

Grace Episcopal Church

Read the Bible in a Year – Bible in Time – Chronological Bible

Reflection Class: Sunday, August 16, 2015; 9:10 am – 9:40 am, Grace Parish Hall.

Thoughts, Reflections, Insights, Questions of readings to date: Days 221 - 227

Prayer: O God, who is always our help. Guide us in the way of the prophets so that we can see how much you love us and your will for us today. Bless this time together to reflect and deepen our calling to service with you as we are inspired by your word. Amen

Readings

Day 221 | Sunday | August 9 | Jeremiah 12, 13, 14, 15 | Jeremiah debates God on justice; God replies- don't trust those people for they have sinned; watch out Israel's neighbors for God's justice; belt illustration – if you bury your faith it will become useless; drunkers; do not be proud; Judah's drought; Jeremiah intercedes – God says back off; Jeremiah prays for the healing of the nation; Judah is doomed – 4 destroyers; Jeremiah complains – God says Jeremiah will serve a good purpose; repent and serve the Lord.

Day 222 | Monday | August 10 | Jeremiah 16, 17, 18, 35 | Jeremiah can't marry for the Lord says; Judah will be punished because of its idolatry; there will be hope and a great day to come; Jeremiah prayer of confidence for God will teach us; Judah has sinned; Jeremiah trusts the Lord in all things; go to church – observe the Sabbath; God will shape us and the nation like a potter at the wheel; plot against Jeremiah; the faithful Rekab family will not be destroyed and they will serve the Lord forever.

Day 223 | Tuesday | August 11 | Jeremiah 49, 22, 24; 2 Kings 24; 2 Chronicles 36 | Jeremiah message is more battles - Ammon, Edom, Damascus, Kedar, Hazor; Jehoiakim reign and loss of power to Babylon; watch for false prophets.

Day 224 | Wednesday | August 12 | Jeremiah 23, 24, 29, 30, 31 | God via Jeremiah: I will punish false prophets, the good "figs" will be exiled- the bad destroyed, Jeremiah's letter to the exiles - carry on with life in Babylon and be prosperous, in 70 years I will bring you back, hear the word of the Lord, message to Shemaiah - you are appointed priest; the Lord will restore and rebuild so you will be my people and I will be your God.

Day 225 | Thursday | August 13 | Jeremiah 31, 49, 50 | God via Jeremiah: Rachel will weep; I will return you to the promise land; I will create the land new for them; I will have a new covenant; I will be their God; I will break the bow of Edom; Israel and Judah will walk the way of God for Babylon will fall and be destroyed; there is always hope in God's people

Day 226 | Friday | August 14 | Jeremiah 51, 52, 37; 2 Kings 24; 2 Chronicles 36; 1 Chronicles 3 | Jeremiah: hymn of praise to the Lord; Babylon will be punished with vengeance; Exiles come back!; Solomon's family line to Zedekiah (597 bc) - hears from Jeremiah the exile.

Day 227 | Saturday | August 15 | Jeremiah 37, 38; Ezekiel 1, 2 | Jeremiah is imprisoned by the palace guard then in a cistern; Zedekiah questions Jeremiah and he says from the Lord, "surrender and live"; Ezekiel - 593 BC among the first deported to Babylon - visions of windstorm, four weird looking multi-faced creatures with wheels, God commissions Ezekiel, Israel not willing to listen but you will be like the hardest stone in your determination, he was mad the God took him back, and he was depressed.

Prayer

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