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Encountering God in His Word

A Bible Study Guide, Book by Book Through All 66 Books

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Start Here

Read this first

> *"It has to be a discipline before it becomes a delight."*
>
> **Dr. John LaNoue**

Years ago, in a hospital waiting room, my mentor Dr. John LaNoue sat reading a small Bible. I told him I wished I could read the Bible like that. He smiled and said the line above. Discipline is the doorway. This guide helps you walk through it, one chapter at a time. Some days it feels like discipline… then it becomes delight.

How to use this guide

1
Read the study page
Get the big idea before you start the book.

2
Read a chapter
Tap its blue number to open it online, then fill its circle.

3
Write on the facing page
Make room, listen, respond, and note one delight.

4
Finish the book
Fill the big circle. Then start the next one.

Read each chapter three ways

Observe
What does it say? Who, what, where, and what repeats?

Understand
What does it mean? What does it show me about God?

Apply
What will I do about it today?

The Bible in one story

1 God Starts a Story
Genesis to Deuteronomy
Creation, the fall, and a promise to Abraham's family.

2 God Leads His People
Joshua to Esther
A land, judges, kings, exile, and return.

3 God Speaks and Sings
Job to Malachi
Songs, wisdom, and prophets who warn and give hope.

4 God Comes Himself
Matthew to John
Jesus: His birth, teaching, death, and resurrection.

5 God Builds His Church
Acts to Jude
The gospel spreads and the apostles write to the church.

6 God Finishes the Story
Revelation
Christ returns and makes all things new.

What each study page gives you

Big Idea and **At a Glance** to orient you. **Outline** and **Study Notes** to guide the reading. **Where We See Christ**, **Foreshadow**, **Did You Know?** and **Words to Know** to deepen it. **Questions** and a **Memory Verse** to carry it into your day.

Take it to prayer

Each book's notes page has a **Take this to prayer** button. It opens your online Prayer Guide at amigosii.org/prayer-guide, a personal, private page protected by your own free account.

Track it online

Prefer a screen? Open the Encountering God in His Word Reading Tracker at amigosii.org/encountering-god-in-his-word. Your progress is saved on your own device.

My Bible Reading Tracker

Fill in a circle when you finish a book

1 God Starts a Story

- ◯ Genesis
- ◯ Exodus
- ◯ Leviticus
- ◯ Numbers
- ◯ Deuteronomy

2 God Leads His People

- ◯ Joshua
- ◯ Judges
- ◯ Ruth
- ◯ 1 Samuel
- ◯ 2 Samuel
- ◯ 1 Kings
- ◯ 2 Kings
- ◯ 1 Chronicles
- ◯ 2 Chronicles
- ◯ Ezra
- ◯ Nehemiah
- ◯ Esther

3 God Speaks and Sings

- ◯ Job
- ◯ Psalms
- ◯ Proverbs
- ◯ Ecclesiastes
- ◯ Song of Solomon
- ◯ Isaiah
- ◯ Jeremiah
- ◯ Lamentations
- ◯ Ezekiel
- ◯ Daniel
- ◯ Hosea
- ◯ Joel
- ◯ Amos
- ◯ Obadiah
- ◯ Jonah
- ◯ Micah
- ◯ Nahum
- ◯ Habakkuk
- ◯ Zephaniah
- ◯ Haggai
- ◯ Zechariah
- ◯ Malachi

4 God Comes Himself

- ◯ Matthew
- ◯ Mark
- ◯ Luke
- ◯ John

5 God Builds His Church

- ◯ Acts
- ◯ Romans
- ◯ 1 Corinthians
- ◯ 2 Corinthians
- ◯ Galatians
- ◯ Ephesians
- ◯ Philippians
- ◯ Colossians
- ◯ 1 Thessalonians
- ◯ 2 Thessalonians
- ◯ 1 Timothy
- ◯ 2 Timothy
- ◯ Titus
- ◯ Philemon
- ◯ Hebrews
- ◯ James
- ◯ 1 Peter
- ◯ 2 Peter
- ◯ 1 John
- ◯ 2 John
- ◯ 3 John
- ◯ Jude

6 God Finishes the Story

- ◯ Revelation

Genesis

At a Glance
Author: Moses (traditional view)
Written: About 1445-1405 BC
First readers: Israel, freed from Egypt
Type: Narrative history
Chapters: 50
One word: Beginnings

The Big Idea
God made everything good. Sin broke it. God then began His plan to bless the whole world through Abraham's family.

Why It Was Written

Moses wrote for a people just rescued from slavery. They needed to know who God is, who they are, and why He promised them a land.

Outline
1-11 Beginnings of the world and of sin
12-25 Abraham, the man of faith
26-36 Isaac and Jacob, the promise passed on
37-50 Joseph, God's care through hardship

Where We See Christ
• The promised offspring who will defeat the serpent (3:15)
• Abraham's seed will bless all nations (12:3)
• Isaac and the ram point to God's provided sacrifice (22:8, 13)
• Joseph, rejected by his brothers, saves them (50:20)

Study Notes

1:26-27 Every man and woman is made in God's image. Your worth is given by God. It does not come from your job or your record.

3:15 God promises a Savior in the very first scene after the fall.

15:6 Abram believed God, and God counted it as righteousness. Paul builds his case for faith on this verse in Romans 4.

22:1-14 God tests Abraham, then provides the ram. The Lord provides what He requires.

39:2-3 Joseph is a slave and then a prisoner. Still, the Lord is with him.

Words to Know

Covenant (God's binding promise) **Seed** (The line of promise that leads to Christ) **Blessing** (God's favor passed down to others)

Foreshadow God promises Abraham that all nations will be blessed through his offspring (12:3, Galatians 3:16).

Did You Know? Joseph's brothers sold him for twenty pieces of silver (37:28).

Encounter God in This Book
Theme to listen for: Trusting God Without Full Clarity
Abraham left home without a map. Read Genesis 12 slowly and ask what God is inviting you to trust Him with this week.

Discipline today
Read one chapter a day. Finish the circles, even on the dry days.

Delight to look for
Look for one thing Abraham learned about God by trusting Him, and write it down.

Read the blog at michaelryer.com

Questions for Me
1. Where am I rushing ahead of God's timing, as Abraham and Sarah did with Hagar?
2. What will my children and grandchildren remember about my faith?
3. Who has wronged me, and how could God use it for good (50:20)?

Memory Verse
Genesis 15:6 (KJV)
"And he believed in the LORD; and he counted it to him for righteousness."

Read With
Romans 4, Galatians 3, Hebrews 11

Genesis: My Notes

Discipline today, delight over time

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Make room: what I set aside to be here

Listen: what stood out to me

Respond: what I will do about it

Delight: what I enjoyed about God in this book

My prayer

Verse I want to remember

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Exodus

At a Glance
Author: Moses (traditional view)
Written: About 1445-1405 BC
First readers: Israel, freed from Egypt
Type: Narrative and law
Chapters: 40
One word: Rescue

The Big Idea

God rescued Israel from slavery to bring them to Himself, then came to live among them.

Why It Was Written

Moses wrote so Israel would remember how the Lord saved them and who He is: the God who hears, rescues, and keeps His promises.

Outline
1-18 Rescue from Egypt
19-24 The covenant at Sinai
25-31 Plans for the tabernacle
32-40 Sin, forgiveness, and God's presence

Where We See Christ
- The Passover lamb whose blood saves (12:13)
- Manna, bread from heaven (16:4)
- The tabernacle, God living among His people (25:8)
- Moses as mediator between God and Israel (20:19)

Study Notes

3:14 God names Himself I AM. He is always present and needs nothing.

12:12-13 The blood on the door brings rescue from judgment.

14:13-14 Stand still. The Lord fights for you.

20:1-17 The Ten Commandments show how a rescued people live.

33:14-15 Moses will not go anywhere without God's presence.

Words to Know

Passover (The night God passed over homes marked with blood) **Covenant** (God's binding promise) **Tabernacle** (The tent where God met His people)

Foreshadow The Passover lamb saves the firstborn by its blood (12:13). Paul calls Christ our Passover (1 Corinthians 5:7).

Did You Know? God wrote the Ten Commandments on two tablets of stone (31:18).

Encounter God in This Book
Theme to listen for: Availability: God Draws Near
Read Exodus 3 slowly. Notice that God speaks to Moses in the middle of ordinary work.

Discipline today
Read one chapter a day, even through the long tabernacle plans.

Delight to look for
Look for one way God shows He is near His people.

Read the blog at michaelryer.com

Questions for Me
1. What is my Egypt, the thing I keep going back to?
2. Where do I need to stand still and let God act?
3. How do I make room for God's presence in my week?

Memory Verse
Exodus 33:14 (KJV)
"And he said, My presence shall go with thee, and I will give thee rest."

Read With
Matthew 26, 1 Corinthians 5, Hebrews 8-9

Exodus: My Notes

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My prayer

Verse I want to remember

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Leviticus

At a Glance
Author: Moses (traditional view)
Written: About 1445-1405 BC
First readers: Israel at Mount Sinai
Type: Law and worship
Chapters: 27
One word: Holy

The Big Idea
A holy God made a way for sinful people to live near Him, through sacrifice and priests.

Why It Was Written

Israel had just built the tabernacle. They needed to learn how to approach a holy God and live as His people.

Outline
1-7 The offerings
8-10 Priests set apart
11-16 Clean and unclean, the Day of Atonement
17-27 Holy living and the feasts

Where We See Christ
• Every sacrifice points to Christ's once-for-all offering (Hebrews 10:10)
• Jesus is our great High Priest (Hebrews 4:14)
• The Day of Atonement, fulfilled when Christ enters with His own blood (Hebrews 9:12)
• The scapegoat carries sins away (16:21-22)

Study Notes

1:4 The worshiper lays a hand on the offering. The substitute takes his place.

11:44 Be holy, because I am holy. Holiness starts with who God is.

16:30 On the Day of Atonement the people are cleansed from all their sins.

17:11 Life is in the blood, and blood makes atonement.

19:18 Love your neighbor as yourself. Jesus calls this the second great commandment.

Words to Know

Atonement (A covering for sin) **Holy** (Set apart for God) **Sacrifice** (A gift that takes the place of the guilty)

Foreshadow The high priest and the Day of Atonement point to Jesus, our great high priest (Hebrews 9:11-12).

Did You Know? Jesus quotes Leviticus 19:18, love your neighbor as yourself (Matthew 22:39).

Encounter God in This Book
Theme to listen for: Drawing Near to a Holy God
Read Leviticus 16, then thank God that Jesus opened the way for you.

Discipline today
Stay with the reading even when the laws feel distant.

Delight to look for
Notice how much God cares about being near His people.

Read the blog at michaelryer.com

Questions for Me
1. Do I take sin as seriously as God does?
2. What in my life needs to be set apart for God?
3. Who is hard for me to love as myself?

Memory Verse
Leviticus 19:2 (KJV)
"Speak unto all the congregation of the children of Israel, and say unto them, Ye shall be holy: for I the LORD your God am holy."

Read With
Hebrews 7-10, 1 Peter 1

Leviticus: My Notes

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My prayer

Verse I want to remember

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Numbers

At a Glance
Author: Moses (traditional view)
Written: About 1445-1405 BC
First readers: Israel in the wilderness
Type: Narrative and census
Chapters: 36
One word: Wandering

The Big Idea
Israel's unbelief turned a short trip into forty years in the wilderness, yet God kept caring for them and kept His promise.

Why It Was Written

A new generation needed to learn from their parents' failure and trust God before they entered the land.

Outline
1-10 Ready to leave Sinai
11-14 Complaining and the spies' report
15-25 Forty years of wandering
26-36 A new generation at the border

Where We See Christ
- The bronze serpent lifted up (21:8-9, John 3:14-15)
- Water from the rock (20:11, 1 Corinthians 10:4)
- A star out of Jacob (24:17)
- The cities of refuge (35:11)

Study Notes

6:24-26 The priestly blessing: the Lord bless you and keep you.

13:30-33 Ten spies saw giants. Caleb saw God.

14:22-23 Unbelief cost that generation the land.

20:11-12 Moses struck the rock in anger and lost his place in the land.

21:8-9 Look at the bronze serpent and live.

Words to Know

Wilderness (The dry place where God tests and provides) **Spies** (Twelve men sent to explore Canaan) **Intercede** (To plead for someone else)

Foreshadow The bronze snake lifted up on a pole points to Jesus lifted up on the cross (21:9, John 3:14-15).

Did You Know? The book is named for the two counts of Israel's people (chapters 1 and 26).

Encounter God in This Book
Theme to listen for: Trusting God in the Wilderness
Read Numbers 13-14 and compare the report of the ten with the report of Caleb.

Discipline today
Keep reading through the lists. They are part of the story.

Delight to look for
Find one way God provided while His people complained.

