses goes up on Mount Sinai and receives the Ten Commandments.

Summary: Matthew reading

For two-and-a-half chapters (Mt 21:23-23:39) Jesus confronts misperceptions of the Kingdom of God held by the religious leadership of the Pharisees and Sadducees. Matthew 24 begins what is called the Olivet Discourse. The Olivet discourse is a long speech that Jesus gives about the future while sitting on the “Mount of Olives.” Along with the book of Revelation, the Olivet Discourse is a primary source for studying apocalyptic literature (that which reveals God’s plan for the future) in the New Testament.

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

- *OT* – With the Egyptians on one side and a body of water on the other, the Israelites were terrified they were going to die. By God’s intervention, Moses miraculously parted the sea and not only were the Israelites saved but the Egyptians were decimated. (Ex 14) What do you observe about the way the Israelites responded to God after this episode? (Ex 15) What can you apply in your own life from this example? – *Feb 1*
- *OT* – Throughout the Exodus narrative we see a pattern of Israelite grumbling and God providing. Why do you think the Israelites grumbled so easily? What do you notice about God’s reactions to them? From the passages you read, note any reasons given why God treated the Israelites the way he did?

- *OT* – Don’t miss what can easily be missed! There are significant observations in the details of Scripture. In a list of guidelines for God’s holy people, two such examples stand out (Ex 22): In verse 27 God makes a powerful claim about himself that he hears our pleas and more than that, that he is compassionate. In verse 31 God reveals his desire for the nation of Israel that they are to be his holy people. He wants them to represent him as a holy God by being holy, and he wants to care for them as his own. The implication here is that God desires the same for us. What other significant observations to you notice in the details? – *Feb 5*

Small Group Questions:

- 1) *OT* – What comes to mind when you think of the word *Jealous*? God chooses to refer to himself as a jealous God. (Ex 20:5) What in the context of this verse helps us to understand what he means by *jealous*? Explain in your own words how God’s jealousy is a positive characteristic. – *Feb 4*
- 2) *OT* – Having escaped from Egypt, God commands Moses to have the people of Israel turn back. (Ex 14:1-4) What do you observe from the passage to indicate why God asks Israel to turn back to what may be uncomfortable? Has God ever asked you to return to something uncomfortable? How do you interpret that experience in light of this passage? – *Feb 1*
- 3) *NT* – In your own words explain what Jesus meant by the Parable of the Two Sons (Mt 21:28-32). Give an example of how this translates to the church today. – *Feb 1*
- 4) *NT* – In a rebuke to the Pharisees Jesus makes this statement: “You give a tenth... but you have neglected the more important matters of the law – justice, mercy, and faithfulness.” (Mt 23:23) Jesus is not referring to specific laws about justice, mercy, and faithfulness, rather he is making the claim that the law points to these principles. Reflect on your reading in the Old Testament; do you see these principles behind the laws? Give some examples. What do Jesus’ words here reveal about God? – *Feb 4*

Journal the Psalms this week:

“One thing I ask...” “This is what I seek...” How would you finish these phrases? For many of us our honest answers are sometimes different than what we want them to be. David states these words and his response is immortalized in Psalm 27:4. Take a moment to reflect on David’s answer, then journal your conversation with God about the thoughts you have.