Read the blog at michaelryer.com

Questions for Me
1. Where do I see problems bigger than God?
2. What do I complain about instead of praying about?
3. Where do I just need to look to Christ and trust?

Memory Verse
Numbers 6:24-26 (KJV)
"The LORD bless thee, and keep thee: The LORD make his face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee: The LORD lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace."

Read With
John 3, 1 Corinthians 10, Hebrews 3-4

Numbers: My Notes

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My prayer

Verse I want to remember

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Deuteronomy

At a Glance
Author: Moses (traditional view)
Written: About 1405 BC
First readers: The new generation on the plains of Moab
Type: Sermons and covenant renewal
Chapters: 34
One word: Remember

The Big Idea
Moses calls a new generation to remember what God has done and to love and obey Him before they enter the land.

Why It Was Written

Moses was about to die. He preached his last sermons so Israel would love the Lord and keep the covenant after he was gone.

Outline
1-4 Look back
5-26 The law explained
27-30 Blessings, curses, and the choice
31-34 Moses' last words and death

Where We See Christ
- A prophet like Moses will come (18:15, Acts 3:22)
- Christ became a curse for us (21:23, Galatians 3:13)
- Jesus answers Satan from Deuteronomy 6-8 (Matthew 4)
- The great commandment (6:5, Matthew 22:37)

Study Notes

6:4-5 Hear, O Israel. Love the Lord with all your heart, soul, and might.

6:6-7 Teach God's words to your children in daily life.

8:3 People do not live by bread alone but by every word from God.

30:19 Choose life, so that you and your family may live.

34:10 No prophet has known the Lord face to face like Moses.

Words to Know

Shema (Hear, the first word of 6:4) **Covenant** (God's binding promise) **Statutes** (God's written instructions)

Foreshadow Moses promises a prophet like him (18:15). Peter says that prophet is Jesus (Acts 3:22).

Did You Know? Jesus answered each of Satan's temptations with a verse from Deuteronomy (Matthew 4).

Encounter God in This Book
Theme to listen for: Choose Life and Remain
Read Deuteronomy 30:11-20 and hear Moses plead with you to choose life.

Discipline today
Read a chapter, and say out loud one thing God has done for you.

Delight to look for
Notice how often Moses says remember.

Read the blog at michaelryer.com

Questions for Me
1. What has God done that I need to remember today?
2. How am I passing on God's Word to those near me?
3. Where am I being asked to choose life?

Memory Verse
Deuteronomy 6:5 (KJV)
"And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might."

Read With
Matthew 4, Matthew 22, Galatians 3

Deuteronomy: My Notes

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My prayer

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Joshua

At a Glance
Author: Joshua, with later additions
Written: About 1400-1370 BC
First readers: Israel in the Promised Land
Type: Narrative history
Chapters: 24
One word: Possession

The Big Idea
God keeps His promise and gives Israel the land, as Joshua leads them in faith and obedience.

Why It Was Written

Israel needed to know that the Lord who brought them out of Egypt also brought them in. He is faithful to every promise.

Outline
1-5 Crossing the Jordan
6-12 Conquering the land
13-21 Dividing the land
22-24 Joshua's farewell

Where We See Christ
• Joshua's name is the same as Jesus, meaning the Lord saves
• The Commander of the Lord's army (5:13-15)
• Rahab's scarlet cord and her place in Christ's line (Matthew 1:5)
• Rest in the land points to rest in Christ (Hebrews 4:8-9)

Study Notes

1:8-9 Keep God's Word in your mouth and mind. Be strong and courageous.

3:14-17 The priests step into the Jordan and the water stops.

6:20 Jericho falls by faith and obedience.

7:1-12 One man's hidden sin costs Israel a defeat.

24:15 Choose today whom you will serve. Joshua and his house will serve the Lord.

Words to Know

Conquest (Taking the land God promised) **Inheritance** (The land given to each tribe) **Rahab** (The woman of Jericho who believed)

Foreshadow Joshua's name is the Hebrew form of the name Jesus. He leads Israel into the land, and Hebrews 4 points to the greater rest Jesus gives.

Did You Know? The Jordan River stopped flowing when the priests' feet touched the water (3:15-16).

Encounter God in This Book
Theme to listen for: Courage Rooted in God's Word
Read Joshua 1 and notice that courage grows from time in God's Word.

Discipline today
Read the Word every day, as Joshua was told to do.

Delight to look for
Look for each promise God keeps.

Read the blog at michaelryer.com

Questions for Me
1. Where do I need courage to take the next step?
2. Is there hidden sin I need to confess?
3. Who in my house is choosing to serve the Lord?

Memory Verse
Joshua 1:9 (KJV)
"Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the LORD thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest."

Read With
Hebrews 4 and 11, Matthew 1

Joshua: My Notes

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My prayer

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Judges

At a Glance
Author: Unknown, possibly Samuel
Written: About 1050-1000 BC
First readers: Israel under the kings
Type: Narrative history
Chapters: 21
One word: Cycle

The Big Idea
Israel kept turning from God, and God kept sending rescuers, proving that Israel needed a better king.

Why It Was Written

The book shows what happens when everyone does what seems right to them. It prepares Israel for a righteous king.

Outline
1-3 Failure and the first judges
4-5 Deborah and Barak
6-16 Gideon, Jephthah, and Samson
17-21 Idolatry and chaos

Where We See Christ
• Each judge is a flawed rescuer who points to the true Savior
• Gideon's few against many (7:7)
• Samson's death defeats Israel's enemy (16:30)
• The cry for a king looks ahead to King Jesus

Study Notes

2:10-12 A new generation grew up who did not know the Lord.
6:15-16 Gideon feels small, and God says He will be with him.
7:2 God shrinks the army so the credit goes to Him.
16:20 Samson did not know the Lord had left him.
21:25 Everyone did what was right in their own eyes.

Words to Know

Judge (A leader God raised up to rescue Israel) **Idolatry** (Worshiping something other than God) **Cycle** (Sin, trouble, crying out, rescue)

Foreshadow Each judge rescues Israel for a while. Only Jesus rescues forever.

Did You Know? Deborah, a prophetess, led Israel from under a palm tree (4:4-5).

Encounter God in This Book
Theme to listen for: Strength in Weakness
Read Judges 6-7. Notice how God works through small and afraid people.

Discipline today
Read on even when the stories are hard. They show why we need a Savior.

Delight to look for
Look for God's patience with His people.

Read the blog at michaelryer.com

Questions for Me
1. What am I passing to the next generation?
2. Where do I feel too small for what God asks?
3. Where am I doing what seems right instead of what God says?

Memory Verse
Judges 6:12 (KJV)
"And the angel of the LORD appeared unto him, and said unto him, The LORD is with thee, thou mighty man of valour."

Read With
Hebrews 11:32-34, 1 Samuel 8

Judges: My Notes

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Ruth

At a Glance
Author: Unknown, possibly Samuel
Written: About 1000 BC
First readers: Israel under the kings
Type: Narrative
Chapters: 4
One word: Redemption

The Big Idea
In the dark days of the judges, God quietly cared for a foreign widow and brought her into the line of David and of Christ.

Why It Was Written

Ruth shows that God is at work in ordinary lives, even when the nation is falling apart.

Outline
1 Loss and loyalty
2 Ruth gleans in Boaz's field
3 Ruth at the threshing floor
4 Redemption and a new family

Where We See Christ
• Boaz the kinsman-redeemer points to Christ our Redeemer
• A Gentile woman in the line of Jesus (4:17, Matthew 1:5)
• Redemption at a cost (4:9-10)
• God providing for the outsider

Study Notes

1:16-17 Ruth stays with Naomi and chooses Naomi's God.

2:12 Boaz prays that Ruth would find refuge under God's wings.

3:9 Ruth asks Boaz to spread his covering over her. He is the redeemer.

4:14 The women praise the Lord for providing a redeemer.

4:17 Ruth becomes the grandmother of King David.

Words to Know

Kinsman-redeemer (A relative who rescues a family member) **Gleaning** (Gathering grain left behind for the poor) **Loyal love** (Faithful love that does not quit)

Foreshadow Boaz the kinsman-redeemer points to Christ our Redeemer (4:9-10).

Did You Know? Ruth and Esther are the only books named for women.

Encounter God in This Book
Theme to listen for: God Working in Ordinary Days
Read all of Ruth in one sitting. It is only four chapters.

Discipline today
Read it slowly and look for God's quiet hand.

Delight to look for
Notice every small kindness that turns out to matter.

Read the blog at michaelryer.com

Questions for Me
1. Who has God placed beside me to be loyal to?
2. Where do I see God working quietly in my life?
3. How can I welcome an outsider the way Boaz did?

Memory Verse
Ruth 1:16 (KJV)
"And Ruth said, Intreat me not to leave thee, or to return from following after thee: for whither thou goest, I will go; and where thou lodgest, I will lodge: thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God:"

Read With
Matthew 1, Ephesians 1:7

Ruth: My Notes

Discipline today, delight over time

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Listen: what stood out to me

Respond: what I will do about it

Delight: what I enjoyed about God in this book

My prayer

Verse I want to remember

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1 Samuel

At a Glance
Author: Unknown, possibly Samuel and others
Written: About 1050-930 BC
First readers: Israel under the kings
Type: Narrative history
Chapters: 31
One word: Kingship

The Big Idea
Israel asks for a king like the nations. God gives them Saul, then raises up David, a man after His own heart.

Why It Was Written

The book shows the move from judges to kings and teaches that God looks at the heart.

Outline
1-7 Samuel, a prophet and judge
8-15 Israel demands a king, Saul's failure
16-17 David anointed, Goliath defeated
18-31 Saul pursues David

Where We See Christ
• David, the shepherd king, points to Christ the Good Shepherd
• Hannah's song looks to God's Anointed (2:10)
• David defeats Goliath for Israel, as Christ defeats our enemy
• The anointed one who is rejected, then reigns

Study Notes

1:27-28 Hannah gives her prayed-for son back to God.

3:10 Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.

8:7 Israel rejects God as their king.

16:7 People look at the outside, but the Lord looks at the heart.

17:45 David runs at Goliath in the name of the Lord.

Words to Know

Anointed (Set apart for God's purpose) **Ark of the covenant** (The chest that showed God's presence) **Heart** (The inner person God sees)

Foreshadow David, the shepherd from Bethlehem, is anointed king (16:1). Jesus is the Good Shepherd and the King from David's town (Luke 2:4).

Did You Know? Hannah's prayer (2:1-10) is echoed by Mary's song (Luke 1:46-55).

Encounter God in This Book
Theme to listen for: Listening: Speak, Lord
Read 1 Samuel 3 and pray Samuel's prayer before you open your Bible each day this week.

Discipline today
Read a chapter each day and begin by saying, Speak, Lord.

Delight to look for
Look for how God sees the heart.

Read the blog at michaelryer.com

Questions for Me
1. What is God asking me to give back to Him?
2. Am I more concerned with how I look or who I am?
3. What giant am I facing that God can handle?

Memory Verse
1 Samuel 16:7 (KJV)
"But the LORD said unto Samuel, Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him: for the LORD seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the LORD looketh on the heart."

Read With
Psalm 23, Acts 13:22

1 Samuel: My Notes

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My prayer

Verse I want to remember

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2 Samuel

At a Glance
Author: Unknown, possibly Nathan and Gad
Written: About 930-722 BC
First readers: Israel and Judah
Type: Narrative history
Chapters: 24
One word: Covenant

The Big Idea

David becomes king and God promises him a throne that will last forever. David also fails, and sin brings heavy cost.

Why It Was Written

The book shows the high and low points of Israel's greatest king and the promise of a King who will never fail.

Outline
1-10 David becomes king
11-12 David's sin with Bathsheba
13-20 Trouble in David's house
21-24 Final songs and acts

Where We See Christ
- God's covenant with David: a throne forever (7:12-16)
- Jesus is the Son of David who reigns forever (Luke 1:32-33)
- David's repentance points to the need for a perfect King
- Mephibosheth welcomed at the king's table (9:7)

Study Notes

5:4-5 David reigns over all Israel from Jerusalem.

7:12-13 God promises David a son whose kingdom will last forever.

9:7 David shows kindness to Mephibosheth for Jonathan's sake.

12:7-13 Nathan confronts David, and David confesses his sin.

22:2-3 David sings that the Lord is his rock and fortress.

Words to Know

Covenant (God's binding promise) **Repent** (To turn from sin to God) **Lovingkindness** (Faithful love that keeps promises)

Foreshadow God promises David a son whose kingdom will last forever (7:12-16, Luke 1:32-33).

Did You Know? David ruled seven years in Hebron and thirty-three in Jerusalem (5:4-5).

Encounter God in This Book
Theme to listen for: Grace After Failure
Read 2 Samuel 12 and notice how God forgives David yet the consequences remain.

Discipline today
Read honestly about David, both his faith and his failures.

Read the blog at michaelryer.com

Delight to look for
Look for the grace of God in the middle of David's story.

Questions for Me
1. Where am I confident I would never fall?
2. How quickly do I confess when God shows me my sin?
3. Who can I show kindness to for Christ's sake?

Memory Verse
2 Samuel 22:2 (KJV)
"And he said, The LORD is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer;"

Read With
Psalm 51, Luke 1, Acts 2

2 Samuel: My Notes

Discipline today, delight over time

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My prayer

Verse I want to remember

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1 Kings

At a Glance
Author: Unknown, possibly Jeremiah
Written: About 560-540 BC
First readers: Israel in exile
Type: Narrative history
Chapters: 22
One word: Division

The Big Idea
Solomon builds the temple and then turns away. The kingdom splits, and prophets call both kingdoms back to God.

Why It Was Written

The exiles needed to understand why they lost the land. The book shows that disobedience led to division and decline.

Outline
1-11 Solomon, the temple, and his fall
12-16 The kingdom divides
17-19 Elijah the prophet
20-22 Ahab and the prophets

Where We See Christ
• The temple points to Christ, God with us (John 2:19-21)
• Solomon's wisdom, but One greater than Solomon is here (Matthew 12:42)
• The widow's oil and flour, a picture of God's provision (17:14-16)
• The still, small voice that follows the storm (19:12)

Study Notes

3:9 Solomon asks God for an understanding heart.
8:27 Even heaven cannot contain God, much less a temple.
11:4 Solomon's wives turn his heart away from God.
18:21 How long will you waver between two opinions?
19:11-12 God speaks to Elijah in a gentle whisper.

Words to Know

Temple (The house built for God's name) **Idol** (A false god or anything that takes God's place) **Prophet** (One who speaks for God)

Foreshadow The temple is the place where God meets His people. Jesus spoke of the temple of His own body (John 2:19-21).

Did You Know? Solomon took seven years to build the temple (6:38).

Encounter God in This Book
Theme to listen for: A Whole Heart Toward God
Read 1 Kings 19 and notice how God cares for a tired and discouraged prophet.

Discipline today
Read one chapter each day, even through the hard history.

Delight to look for
Look for how God stays patient with His people.

Read the blog at michaelryer.com

Questions for Me
1. What do I need to ask God for, as Solomon did?
2. What is pulling my heart away from God?
3. Where am I wavering between two opinions?

Memory Verse
1 Kings 8:61 (KJV)
"Let your heart therefore be perfect with the LORD our God, to walk in his statutes, and to keep his commandments, as at this day."

Read With
2 Chronicles 1-9, Matthew 12

1 Kings: My Notes

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My prayer

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2 Kings

At a Glance
Author: Unknown, possibly Jeremiah
Written: About 560-540 BC
First readers: Israel in exile
Type: Narrative history
Chapters: 25
One word: Exile

The Big Idea

Israel and Judah ignore the prophets, and both kingdoms fall. Yet God keeps a light burning for David's line.

Why It Was Written

The exiles needed to know why they were in Babylon and that God had not forgotten His promise.

Outline
1-8 Elisha's ministry
9-17 Israel falls to Assyria
18-25 Judah falls to Babylon
25:27-30 A hope remains

Where We See Christ
• Elisha's miracles show God's power to give life (4:32-35)
• Naaman is healed by washing, a picture of cleansing (5:14)
• A faithful king in Hezekiah, but a greater King is coming
• The last verses keep David's line alive

Study Notes

2:9-12 Elijah is taken up and Elisha receives a double portion of his spirit.

5:14 Naaman obeys the prophet and is cleansed.

6:16-17 Those with us are more than those against us.

18:5-6 Hezekiah trusts the Lord and holds fast to Him.

25:27-30 The exiled king of Judah is shown mercy in Babylon.

Words to Know

Exile (Being forced to leave one's land) **Reform** (A turn back toward God) **Remnant** (The few who remain faithful)

Foreshadow Elijah and Elisha show God's power over need and death. Jesus did greater works.

Did You Know? Elijah went to heaven in a whirlwind without dying (2:11).

Encounter God in This Book
Theme to listen for: Hope in Hard Times
Read 2 Kings 6:8-23 and ask God to open your eyes to what He is doing.

Discipline today
Keep reading, even when the news is sad.

Delight to look for
Look for small signs that God has not given up.

Read the blog at michaelryer.com

Questions for Me
1. Who has God put in my life to speak His truth?
2. Where do I need to humble myself and simply obey?
3. What gives me hope when everything seems lost?

Memory Verse
2 Kings 6:16 (KJV)
"And he answered, Fear not: for they that be with us are more than they that be with them."

Read With
Isaiah 36-39, Jeremiah 39

2 Kings: My Notes

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1 Chronicles

At a Glance
Author: Unknown, traditionally Ezra
Written: About 450-400 BC
First readers: Israel returning from exile
Type: History and genealogy
Chapters: 29
One word: Worship

The Big Idea

After exile, God reminds His people of their roots and David's heart for worship.

Why It Was Written

The returning exiles were few and discouraged. The book tells them who they are and why worship in the temple matters.

Outline
1-9 Genealogies from Adam
10-12 David becomes king
13-17 The ark comes to Jerusalem
18-29 David prepares for the temple

Where We See Christ
- The line of David leads to Jesus the Messiah
- God's promise of a forever throne (17:11-14)
- David's praise anticipates the worship of heaven
- The temple plans point to a greater dwelling

Study Notes

4:10 Jabez prays for God's blessing, and God grants it.

13:9-10 Uzzah touches the ark and dies. God is to be treated as holy.

16:34 Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good and His love endures forever.

17:11-14 God promises David a son who will reign forever.

29:11 Everything in heaven and on earth belongs to the Lord.

Words to Know

Genealogy (A record of family lines) **Ark** (The chest that showed God's presence) **Thanksgiving** (Gratitude spoken to God)

Foreshadow The family lines trace David's line toward Jesus (17:11-14, Matthew 1:1).

Did You Know? The book opens with nine chapters of family lists.

Encounter God in This Book
Theme to listen for: Worship That Remembers
Read 1 Chronicles 16 and read the thanksgiving psalm out loud.

Discipline today
Do not skip the lists. Each name was known by God.

Delight to look for
Look for the thanks and praise in David's life.

Read the blog at michaelryer.com

Questions for Me
1. What is my family story, and how has God worked in it?
2. How do I treat God as holy?
3. What can I give thanks for today?

Memory Verse
1 Chronicles 16:34 (KJV)
"O give thanks unto the LORD; for he is good; for his mercy endureth for ever."

Read With
Psalm 96, Luke 3, Matthew 1

1 Chronicles: My Notes

Discipline today, delight over time

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My prayer

Verse I want to remember

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2 Chronicles

At a Glance
Author: Unknown, traditionally Ezra
Written: About 450-400 BC
First readers: Israel returning from exile
Type: History
Chapters: 36
One word: Temple

The Big Idea
The temple is built, the kings rise and fall, and God shows mercy when His people humble themselves and seek Him.

Why It Was Written

The returning exiles needed to see that God answers repentance. The book highlights the temple and the kings who sought God.

Outline
1-9 Solomon and the temple
10-28 Kings of Judah
29-35 Reforms of Hezekiah and Josiah
36 Exile and a decree of return

Where We See Christ
• God's glory fills the temple (7:1-3), a picture of Christ
• The temple of His body (John 2:19-21)
• Kings who sought the Lord, and the King who always did
• Cyrus's decree points to God's plan to bring His people home (36:22-23)

Study Notes

7:14 If My people will humble themselves and pray, I will hear, forgive, and heal.

16:9 The eyes of the Lord search for those whose hearts are fully His.

20:15 The battle is the Lord's.

29:3 Hezekiah opens the temple doors in the first month.

34:1-3 Josiah begins to seek God as a young king.

Words to Know

Humble (To bring oneself low before God) **Revival** (A return to life with God) **Decree** (A king's official order)

Foreshadow The temple sacrifices show that sin needs a payment. Hebrews 10 says Jesus paid it once for all.

Did You Know? The book ends with the decree that sends the exiles home (36:22-23). Ezra opens with the same words.

Encounter God in This Book
Theme to listen for: Seeking God Again
Read 2 Chronicles 7:11-22 and pray the verse for your church and your family.

Discipline today
Read a chapter a day and notice who sought the Lord.

Delight to look for
Look for God's mercy when people turn back.

Read the blog at michaelryer.com

Questions for Me
1. What would it look like for me to humble myself before God?
2. Where do I need to say, The battle is the Lord's?
3. What is one thing I can start doing for God's house?

Memory Verse
2 Chronicles 7:14 (KJV)
"If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."

Read With
Psalm 51, Matthew 12, Hebrews 10

2 Chronicles: My Notes

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My prayer

Verse I want to remember

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Ezra

At a Glance
Author: Ezra (traditional view)
Written: About 458-430 BC
First readers: Jews returned from exile
Type: History
Chapters: 10
One word: Return

The Big Idea

God moves the hearts of kings and people so His people can go home and rebuild the temple and the law of the Lord.

Why It Was Written

The returned exiles faced opposition and discouragement. Ezra shows God keeping His promise to bring them back.

Outline
1-3 The first return and the altar
4-6 Opposition and the temple completed
7-8 Ezra leads a second return
9-10 Confession and reform

Where We See Christ
• God stirs hearts to return and rebuild (1:5), a picture of the new covenant
• Rebuilt temple, pointing to a greater temple
• Ezra studies, does, and teaches the Word (7:10)
• Confession leads to cleansing

Study Notes

1:1 God stirs up the heart of Cyrus to let the people go home.

3:11 The people sing as the temple foundation is laid.

6:22 God made them joyful by turning the king's heart.

7:10 Ezra studies the law, obeys it, and teaches it.

10:1 The people weep and confess their sin.

Words to Know

Remnant (The few who return to God) **Scribe** (A teacher of the law) **Decree** (A king's official order)

Foreshadow The return and the rebuilt temple prepare the way for the Messiah.

Did You Know? Parts of Ezra were written in Aramaic, not Hebrew (4:8-6:18, 7:12-26).

Encounter God in This Book
Theme to listen for: Setting My Heart
Read Ezra 7:1-10 and pray that God would shape your heart to study, do, and share His Word.

Discipline today
Study first, then obey, then teach, as Ezra did.

Delight to look for
Look for how God moves people and kings.

Read the blog at michaelryer.com

Questions for Me
1. Have I set my heart to study, obey, and teach God's Word?
2. What is God stirring me to rebuild?
3. How do I handle opposition when I try to do right?

Memory Verse
Ezra 7:10 (KJV)
"For Ezra had prepared his heart to seek the law of the LORD, and to do it, and to teach in Israel statutes and judgments."

Read With
Haggai 1-2, Nehemiah 8

Ezra: My Notes

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My prayer

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Nehemiah

At a Glance
Author: Nehemiah
Written: About 445-425 BC
First readers: Jews in Jerusalem
Type: History and memoir
Chapters: 13
One word: Rebuild

The Big Idea
Nehemiah prays, plans, and leads the people to rebuild Jerusalem's wall in fifty-two days, and then they renew the covenant.

Why It Was Written

The people were weak and under threat. Nehemiah shows prayerful leadership and the joy of God's Word.

Outline
1-2 Nehemiah's prayer and plan
3-7 Rebuilding the wall
8-10 The reading of the law and renewal
11-13 Dedication and reforms

Where We See Christ
• Nehemiah leaves a throne room to serve, a picture of the One who left heaven
• The Word explained brings joy (8:8-10)
• God's people gathered and renewed
• A rebuilt wall, a picture of a restored people

Study Notes

1:4-5 Nehemiah weeps, fasts, and prays before he acts.

4:9 We prayed to our God and set a guard.

6:15 The wall is finished in fifty-two days.

8:8 They read the law clearly and gave the meaning.

8:10 The joy of the Lord is your strength.

Words to Know

Wall (A defense that protects the city) **Covenant renewal** (Recommitting to God's promises) **Joy of the Lord** (Strength that comes from God's gladness)

Foreshadow Nehemiah leaves a royal post to serve his people. It is a small picture of Christ, who left heaven's glory (Philippians 2:6-8).

Did You Know? The wall was finished in fifty-two days (6:15).

Encounter God in This Book
Theme to listen for: Delight in the Word
Read Nehemiah 8 and notice how the people respond to hearing God's Word.

Discipline today
Pray, plan, and keep working, one stone at a time.

Delight to look for
Look for the joy that comes when God's Word is opened.

Read the blog at michaelryer.com

Questions for Me
1. Do I pray before I plan?
2. What wall in my life or church needs rebuilding?
3. How does God's Word bring me joy?

Memory Verse
Nehemiah 8:10 (KJV)
"Then he said unto them, Go your way, eat the fat, and drink the sweet, and send portions unto them for whom nothing is prepared: for this day is holy unto our LORD: neither be ye sorry; for the joy of the LORD is your strength."

Read With
Ezra 7, Psalm 119

Nehemiah: My Notes

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My prayer

Verse I want to remember

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Esther

At a Glance
Author: Unknown, possibly Mordecai
Written: About 470-460 BC
First readers: Jews in Persia
Type: Narrative history
Chapters: 10
One word: Providence

The Big Idea
God is never named in the book, but He is at work in every event, saving His people through Esther's courage.

Why It Was Written

The Jews who stayed in Persia needed to know God still cared for them and ruled over events behind the scenes.

Outline
1-2 Esther becomes queen
3-5 Haman's plot and Esther's plan
6-8 The tables turn
9-10 Deliverance and Purim

Where We See Christ
• Esther risks her life for her people, a picture of Christ's sacrifice
• God's hidden hand in every event
• Mordecai honored, Haman judged, a reversal that points to God's justice
• Salvation of a people that keeps the line of promise alive

Study Notes

2:7 Esther is an orphan raised by her cousin, yet God has a plan for her.
4:14 Who knows if you have come to the kingdom for such a time as this?
4:16 If I perish, I perish. Esther chooses to go to the king.
6:1 The king cannot sleep, and everything turns.
9:22 The sorrow of the Jews is turned into joy.

Words to Know

Providence (God's care and rule over every event) **Purim** (The feast that remembers the deliverance) **Fast** (Going without food to seek God)

Foreshadow Esther risks her life for her people (4:16). It is a small picture of the greater rescue Jesus gives.

Did You Know? Esther never mentions God by name.

Encounter God in This Book
Theme to listen for: God Working Unseen
Read Esther 4 and ask where God has placed you for a purpose.

Discipline today
Read the whole book in a few days and watch for the hidden hand of God.

Delight to look for
Look for the small moments that turn out to be God's plan.

Read the blog at michaelryer.com

Questions for Me
1. Where do I see God working behind the scenes?
2. What could God be asking me to do for such a time as this?
3. Whom can I speak up for?

Memory Verse
Esther 4:14 (KJV)
"For if thou altogether holdest thy peace at this time, then shall there enlargement and deliverance arise to the Jews from another place; but thou and thy father's house shall be destroyed: and who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this?"

Read With
Romans 8:28, Genesis 50

Esther: My Notes

Discipline today, delight over time

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My prayer

Verse I want to remember

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Job

At a Glance
Author: Unknown
Written: Date uncertain, an early period
First readers: Ancient God's people
Type: Poetry and wisdom
Chapters: 42
One word: Suffering

The Big Idea
A faithful man loses everything. He wrestles with God, and in the end he learns that God is wiser and greater than he can understand.

Why It Was Written

Job helps God's people face suffering that has no clear reason. God answers with Himself, not with explanations.

Outline
1-2 Job loses everything
3-31 Job and his friends debate
32-37 Elihu speaks
38-42 God answers and restores

Where We See Christ
• Job longs for a mediator (9:33), found in Christ
• I know that my Redeemer lives (19:25)
• A righteous sufferer points to the perfect sufferer
• God answers from the whirlwind, and the Word later becomes flesh

Study Notes

1:21 The Lord gave and the Lord has taken away. Blessed be the name of the Lord.

13:15 Though He slay me, yet will I trust Him.

19:25 I know that my Redeemer lives.

38:4 God asks Job where he was when He laid the earth's foundation.

42:5 Job says he had heard of God, but now his eyes have seen Him.

Words to Know

Integrity (Wholeness, living what you believe) **Redeemer** (One who buys back and rescues) **Sovereign** (In complete control)

Foreshadow Job longs for a redeemer who lives (19:25). Jesus is that Redeemer.

Did You Know? Job 26:7 says God hangs the earth on nothing.

Encounter God in This Book
Theme to listen for: Trusting God Without Answers
Read Job 38-42 and notice how God answers a suffering man.

Discipline today
Read a few chapters at a time and let the speeches sink in.

Delight to look for
Look for how God draws near to a suffering person.

Read the blog at michaelryer.com

Questions for Me
1. What do I do when I do not understand God's ways?
2. Am I quick to give answers to those who suffer?
3. What does it mean to trust God without an explanation?

Memory Verse
Job 19:25 (KJV)
"For I know that my redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth:"

Read With
Romans 8, 2 Corinthians 1

Job: My Notes

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Psalms

At a Glance
Author: David, Asaph, the sons of Korah, and others
Written: About 1400-400 BC
First readers: Israel at worship
Type: Poetry and songs
Chapters: 150
One word: Prayer

The Big Idea
The prayer book and hymnal of God's people, with songs of praise, lament, trust, and hope.

Why It Was Written

The psalms teach God's people how to speak to Him in every season of life, honestly and with faith.

Outline
1-41 Book 1: David's struggles and trust
42-72 Book 2: The King and the kingdom
73-89 Book 3: Trouble and the sanctuary
90-150 Books 4 and 5: God reigns, praise Him

Where We See Christ
- Psalm 22 describes the cross
- Psalm 23, the Lord is my Shepherd, fulfilled in the Good Shepherd
- Psalm 110, the King and Priest forever
- Psalm 118, the stone the builders rejected

Study Notes

1:1-3 The person who delights in God's law is like a tree by streams of water.

23:1 The Lord is my shepherd. I shall not want.

46:10 Be still and know that I am God.

119:105 Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

139:23-24 Search me, O God, and lead me in the way everlasting.

Words to Know

Selah (A pause to think about what was said) **Lament** (Pouring out sorrow before God) **Hallelujah** (Praise the Lord)

Foreshadow Psalm 22 describes the cross, and Jesus quotes its first line (Matthew 27:46).

Did You Know? Psalms has 150 chapters. Psalm 117 is the shortest chapter in the Bible and Psalm 119 is the longest.

Encounter God in This Book
Theme to listen for: Delight in God's Word
Read Psalm 1 and Psalm 119:1-16, and notice the word delight.

Discipline today
Read one psalm each day. Pray it back to God.

Delight to look for
Look for what the psalmist enjoys about God.

Read the blog at michaelryer.com

Questions for Me
1. What do I need to say to God that I have not said?
2. Which psalm fits where I am today?
3. How do the psalms shape the way I praise?

Memory Verse
Psalm 1:2 (KJV)
"But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night."

Read With
Hebrews 1-2, Luke 24:44

Psalms: My Notes

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My prayer

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Proverbs

At a Glance
Author: Solomon and others
Written: About 970-700 BC
First readers: Israel's young people and leaders
Type: Wisdom
Chapters: 31
One word: Wisdom

The Big Idea

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and wisdom shows up in daily choices, work, words, and relationships.

Why It Was Written

Solomon and others collected wise sayings to help God's people live well in the real world.

Outline
1-9 A father's call to wisdom
10-22 Short sayings of Solomon
22-29 More sayings
30-31 Agur, Lemuel, and the capable wife

Where We See Christ
- Christ is the wisdom of God (1 Corinthians 1:24)
- Wisdom calling in the street (1:20)
- In Christ are hidden all the treasures of wisdom (Colossians 2:3)
- The wise builder who builds on the rock (Matthew 7:24)

Study Notes

1:7 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge.

3:5-6 Trust the Lord with all your heart and He will make your paths straight.

15:1 A gentle answer turns away wrath.

16:3 Commit your work to the Lord.

22:6 Train up a child in the way he should go.

Words to Know

Wisdom (Skill in living God's way) **Fool** (One who rejects instruction) **Fear of the Lord** (Honoring God above all)

Foreshadow Wisdom calls out in chapter 8. Paul calls Christ the wisdom of God (1 Corinthians 1:24).

Did You Know? Hezekiah's men copied out some of Solomon's proverbs (25:1).

Encounter God in This Book
Theme to listen for: Daily Wisdom
Read one chapter of Proverbs for each day of the month.

Discipline today
Read a chapter a day, matching the date.

Delight to look for
Look for the wisdom that points you to God Himself.

Read the blog at michaelryer.com

Questions for Me
1. Which proverb do I need to hear today?
2. How are my words affecting those around me?
3. Where am I leaning on my own understanding?

Memory Verse
Proverbs 3:5-6 (KJV)
"Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths."

Read With
Colossians 2, James 3

Proverbs: My Notes

Discipline today, delight over time

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My prayer

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Ecclesiastes

At a Glance
Author: Solomon (traditional view)
Written: About 935 BC
First readers: Israel
Type: Wisdom
Chapters: 12
One word: Meaningless

The Big Idea
Life without God is empty. A life lived in the fear of God is truly meaningful.

Why It Was Written

The Teacher tests every pursuit, such as work, pleasure, and wealth, and finds them empty on their own.

Outline
1-2 Everything is meaningless?
3-6 Time, work, and wealth
7-10 Wisdom and folly
11-12 Remember your Creator

Where We See Christ
• Christ brings the meaning that nothing under the sun can
• A shepherd gives the words of wisdom (12:11)
• Only God gives true satisfaction (2:24-25)
• Death is not the last word, because Christ is risen

Study Notes

1:2 Meaningless, meaningless. Everything is meaningless.

3:1 There is a time for everything.

3:11 God has made everything beautiful in its time and put eternity in our hearts.

9:10 Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with your might.

12:13 Fear God and keep His commandments.

Words to Know

Meaningless (Like a vapor, passing and empty) **Under the sun** (Life without looking to God) **Teacher** (The one who gathers and teaches)

Foreshadow Life under the sun is empty without God. Jesus gives life that lasts (John 10:10).

Did You Know? The Hebrew word for vanity means a breath or a vapor.

Encounter God in This Book
Theme to listen for: Finding Meaning in God
Read Ecclesiastes 12 and think about what really lasts.

Discipline today
Read it as one long reflection, a chapter at a time.

Delight to look for
Look for the small gifts God has given you to enjoy.

Read the blog at michaelryer.com

Questions for Me
1. What am I chasing that cannot satisfy?
2. How can I enjoy God's gifts without making them my god?
3. Am I remembering my Creator while I am still strong?

Memory Verse
Ecclesiastes 12:13 (KJV)
"Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man."

Read With
John 10, Romans 8

Ecclesiastes: My Notes

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Song Of Solomon

At a Glance
Author: Solomon
Written: About 965 BC
First readers: Israel
Type: Love poetry
Chapters: 8
One word: Love

The Big Idea
A celebration of faithful, married love, a gift of God, which also points to the love of Christ for His people.

Why It Was Written

The book teaches that love between husband and wife is holy and good, and it echoes God's covenant love.

Outline
1-3 Courting and longing
4-5 Wedding and challenge
6-7 Renewed love
8 Love strong as death

Where We See Christ
• Christ the Bridegroom and His bride the church (Ephesians 5:31-32)
• Love that is strong as death (8:6)
• The beloved who seeks and is sought
• Marriage as a picture of the gospel

Study Notes

2:4 His banner over me is love.

2:16 My beloved is mine and I am his.

4:7 You are altogether beautiful, my love.

6:3 I am my beloved's and my beloved is mine.

8:6-7 Love is strong as death. Many waters cannot quench it.

Words to Know

Beloved (The one who is dearly loved) **Covenant love** (Love that promises and stays) **Garden** (A picture of intimacy and delight)

Foreshadow Marriage is a picture of Christ and His church (Ephesians 5:31-32).

Did You Know? The book is also called the Song of Songs, which means the best of songs (1:1).

Encounter God in This Book
Theme to listen for: Love That Lasts
Read the Song of Solomon in one sitting and see how it speaks of love.

Discipline today
Read slowly and treat it as a gift God gave His people.

Delight to look for
Look for the covenant love of God echoed in this poem.

Read the blog at michaelryer.com

Questions for Me
1. How am I honoring the gift of marriage and faithful love?
2. How does Christ's love for me change the way I love?
3. Where can I be more faithful in word and action?

Memory Verse
Song of Solomon 8:7 (KJV)
"Many waters cannot quench love, neither can the floods drown it: if a man would give all the substance of his house for love, it would utterly be contemned."

Read With
Ephesians 5, Hosea 2

Song Of Solomon: My Notes

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Isaiah

At a Glance
Author: Isaiah
Written: About 740-680 BC
First readers: Judah
Type: Prophecy
Chapters: 66
One word: Salvation

The Big Idea

God judges sin, comforts His people, and promises a Servant who will suffer and save, and a new heaven and earth.

Why It Was Written

Isaiah called Judah to turn back and trust God. His book gives the clearest picture of the coming Savior in the Old Testament.

Outline
1-12 Judgment and the coming King
13-35 Nations and God's rule
36-39 Hezekiah and Assyria
40-66 Comfort, the Servant, new creation

Where We See Christ
- Born of a virgin, Immanuel (7:14)
- A child is born, a Son is given (9:6)
- The suffering Servant (52:13-53:12)
- Good news to the poor (61:1, Luke 4:18)

Study Notes

6:1-8 Isaiah sees the Lord and says, Here am I, send me.

9:6 For to us a child is born.

40:31 Those who wait on the Lord will renew their strength.

53:5 By His wounds we are healed.

55:1 Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters.

Words to Know

Holy (Set apart, unlike anything else) **Servant** (The one who does God's will) **Remnant** (The few who return to God)

Foreshadow Isaiah 53 describes the suffering servant. Philip tells the good news of Jesus from it (Acts 8:32-35).

Did You Know? Isaiah has 66 chapters, and the Bible has 66 books.

Encounter God in This Book
Theme to listen for: Seeing God Clearly
Read Isaiah 6, then Isaiah 53. Notice both God's holiness and His mercy.

Discipline today
Read a short passage each day. Isaiah is rich.

Read the blog at michaelryer.com

Delight to look for
Look for the comfort God gives His people.

Questions for Me
1. What has my vision of God's holiness done to me?
2. Whom am I willing to go to for God?
3. What does it mean that Christ bore my sin?

Memory Verse
Isaiah 40:31 (KJV)
"But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint."

Read With
Luke 4, Acts 8, 1 Peter 2

Isaiah: My Notes

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My prayer

Verse I want to remember

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Jeremiah

At a Glance
Author: Jeremiah
Written: About 627-580 BC
First readers: Judah before and during the exile
Type: Prophecy
Chapters: 52
One word: Repent

The Big Idea

Jeremiah warns Judah for forty years, weeping over their sin, and promises a new covenant written on hearts.

Why It Was Written

Jeremiah's hearers did not listen. He shows what it means to speak God's truth at great cost and to hope in God's promises.

Outline
1-25 Warnings to Judah
26-45 Opposition and a new covenant
46-51 Messages to the nations
52 The fall of Jerusalem

Where We See Christ
- The new covenant (31:31-34, Hebrews 8)
- The righteous Branch from David (23:5)
- A weeping prophet who points to Jesus weeping over Jerusalem
- The potter and the clay (18:1-6)

Study Notes

1:5 Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you.

17:7-8 Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, like a tree planted by water.

29:11 I know the plans I have for you, plans to give you hope and a future.

31:33 I will write My law on their hearts.

33:3 Call to Me and I will answer you.

Words to Know

Covenant (God's binding promise) **Exile** (Being taken from one's land) **Repent** (To turn from sin to God)

Foreshadow God promises a new covenant (31:31-34). Jesus brings it at the Lord's Supper (Luke 22:20).

Did You Know? King Jehoiakim burned Jeremiah's scroll, so Jeremiah had it written again (36:23, 32).

Encounter God in This Book
Theme to listen for: Roots That Hold
Read Jeremiah 17:5-10 and picture yourself as the tree by the water.

Discipline today
Read a chapter each day, and remember Jeremiah wept as he spoke.

Delight to look for
Look for the hope God promises in the middle of judgment.

Read the blog at michaelryer.com

Questions for Me
1. Where is God asking me to speak up, even when it costs?
2. What would it mean for God's law to be written on my heart?
3. How do I hold on to hope when things fall apart?

Memory Verse
Jeremiah 29:11 (KJV)
"For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end."

Read With
Hebrews 8, Ezekiel 36

Jeremiah: My Notes

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My prayer

Verse I want to remember

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Lamentations

At a Glance
Author: Jeremiah (traditional view)
Written: About 586 BC
First readers: The people of Judah
Type: Poetry and lament
Chapters: 5
One word: Grief

The Big Idea

A sorrowful song over the fall of Jerusalem, with a bright center that praises God's mercies that are new every morning.

Why It Was Written

God's people needed words for their grief. Lamentations gives them honest sorrow and a reason for hope.

Outline
1 Jerusalem's sorrow
2 The Lord's anger
3 Hope in God's faithfulness
4-5 Prayer for restoration

Where We See Christ
- The man of sorrows who bears our grief (Isaiah 53:3)
- God's compassion that never fails (3:22)
- Christ weeps over Jerusalem (Luke 19:41)
- A cry for God to restore (5:21)

Study Notes

1:1 How lonely sits the city that was full of people.

3:22-23 The Lord's mercies never end. They are new every morning.

3:25 The Lord is good to those who wait for Him.

3:40 Let us test our ways and return to the Lord.

5:21 Restore us to Yourself, O Lord, and we will return.

Words to Know

Lament (A cry of grief to God) **Compassion** (Tender mercy) **Faithfulness** (God's reliability)

Foreshadow The weeping over Jerusalem echoes Jesus weeping over the same city (Luke 19:41).

Did You Know? Four of the five chapters are acrostic poems.

Encounter God in This Book
Theme to listen for: Honest Grief, Quiet Hope
Read Lamentations 3:19-33 slowly and thank God for new mercies this morning.

Discipline today
Read it in short portions. Let sorrow be honest.

Delight to look for
Look for the small light of hope in chapter 3.

Read the blog at michaelryer.com

Questions for Me
1. What grief do I need to bring to God?
2. Where do I see God's mercy in the middle of loss?
3. How can I weep with someone who is hurting?

Memory Verse
Lamentations 3:22-23 (KJV)
"It is of the LORD's mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness."

Read With
Jeremiah 8-9, Psalm 137

Lamentations: My Notes

Discipline today, delight over time

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My prayer

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Ezekiel

At a Glance
Author: Ezekiel
Written: About 593-571 BC
First readers: Jewish exiles in Babylon
Type: Prophecy
Chapters: 48
One word: Glory

The Big Idea
God's glory leaves the temple in judgment, yet God promises to restore His people, give them new hearts, and dwell with them again.

Why It Was Written

Ezekiel spoke to exiles who thought God had abandoned them. He shows that God is present, holy, and faithful to restore.

Outline
1-3 Ezekiel's vision and call
4-24 Judgment on Jerusalem
25-32 Judgment on the nations
33-48 Restoration and the new temple

Where We See Christ
- The Good Shepherd who seeks the lost (34:11-16)
- A new heart and new Spirit (36:26-27)
- Dry bones come to life (37:1-14)
- The river from the temple (47:1-12), echoed in Revelation 22

Study Notes

2:7 Speak My words to them, whether they listen or not.
18:23 God takes no pleasure in the death of the wicked.
34:11 I Myself will search for My sheep and look after them.
36:26 I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you.
37:5 I will make breath enter you and you will come to life.

Words to Know

Glory (The weighty presence of God) **Watchman** (One who warns of danger) **Spirit** (The breath and power of God)

Foreshadow God promises a new heart and His Spirit within (36:26-27). Jesus brings this through new birth (John 3:5-8).

Did You Know? Ezekiel was a priest as well as a prophet (1:3).

Encounter God in This Book
Theme to listen for: A New Heart
Read Ezekiel 37:1-14 and ask God to breathe life into any dry place in you.

Discipline today
Read in short portions. The visions take time.

Delight to look for
Look for God's promise to be with His people again.

Read the blog at michaelryer.com

Questions for Me
1. Where do I feel spiritually dry?
2. What would a new heart look like for me?
3. Whom might God want me to warn or encourage?

Memory Verse
Ezekiel 36:26 (KJV)
"A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh."

Read With
John 10, Revelation 21-22

Ezekiel: My Notes

Discipline today, delight over time

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Make room: what I set aside to be here

Listen: what stood out to me

Respond: what I will do about it

Delight: what I enjoyed about God in this book

My prayer

Verse I want to remember

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Daniel

At a Glance
Author: Daniel
Written: About 605-530 BC
First readers: Jewish exiles in Babylon
Type: Narrative and prophecy
Chapters: 12
One word: Faithful

The Big Idea
God's people stay faithful in a hostile land, and God rules over every kingdom and holds the future in His hands.

Why It Was Written

Daniel and his friends show how to live faithfully as exiles, and Daniel's visions assure God's people that He is Lord of history.

Outline
1-3 Faithful in Babylon, the fiery furnace
4-6 Kings humbled, the lions' den
7-9 Visions of the kingdoms and the Son of Man
10-12 Final vision and hope

Where We See Christ
- The fourth man in the fire (3:25)
- The Son of Man given an everlasting kingdom (7:13-14)
- The stone that fills the earth (2:34-35, 44)
- Resurrection to everlasting life (12:2)

Study Notes

1:8 Daniel decides not to defile himself.

3:17-18 God can save us. But even if He does not, we will not bow.

6:10 Daniel kneels and prays three times a day, as he always did.

7:13-14 One like a Son of Man receives an everlasting kingdom.

12:3 Those who lead many to righteousness will shine like the stars.

Words to Know

Exile (Living away from home) **Vision** (A picture God shows His servant) **Dominion** (Rule and authority)

Foreshadow Daniel sees one like a son of man given everlasting dominion (7:13-14). Jesus took that title for Himself (Mark 14:62).

Did You Know? Part of Daniel was written in Aramaic (2:4-7:28).

Encounter God in This Book
Theme to listen for: Faithful Where I Am
Read Daniel 6 and notice Daniel's steady habit of prayer.

Discipline today
Read a chapter each day and notice the habits of Daniel.

Delight to look for
Look for God's presence in the fire and the den.

Read the blog at michaelryer.com

Questions for Me
1. Where am I tempted to compromise?
2. Do I pray as regularly as Daniel did?
3. What does it mean that God rules over every nation?

Memory Verse
Daniel 3:17-18 (KJV)
"If it be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of thine hand, O king. But if not, be it known unto thee, O king, that we will not serve thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up."

Read With
Revelation 1, Matthew 24

Daniel: My Notes

Discipline today, delight over time

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Respond: what I will do about it

Delight: what I enjoyed about God in this book

My prayer

Verse I want to remember

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Hosea

At a Glance
Author: Hosea
Written: About 755-715 BC
First readers: The northern kingdom, Israel
Type: Prophecy
Chapters: 14
One word: Faithful love

The Big Idea
God's love for unfaithful Israel is shown through Hosea's love for his unfaithful wife.

Why It Was Written

Israel had turned to idols. Hosea's life is a picture of God's patient and pursuing love that calls His people home.

Outline
1-3 Hosea and Gomer
4-8 Israel's sin
9-13 Judgment and memory of God's care
14 Return to the Lord

Where We See Christ
• Christ the faithful Husband who redeems an unfaithful bride (Ephesians 5)
• Out of Egypt I called My son (11:1, Matthew 2:15)
• God buys back the one who left (3:2)
• He will heal our turning away (14:4)

Study Notes

1:2 God tells Hosea to marry a woman who will be unfaithful.

3:1 Love her as the Lord loves Israel.

6:6 I desire mercy, not sacrifice.

11:8 How can I give you up, Ephraim?

14:4 I will heal their waywardness and love them freely.

Words to Know

Unfaithful (Breaking a promise of loyalty) **Steadfast love** (Love that does not quit) **Return** (To turn back to God)

Foreshadow God's faithful love for an unfaithful people. Matthew applies Hosea 11:1 to Jesus (Matthew 2:15).

Did You Know? The names Hosea, Joshua and Jesus are all built on the Hebrew word for save.

Encounter God in This Book
Theme to listen for: Love That Pursues
Read Hosea 11 and listen to the heart of God for His people.

Discipline today
Read it as a love story and a call to return.

Delight to look for
Look for the tenderness of God in His words.

Read the blog at michaelryer.com

Questions for Me
1. Where have I wandered from my first love?
2. How does God's pursuing love change how I love others?
3. What would it mean to return to Him today?

Memory Verse
Hosea 6:6 (KJV)
"For I desired mercy, and not sacrifice; and the knowledge of God more than burnt offerings."

Read With
Ephesians 5, Romans 9

Hosea: My Notes

Discipline today, delight over time

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Respond: what I will do about it

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My prayer

Verse I want to remember

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Joel

At a Glance
Author: Joel
Written: Date uncertain, about 830 or 500 BC
First readers: Judah
Type: Prophecy
Chapters: 3
One word: Day of the Lord

The Big Idea

A locust plague becomes a picture of the coming Day of the Lord, with a call to repent and a promise of God's Spirit poured out.

Why It Was Written

Joel calls God's people to return to Him with all their heart and promises renewal and the outpouring of the Spirit.

Outline
1 The locust plague
2:1-17 Call to repent
2:18-32 God's mercy and the Spirit
3 The day of judgment and blessing

Where We See Christ
• The Spirit poured out on all flesh, fulfilled at Pentecost (2:28-29, Acts 2)
• Everyone who calls on the Lord will be saved (2:32, Romans 10:13)
• The Lord a refuge for His people (3:16)
• A fountain that flows from the Lord's house (3:18)

Study Notes

1:4 What one swarm leaves, another eats.

2:12-13 Return to Me with all your heart. Rend your hearts, not your garments.

2:25 I will repay you for the years the locusts have eaten.

2:28 I will pour out My Spirit on all people.

2:32 Everyone who calls on the Lord will be saved.

Words to Know

Day of the Lord (The time God acts in judgment and salvation) **Repent** (To turn from sin) **Spirit** (The Holy Spirit of God)

Foreshadow God promises to pour out His Spirit on all people (2:28-29). Peter says this happened at Pentecost (Acts 2:16-18).

Did You Know? The book opens with a locust plague (1:4).

Encounter God in This Book
Theme to listen for: Return With All My Heart
Read Joel 2:12-17 as a prayer of repentance for yourself and your church.

Discipline today
Read it in a single sitting. It is short.

Delight to look for
Look for the mercy that follows repentance.

Read the blog at michaelryer.com

Questions for Me
1. What do I need to return to the Lord about?
2. What years have the locusts eaten in my life?
3. How am I seeking the Spirit's work in me?

Memory Verse
Joel 2:13 (KJV)
"And rend your heart, and not your garments, and turn unto the LORD your God: for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repenteth him of the evil."

Read With
Acts 2, Romans 10

Joel: My Notes

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My prayer

Verse I want to remember

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Amos

At a Glance
Author: Amos
Written: About 760-750 BC
First readers: The northern kingdom, Israel
Type: Prophecy
Chapters: 9
One word: Justice

The Big Idea

God cares about justice and humble worship. A shepherd from Tekoa calls a comfortable Israel to repent.

Why It Was Written

Israel was prosperous but unjust. Amos warns that religion without justice is empty to God.

Outline
1-2 Judgment on the nations
3-6 Israel's sin and warnings
7-9:10 Visions of judgment
9:11-15 Restoration

Where We See Christ
- God will rebuild David's fallen tent (9:11, Acts 15:16)
- Let justice roll like a river (5:24)
- God's Word is the real famine and feast (8:11)
- A shepherd prophet who points to the Great Shepherd

Study Notes

3:3 Do two walk together unless they agree?

4:12 Prepare to meet your God, O Israel.

5:14 Seek good, not evil, that you may live.

5:24 Let justice roll on like a river.

9:11 God will raise up David's fallen shelter.

Words to Know

Justice (Treating people fairly as God does) **Righteousness** (Right living in line with God) **Famine** (A lack of something, here of God's Word)

Foreshadow God promises to rebuild David's fallen shelter (9:11). James applies it to Gentiles joining the church (Acts 15:16-17).

Did You Know? Amos was a shepherd and a fig farmer, not a trained prophet (7:14).

Encounter God in This Book
Theme to listen for: Worship and Justice Together
Read Amos 5:21-27 and ask what true worship looks like.

Discipline today
Read it as a wake-up call and keep going to the hope at the end.

Delight to look for
Look for God's heart for the poor.

Read the blog at michaelryer.com

Questions for Me
1. Where do I mix worship with injustice?
2. Who is overlooked and needs my help?
3. How am I preparing to meet God?

Memory Verse
Amos 5:24 (KJV)
"But let judgment run down as waters, and righteousness as a mighty stream."

Read With
James 2, Acts 15

Amos: My Notes

Discipline today, delight over time

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Listen: what stood out to me

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My prayer

Verse I want to remember

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Obadiah

At a Glance
Author: Obadiah
Written: About 586 BC or earlier
First readers: Judah
Type: Prophecy
Chapters: 1
One word: Pride

The Big Idea
Pride and violence against God's people bring judgment on Edom, and the kingdom will be the Lord's.

Why It Was Written

Obadiah comforts God's people by showing that God sees how others have treated them and will make it right.

Outline
1-9 Edom's fall
10-14 Edom's sin against Judah
15-16 The Day of the Lord
17-21 Restoration of Israel

Where We See Christ
- The kingdom will be the Lord's (v. 21)
- Saviors on Mount Zion, a picture of Christ's rule
- God judges the proud and lifts the humble
- Deliverance on Mount Zion (v. 17)

Study Notes

v. 3 The pride of your heart has deceived you.

v. 10 Violence against your brother Jacob will cover you with shame.

v. 12 Do not gloat over your brother in his day of trouble.

v. 15 As you have done, it will be done to you.

v. 21 The kingdom will be the Lord's.

Words to Know

Edom (The nation descended from Esau) **Pride** (Trusting in oneself instead of God) **Deliverance** (Being rescued)

Foreshadow The book ends with the kingdom belonging to the Lord (v. 21).

Did You Know? Obadiah is the shortest book in the Old Testament, with 21 verses.

Encounter God in This Book
Theme to listen for: God Sees and Judges
Read the whole book of Obadiah. It is one chapter.

Discipline today
Read it twice. Notice the themes of pride and humility.

Delight to look for
Look for God's promise that the kingdom is His.

Read the blog at michaelryer.com

Questions for Me
1. Where does pride deceive me?
2. Have I been glad about someone else's trouble?
3. What does it mean that God judges justly?

Memory Verse
Obadiah 1:15 (KJV)
"For the day of the LORD is near upon all the heathen: as thou hast done, it shall be done unto thee: thy reward shall return upon thine own head."

Read With
Genesis 25-27, Malachi 1

Obadiah: My Notes

Discipline today, delight over time

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My prayer

Verse I want to remember

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Jonah

At a Glance
Author: Jonah
Written: About 780-760 BC
First readers: Israel
Type: Narrative
Chapters: 4
One word: Mercy

The Big Idea

A reluctant prophet runs from God, is rescued by a great fish, and learns that God's mercy reaches even his enemies.

Why It Was Written

Israel was proud and inward. Jonah shows God's heart for the nations and challenges His people to share it.

Outline
1 Jonah runs
2 Jonah prays in the fish
3 Nineveh repents
4 Jonah's anger and God's question

Where We See Christ
• Jonah three days in the fish, a sign of Christ's burial and resurrection (Matthew 12:40)
• A greater than Jonah is here (Luke 11:32)
• God's mercy for the nations
• Salvation is of the Lord (2:9)

Study Notes

1:3 Jonah runs the opposite way from God's call.

2:9 Salvation comes from the Lord.

3:5 The people of Nineveh believe God.

4:2 Jonah knows God is gracious and compassionate, and he is angry about it.

4:11 God asks, Should I not have concern for that great city?

Words to Know

Nineveh (The capital of Assyria, Israel's enemy) **Repent** (To turn from sin to God) **Mercy** (Compassion for the undeserving)

Foreshadow Jesus calls Jonah's three days in the fish a sign of His own burial and rising (Matthew 12:39-41).

Did You Know? Nineveh, the city Jonah feared, was the capital of Assyria.

Encounter God in This Book
Theme to listen for: God's Mercy Reaches Further
Read Jonah in one sitting. It is four short chapters.

Discipline today
Read it twice. See how God pursues both a prophet and a city.

Delight to look for
Look for the grace of God in every scene.

Read the blog at michaelryer.com

Questions for Me
1. Where am I running from what God has asked?
2. Whom do I find hard to forgive or reach?
3. Do I share God's heart for people far from Him?

Memory Verse
Jonah 2:9 (KJV)
"But I will sacrifice unto thee with the voice of thanksgiving; I will pay that that I have vowed. Salvation is of the LORD."

Read With
Matthew 12, Luke 11, Romans 10

Jonah: My Notes

Discipline today, delight over time

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My prayer

Verse I want to remember

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Micah

At a Glance
Author: Micah
Written: About 740-700 BC
First readers: Judah and Israel
Type: Prophecy
Chapters: 7
One word: Justice and mercy

The Big Idea
God hates injustice and promises a Ruler from Bethlehem who will shepherd His people in peace.

Why It Was Written

Micah warned of coming judgment and pointed to the future King and the God who pardons sin.

Outline
1-3 Judgment on rulers
4-5 A future kingdom and a Ruler from Bethlehem
6 The Lord's case against Israel
7 Hope in a pardoning God

Where We See Christ
- A Ruler from Bethlehem (5:2, Matthew 2:6)
- Swords into plowshares (4:3)
- God will tread our sins underfoot (7:19)
- Peace from the Shepherd of Israel (5:4-5)

Study Notes

4:3 They will beat their swords into plowshares.

5:2 You, Bethlehem, though small, from you will come a Ruler over Israel.

6:8 Do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with your God.

7:7 I will watch for the Lord and wait for God my Savior.

7:18-19 Who is a God like You, who pardons sin?

Words to Know

Justice (Treating others fairly) **Mercy** (Love that gives, not what is deserved) **Pardon** (Complete forgiveness)

Foreshadow The ruler of Israel will come from Bethlehem (5:2, Matthew 2:4-6).

Did You Know? Micah's name means Who is like the Lord.

Encounter God in This Book
Theme to listen for: Justice, Mercy, Humility
Read Micah 6:6-8 and write down one way to live it this week.

Discipline today
Read it in one or two sittings and listen for both warning and hope.

Delight to look for
Look for the God who delights in showing mercy.

Read the blog at michaelryer.com

Questions for Me
1. Where do I need to act with more justice or mercy?
2. How can I walk more humbly?
3. Where am I waiting on God right now?

Memory Verse
Micah 6:8 (KJV)
"He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the LORD require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?"

Read With
Matthew 2, Isaiah 2

Micah: My Notes

Discipline today, delight over time

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Listen: what stood out to me

Respond: what I will do about it

Delight: what I enjoyed about God in this book

My prayer

Verse I want to remember

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Nahum

At a Glance
Author: Nahum
Written: About 663-612 BC
First readers: Judah
Type: Prophecy
Chapters: 3
One word: Justice

The Big Idea

God is slow to anger but He will judge evil. Nineveh, the cruel empire, will fall, and that is good news for the oppressed.

Why It Was Written

A century after Jonah, Nineveh had returned to violence. Nahum comforts Judah with the promise that God will bring justice.

Outline
1 The Lord is a refuge and a judge
2 Nineveh falls
3 Woe to the city of blood

Where We See Christ
• The messenger who brings good news of peace (1:15, Romans 10:15)
• God is a refuge for those who trust Him (1:7)
• God's justice will be done
• A stronghold in the day of trouble

Study Notes

1:2-3 The Lord is slow to anger and great in power.

1:7 The Lord is good, a refuge in times of trouble.

1:15 Look, the feet of one who brings good news.

2:13 I am against you, says the Lord of hosts.

3:19 There is no healing for your wound.

Words to Know

Avenger (One who brings justice) **Refuge** (A safe place) **Nineveh** (The capital of Assyria)

Foreshadow The messenger with good news and peace (1:15) echoes Isaiah. Paul applies that picture to the gospel (Romans 10:15).

Did You Know? Nahum speaks to Nineveh many years after Jonah did.

Encounter God in This Book
Theme to listen for: God Is My Refuge
Read Nahum 1 and think about the way God is both patient and just.

Discipline today
Read it in one sitting. It is only three chapters.

Delight to look for
Look for God's goodness to those who trust Him.

Read the blog at michaelryer.com

Questions for Me
1. Do I trust that God will one day make all things right?
2. Where do I need God as a refuge today?
3. How do I respond to injustice?

Memory Verse
Nahum 1:7 (KJV)
"The LORD is good, a strong hold in the day of trouble; and he knoweth them that trust in him."

Read With
Jonah 3-4, Romans 12

Nahum: My Notes

Discipline today, delight over time

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Respond: what I will do about it

Delight: what I enjoyed about God in this book

My prayer

Verse I want to remember

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Habakkuk

At a Glance
Author: Habakkuk
Written: About 610-600 BC
First readers: Judah
Type: Prophecy
Chapters: 3
One word: Faith

The Big Idea

Habakkuk asks hard questions about evil, and God answers that the righteous will live by faith.

Why It Was Written

Judah was full of injustice. Habakkuk shows how to bring honest questions to God and end with trust and praise.

Outline
1 Habakkuk's first complaint and God's answer
2 The second complaint and woes
3 Habakkuk's prayer and song of trust

Where We See Christ
- The righteous will live by faith (2:4, Romans 1:17, Galatians 3:11)
- The earth will be filled with the glory of the Lord (2:14)
- God, my Savior (3:18)
- Joy in the Lord in hard times

Study Notes

1:2 How long, Lord, must I cry for help?

2:3 If the vision seems slow, wait for it.

2:4 The righteous will live by faith.

2:20 The Lord is in His holy temple. Let all the earth be silent.

3:17-18 Even if the fig tree does not bloom, I will rejoice in the Lord.

Words to Know

Faith (Trust and dependence on God) **Woe** (A cry of warning for coming judgment) **Righteous** (In right standing with God)

Foreshadow The righteous will live by faith (2:4). Paul quotes it in Romans 1:17 and Galatians 3:11.

Did You Know? The book ends with a note for stringed instruments (3:19).

Encounter God in This Book
Theme to listen for: Faith in the Dark
Read Habakkuk 3:17-19 aloud as your own prayer.

Discipline today
Read it in one sitting and let the questions be honest.

Delight to look for
Look for the joy Habakkuk finds in God.

Read the blog at michaelryer.com

Questions for Me
1. What hard question do I bring to God?
2. What does it mean for me to live by faith today?
3. How can I rejoice when I do not understand?

Memory Verse
Habakkuk 2:4 (KJV)
"Behold, his soul which is lifted up is not upright in him: but the just shall live by his faith."

Read With
Romans 1, Galatians 3, Hebrews 10

Habakkuk: My Notes

Discipline today, delight over time

Started: _____ Finished: _____ **Book finished** ◯

Chapters: tap the blue number to read it (ESV). Fill in the circle when you finish.

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My prayer

Verse I want to remember

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Zephaniah

At a Glance
Author: Zephaniah
Written: About 640-609 BC
First readers: Judah
Type: Prophecy
Chapters: 3
One word: Day of the Lord

The Big Idea

The Day of the Lord is coming in judgment, yet God will gather and sing over a humble people.

Why It Was Written

Judah had turned to idols. Zephaniah warns of judgment and promises that God will save a humble remnant.

Outline
1:1-2:3 Judgment on Judah and a call to seek the Lord
2:4-3:8 Judgment on the nations and Jerusalem
3:9-20 Restoration and rejoicing

Where We See Christ
- The Lord your God is with you, a mighty Savior (3:17)
- God gathers the outcasts (3:19)
- A humble remnant and a pure language (3:9, 12)
- God rejoices over His people with singing

Study Notes

1:7 Be silent before the Lord God.

2:3 Seek the Lord, all you humble. Seek righteousness and humility.

3:5 The Lord is righteous within her. He does no wrong.

3:12 I will leave a people humble and lowly who trust in the Lord.

3:17 The Lord your God is with you. He will rejoice over you with singing.

Words to Know

Remnant (The few who remain faithful) **Day of the Lord** (The time God acts in judgment) **Humble** (Low before God)

Foreshadow The Lord your God is with you, a mighty one who saves (3:17).

Did You Know? Zephaniah's family line goes back four generations (1:1).

Encounter God in This Book
Theme to listen for: God Sings Over Me
Read Zephaniah 3:14-20 and let it sink in that God rejoices over His people.

Discipline today
Read it in one sitting and watch the turn from warning to joy.

Delight to look for
Look for how God delights in His people.

Read the blog at michaelryer.com

Questions for Me
1. Where does pride show up in me?
2. Do I take God's warnings seriously?
3. Can I believe that God delights in me?

Memory Verse
Zephaniah 3:17 (KJV)
"The LORD thy God in the midst of thee is mighty; he will save, he will rejoice over thee with joy; he will rest in his love, he will joy over thee with singing."

Read With
Isaiah 2, Romans 11

Zephaniah: My Notes

Discipline today, delight over time

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Make room: what I set aside to be here

Listen: what stood out to me

Respond: what I will do about it

Delight: what I enjoyed about God in this book

My prayer

Verse I want to remember

Take this to prayer > Open your private online Prayer Guide for Zephaniah. It is a personal page, protected by your own free account.

Haggai

At a Glance
Author: Haggai
Written: About 520 BC
First readers: Jews who returned to Jerusalem
Type: Prophecy
Chapters: 2
One word: Priorities

The Big Idea
God calls His people to put His house first, and promises His presence and a future glory greater than the first.

Why It Was Written

The returned exiles had stopped building the temple to build their own homes. Haggai stirred them to finish the work.

Outline
1 Consider your ways
2:1-9 The glory of the new house
2:10-19 Clean and unclean, blessing begins
2:20-23 God's promise to Zerubbabel

Where We See Christ
- The desired of all nations will come (2:7)
- The latter glory of the house will be greater (2:9)
- Zerubbabel as God's signet ring, pointing to the Messiah (2:23)
- God's presence among His people

Study Notes

1:5 Consider your ways.

1:13 I am with you, says the Lord.

2:4 Be strong and work, for I am with you.

2:9 The glory of this house will be greater than the former.

2:19 From this day I will bless you.

Words to Know

Consider (To think carefully about) **Temple** (The house for God's name) **Signet** (A ring that stamps authority)

Foreshadow God says the glory of the new house will be greater than the old (2:9). Jesus later taught in that rebuilt temple.

Did You Know? Haggai dates each message to the exact day (1:1, 2:1, 2:10, 2:20).

Encounter God in This Book
Theme to listen for: Putting God First
Read Haggai 1 and ask what you have been putting off for God.

Discipline today
Read both chapters in one sitting.

Delight to look for
Look for the way God stirs His people.

Read the blog at michaelryer.com

Questions for Me
1. What have I put ahead of God's work?
2. What is God calling me to build or finish?
3. How does knowing God is with me change my effort?

Memory Verse
Haggai 2:4 (KJV)
"Yet now be strong, O Zerubbabel, saith the LORD; and be strong, O Joshua, son of Josedech, the high priest; and be strong, all ye people of the land, saith the LORD, and work: for I am with you, saith the LORD of hosts:"

Read With
Ezra 5-6, Zechariah 1-8

Haggai: My Notes

Discipline today, delight over time

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My prayer

Verse I want to remember

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Zechariah

At a Glance
Author: Zechariah
Written: About 520-480 BC
First readers: Jews who returned to Jerusalem
Type: Prophecy and visions
Chapters: 14
One word: Messiah

The Big Idea
God encourages His people with visions and promises of the coming King who is humble, rejected, pierced, and finally reigning.

Why It Was Written

Zechariah encouraged the people to rebuild and promised that God would one day send His King and dwell among them.

Outline
1-6 Eight night visions
7-8 Questions about fasting and promises
9-11 The King and the Shepherd
12-14 The pierced one and the Lord's reign

Where We See Christ
- The humble King on a donkey (9:9, Matthew 21)
- Thirty pieces of silver (11:12-13)
- They will look on Him whom they pierced (12:10)
- Strike the Shepherd (13:7), the Lord will be King over all the earth (14:9)

Study Notes

4:6 Not by might nor power, but by My Spirit.
4:10 Do not despise the day of small things.
9:9 Your King comes to you, righteous, humble, riding on a donkey.
12:10 They will look on Me, the one they have pierced.
14:9 The Lord will be King over the whole earth.

Words to Know

Vision (A picture God shows His servant) **Branch** (A title of the Messiah) **Shepherd** (One who leads and protects)

Foreshadow The king comes humble, riding on a donkey (9:9, Matthew 21:4-5).

Did You Know? Zechariah sees eight visions in one night (1:7-6:8).

Encounter God in This Book
Theme to listen for: Not by Might
Read Zechariah 9:9-10 and picture Jesus entering Jerusalem.

Discipline today
Read a chapter a day. The visions need time.

Delight to look for
Look for glimpses of the coming King.

Read the blog at michaelryer.com

Questions for Me
1. Where am I relying on my own might?
2. What small thing is God asking me to start?
3. How does Jesus fulfill these promises?

Memory Verse
Zechariah 4:6 (KJV)
"Then he answered and spake unto me, saying, This is the word of the LORD unto Zerubbabel, saying, Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the LORD of hosts."

Read With
Matthew 21, John 19, Revelation 19

Zechariah: My Notes

Discipline today, delight over time

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My prayer

Verse I want to remember

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Malachi

At a Glance
Author: Malachi
Written: About 430 BC
First readers: Jews in Jerusalem
Type: Prophecy
Chapters: 4
One word: Return

The Big Idea

God loves His people, yet they have grown careless in worship and life. He calls them back and promises His messenger and the Sun of righteousness.

Why It Was Written

The people were discouraged and half-hearted. Malachi calls them to honest worship and points ahead to the coming Lord.

Outline
1:1-5 God's love for His people
1:6-2:9 Careless priests
2:10-3:15 Faithlessness and giving
3:16-4:6 A book of remembrance and the coming day

Where We See Christ
• The messenger who prepares the way, John the Baptist (3:1, Mark 1:2)
• The Lord comes to His temple (3:1)
• The Sun of righteousness will rise with healing (4:2)
• Elijah before the great day (4:5)

Study Notes

1:2 I have loved you, says the Lord.

3:1 I will send My messenger to prepare the way before Me.

3:10 Bring the whole tithe, and see if I will not open the windows of heaven.

3:16 The Lord listens and hears, and a book of remembrance is written.

4:2 The sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its wings.

Words to Know

Tithe (A tenth given to God) **Covenant** (God's binding promise) **Refiner** (One who purifies by fire)

Foreshadow God sends a messenger to prepare the way (3:1). Mark says this is John the Baptist (Mark 1:2).

Did You Know? About 400 years pass between Malachi and Matthew.

Encounter God in This Book
Theme to listen for: Returning to First Love
Read Malachi 3:1-6 and pray that God would refine your heart.

Discipline today
Read it in one or two sittings, and let the questions speak to you.

Delight to look for
Look for the love of God that opens the book.

Read the blog at michaelryer.com

Questions for Me
1. Where has my worship become routine?
2. Am I giving God my best?
3. How does it help to know I am loved?

Memory Verse
Malachi 3:10 (KJV)
"Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the LORD of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it."

Read With
Matthew 3, Luke 1, Mark 1

Malachi: My Notes

Discipline today, delight over time

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Listen: what stood out to me

Respond: what I will do about it

Delight: what I enjoyed about God in this book

My prayer

Verse I want to remember

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Matthew

At a Glance
Author: Matthew, also called Levi, the tax collector
Written: About AD 50-65
First readers: Jewish believers
Type: Gospel
Chapters: 28
One word: King

The Big Idea

Jesus is the promised Messiah and King, the fulfillment of the Old Testament, who calls disciples to follow Him and make disciples of all nations.

Why It Was Written

Matthew wrote to show Jewish readers that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of David and Son of Abraham.

Outline
1-4 Birth and beginning of ministry
5-7 The Sermon on the Mount
8-20 Teaching, miracles, and journey to Jerusalem
21-28 Cross and resurrection

Where We See Christ
• Born in Bethlehem, a king (2:1-6)
• Fulfills Scripture again and again (1:22)
• The King who serves and gives His life as a ransom (20:28)
• Risen and given all authority (28:18)

Study Notes

5:3-12 The Beatitudes describe the blessed life of the kingdom.

6:33 Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness.

16:16 Peter confesses that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God.

22:37-39 Love God, love your neighbor.

28:19-20 Go and make disciples. I am with you always.

Words to Know

Messiah (God's anointed King) **Kingdom of heaven** (God's rule and reign) **Disciple** (A follower and learner)

Foreshadow Matthew shows Jesus fulfilling the Old Testament again and again (1:22-23, 2:15).

Did You Know? Matthew opens with a family line from Abraham to Jesus (1:1-17).

Encounter God in This Book
Theme to listen for: Following the King
Read Matthew 5 slowly and let Jesus' words search you.

Discipline today
Read a chapter a day and pray before you start.

Delight to look for
Look for what Jesus shows you about the Father.

Read the blog at michaelryer.com

Questions for Me
1. What does it mean that Jesus is my King?
2. What am I seeking first?
3. Whom is He sending me to disciple?

Memory Verse
Matthew 6:33 (KJV)
"But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you."

Read With
Isaiah 7-9, Luke 1-2

Matthew: My Notes

Discipline today, delight over time

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My prayer

Verse I want to remember

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Mark

At a Glance
Author: John Mark, from Peter's preaching
Written: About AD 55-65
First readers: Roman believers
Type: Gospel
Chapters: 16
One word: Servant

The Big Idea

Jesus is the Servant who came to give His life as a ransom for many. Mark moves quickly from deed to deed.

Why It Was Written

Mark wrote for Roman readers who valued action. He shows Jesus as the powerful Son of God who suffers and rises.

Outline
1-8 Jesus' ministry in Galilee
8-10 The road to Jerusalem
11-13 Last week
14-16 Cross and resurrection

Where We See Christ
- The Son of God (1:1)
- The Servant who came to serve (10:45)
- The suffering Son of Man (8:31)
- The risen Lord

Study Notes

1:15 The time is fulfilled. Repent and believe the gospel.

4:39-41 Jesus calms the storm. Who is this?

8:34 If anyone wants to follow Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross.

10:45 The Son of Man came to give His life as a ransom.

16:6 He is risen. He is not here.

Words to Know

Gospel (Good news) **Immediately** (Mark's favorite word for action) **Ransom** (A price paid to set someone free)

Foreshadow Jesus came to serve and to give His life as a ransom (10:45).

Did You Know? Mark is the shortest of the four Gospels, with 16 chapters.

Encounter God in This Book
Theme to listen for: Following the Servant
Read all of Mark in one or two sittings. It moves fast.

Discipline today
Read it as a story and watch what Jesus does.

Delight to look for
Look for the compassion of Jesus.

Read the blog at michaelryer.com

Questions for Me
1. Where do I see Jesus' authority over my fear?
2. What does it mean to take up my cross?
3. How am I serving others as Jesus served?

Memory Verse
Mark 10:45 (KJV)
"For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many."

Read With
Isaiah 53, Philippians 2

Mark: My Notes

Discipline today, delight over time

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My prayer

Verse I want to remember

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Luke

At a Glance
Author: Luke, a physician and friend of Paul
Written: About AD 60
First readers: Theophilus and Gentile readers
Type: Gospel
Chapters: 24
One word: Savior

The Big Idea

Jesus is the Savior of all people. Luke shows His care for the poor, the outcast, and the lost.

Why It Was Written

Luke wrote an orderly account so Theophilus could be sure of what he had been taught.

Outline
1-2 Birth and boyhood
3-9 Ministry in Galilee
9-19 The journey to Jerusalem
19-24 Cross, resurrection, and ascension

Where We See Christ
- The Savior who is Christ the Lord (2:11)
- Seek and save the lost (19:10)
- The parables of mercy: lost sheep, coin, son
- The risen Lord opens the Scriptures (24:27)

Study Notes

1:37 Nothing is impossible with God.

2:10-11 Good news of great joy for all the people.

10:36-37 The good Samaritan shows what it is to be a neighbor.

15:20 The father runs to meet his lost son.

19:10 The Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.

Words to Know

Savior (One who rescues) **Parable** (A story with a lesson) **Theophilus** (The first reader, a friend of God)

Foreshadow Jesus came to seek and to save the lost (19:10).

Did You Know? Luke was a doctor (Colossians 4:14) and also wrote Acts.

Encounter God in This Book
Theme to listen for: The Savior of All
Read Luke 15 and see how the Father welcomes the lost.

Discipline today
Read a chapter a day and notice who Jesus meets.

Delight to look for
Look for the joy in the stories.

Read the blog at michaelryer.com

Questions for Me
1. Whom do I overlook that Jesus would notice?
2. Am I the younger son, the older son, or the father?
3. What good news can I share?

Memory Verse
Luke 19:10 (KJV)
"For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost."

Read With
Acts 1, Isaiah 61

Luke: My Notes

Discipline today, delight over time

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My prayer

Verse I want to remember

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John

At a Glance
Author: John, the apostle
Written: About AD 85-95
First readers: All believers and seekers
Type: Gospel
Chapters: 21
One word: Believe

The Big Idea
Jesus is the eternal Word made flesh. Believe in Him and have life in His name.

Why It Was Written

John wrote so that people would believe Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and have life in His name.

Outline
1 The Word became flesh
2-12 Seven signs and public ministry
13-17 The upper room
18-21 Cross and resurrection

Where We See Christ
• The Word was God (1:1)
• I AM statements: bread, light, door, shepherd, resurrection, way, vine
• The Lamb of God (1:29)
• My Lord and my God (20:28)

Study Notes

1:1-3 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was God.
1:14 The Word became flesh and dwelt among us.
3:16 For God so loved the world.
14:6 I am the way, the truth, and the life.
20:31 These are written so that you may believe and have life.

Words to Know

Word (Jesus, God's full expression) **Believe** (To trust and rely on) **Sign** (A miracle that points to who Jesus is)

Foreshadow Jesus is the Word who became flesh (1:14) and the Lamb of God (1:29).

Did You Know? John records seven I am sayings of Jesus, such as I am the bread of life (6:35).

Encounter God in This Book
Theme to listen for: Abide and Believe
Read John 15:1-11 and think about what it means to abide.

Discipline today
Read a chapter a day. John is the one many start with.

Delight to look for
Look for who Jesus is in each scene.

Read the blog at michaelryer.com

Questions for Me
1. Do I really believe Jesus is who He says?
2. Which I AM speaks to my need today?
3. How am I abiding in Him?

Memory Verse
John 3:16 (KJV)
"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

Read With
1 John 1, Genesis 1

John: My Notes

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My prayer

Verse I want to remember

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Acts

At a Glance
Author: Luke
Written: About AD 62
First readers: Theophilus and the church
Type: History
Chapters: 28
One word: Spirit

The Big Idea
The risen Christ sends the Holy Spirit and His witnesses carry the gospel from Jerusalem to Rome.

Why It Was Written

Luke wrote to show how the church was born and how the gospel crossed every boundary.

Outline
1-7 The church in Jerusalem
8-12 Judea, Samaria, and the Gentiles
13-20 Paul's missionary journeys
21-28 Paul in chains to Rome

Where We See Christ
- Jesus reigns from heaven (1:9-11)
- The Spirit given by the risen Lord (2:33)
- Salvation in no other name (4:12)
- Christ preached to all nations

Study Notes

1:8 You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and you will be My witnesses.

2:42 They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, fellowship, bread, and prayer.

4:12 There is salvation in no one else.

9:3-6 Saul meets the risen Christ on the road.

17:11 The Bereans examined the Scriptures daily.

Words to Know

Witness (One who tells what he has seen) **Pentecost** (The day the Spirit came) **Gentile** (A non-Jew)

Foreshadow The risen Jesus keeps working through His church by the Spirit (1:1-8).

Did You Know? Believers were first called Christians in Antioch (11:26).

Encounter God in This Book
Theme to listen for: Witnesses to the Ends of the Earth
Read Acts 2 and ask for boldness to share your faith.

Discipline today
Read a chapter a day and watch how God moves.

Delight to look for
Look for the Spirit's work in ordinary people.

Read the blog at michaelryer.com

Questions for Me
1. Who is my Judea and my Samaria?
2. How does the Spirit lead me?
3. What would it look like to devote myself to prayer and the Word?

Memory Verse
Acts 1:8 (KJV)
"But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth."

Read With
Luke 24, Romans 1

Acts: My Notes

Discipline today, delight over time

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Romans

At a Glance
Author: Paul
Written: About AD 57
First readers: Believers in Rome
Type: Letter
Chapters: 16
One word: Gospel

The Big Idea

The gospel is the power of God for salvation. All are sinners, all are justified by faith in Christ, and all can live by the Spirit.

Why It Was Written

Paul wrote to the church at Rome to explain the gospel clearly and prepare for his visit.

Outline
1-3 All have sinned
4-8 Justified by faith and life in the Spirit
9-11 God's plan for Israel
12-16 Living out the gospel

Where We See Christ
- Christ died for us while we were sinners (5:8)
- No condemnation in Christ Jesus (8:1)
- Righteousness through faith in Jesus (3:22)
- Christ is the end of the law for those who believe (10:4)

Study Notes

1:16 The gospel is the power of God for salvation.

3:23-24 All have sinned and are justified freely by His grace.

5:8 God showed His love while we were still sinners.

8:1 There is no condemnation for those in Christ Jesus.

12:1-2 Present your bodies as a living sacrifice.

Words to Know

Justified (Declared right with God) **Grace** (Undeserved favor) **Sanctification** (Growing in holiness)

Foreshadow Christ died for us while we were still sinners (5:8).

Did You Know? Paul used a writer named Tertius to put the letter on paper (16:22).

Encounter God in This Book
Theme to listen for: Resting in Grace
Read Romans 8 and let each verse sink in.

Discipline today
Read a chapter at a time. Take it slowly.

Read the blog at michaelryer.com

Delight to look for
Look for the love of God in every chapter.

Questions for Me
1. Do I rest in what Christ has done?
2. Where do I try to earn what is a gift?
3. How can I offer myself to God today?

Memory Verse
Romans 8:1 (KJV)
"There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit."

Read With
Genesis 15, Galatians 3

Romans: My Notes

Discipline today, delight over time

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My prayer

Verse I want to remember

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1 Corinthians

At a Glance
Author: Paul
Written: About AD 55
First readers: The church in Corinth
Type: Letter
Chapters: 16
One word: Unity

The Big Idea
The church is one body in Christ, and love is the best way to live together.

Why It Was Written

Corinth was divided and worldly. Paul answered questions and corrected them with love.

Outline
1-4 Division in the church
5-6 Discipline and lawsuits
7-14 Marriage, worship, gifts, and love
15-16 The resurrection and final words

Where We See Christ
- Christ crucified is the power and wisdom of God (1:23-24)
- Christ our Passover lamb (5:7)
- The Lord's Supper (11:23-26)
- Christ the firstfruits of the resurrection (15:20)

Study Notes

1:18 The message of the cross is the power of God.

6:19-20 Your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit.

12:12 The body is one, though it has many parts.

13:13 Faith, hope, and love remain, and the greatest is love.

15:3-4 Christ died, was buried, and rose on the third day.

Words to Know

Body of Christ (The church as one living body) **Spiritual gift** (An ability given by the Spirit for others) **Resurrection** (Rising from the dead)

Foreshadow Christ is the firstfruits of those who have died (15:20).

Did You Know? The famous chapter on love sits in a letter to a divided church (chapter 13).

Encounter God in This Book
Theme to listen for: Love in the Body
Read 1 Corinthians 13 slowly and pray it for yourself.

Discipline today
Read a chapter a day and notice how Paul corrects with care.

Delight to look for
Look for the beauty of the church as one body.

Read the blog at michaelryer.com

Questions for Me
1. Where do I contribute to division?
2. What gift has God given me for others?
3. Is my love patient and kind?

Memory Verse
1 Corinthians 13:13 (KJV)
"And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity."

Read With
Romans 12, Ephesians 4

1 Corinthians: My Notes

Discipline today, delight over time

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Make room: what I set aside to be here

Listen: what stood out to me

Respond: what I will do about it

Delight: what I enjoyed about God in this book

My prayer

Verse I want to remember

Take this to prayer > Open your private online Prayer Guide for 1 Corinthians. It is a personal page, protected by your own free account.

2 Corinthians

At a Glance
Author: Paul
Written: About AD 56
First readers: The church in Corinth
Type: Letter
Chapters: 13
One word: Weakness

The Big Idea
God's power is made perfect in weakness, and ministry is to be done with sincerity and trust in Christ.

Why It Was Written

Paul defended his ministry and called the Corinthians to reconciliation, generosity, and faithfulness.

Outline
1-7 Comfort and the ministry of reconciliation
8-9 Giving
10-13 Paul defends his ministry

Where We See Christ
- The ministry of reconciliation in Christ (5:18-19)
- He who knew no sin became sin for us (5:21)
- The light of the knowledge of God in Christ's face (4:6)
- His grace is sufficient (12:9)

Study Notes

1:3-4 God comforts us so that we can comfort others.

4:7 We have this treasure in jars of clay.

5:17 If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation.

9:7 God loves a cheerful giver.

12:9 My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is made perfect in weakness.

Words to Know

Reconcile (To bring back into friendship) **Comfort** (Strength given in trouble) **Ambassador** (A messenger who represents another)

Foreshadow God made Jesus, who knew no sin, to be sin for us (5:21).

Did You Know? Paul lists beatings, shipwrecks and sleepless nights he endured (11:23-28).

Encounter God in This Book
Theme to listen for: Strength in Weakness
Read 2 Corinthians 12:7-10 and pray about your own weak places.

Discipline today
Read a chapter a day and watch Paul's honesty.

Delight to look for
Look for how God meets us in weakness.

Read the blog at michaelryer.com

Questions for Me
1. Where do I need to rely on God's strength?
2. Whom has God comforted me to comfort?
3. How do I give?

Memory Verse
2 Corinthians 12:9 (KJV)
"And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me."

Read With
Philippians 4, Romans 5

2 Corinthians: My Notes

Discipline today, delight over time

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Respond: what I will do about it

Delight: what I enjoyed about God in this book

My prayer

Verse I want to remember

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Galatians

At a Glance
Author: Paul
Written: About AD 48-55
First readers: The churches of Galatia
Type: Letter
Chapters: 6
One word: Freedom

The Big Idea
We are made right with God by faith in Christ alone, not by works of the law, and we live by the Spirit.

Why It Was Written

Some were teaching that Gentile believers must keep the law. Paul defended the gospel of grace.

Outline
1-2 Paul defends the gospel
3-4 Justified by faith, sons of God
5-6 Live by the Spirit

Where We See Christ
- Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law (3:13)
- Abraham's offspring through faith in Christ (3:29)
- Christ lives in me (2:20)
- The fruit of the Spirit is the life of Christ in us (5:22-23)

Study Notes

2:16 A person is justified by faith in Christ, not by works of the law.

2:20 I have been crucified with Christ. Christ lives in me.

3:28 You are all one in Christ Jesus.

5:1 For freedom Christ has set us free.

5:22-23 The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace.

Words to Know

Justified (Declared right with God) **Law** (God's commands given through Moses) **Fruit of the Spirit** (The character the Spirit grows in us)

Foreshadow Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law (3:13).

Did You Know? Paul says he wrote the ending in his own large letters (6:11).

Encounter God in This Book
Theme to listen for: Living by Faith
Read Galatians 5:16-26 and ask which fruit the Spirit is growing in you.

Discipline today
Read it in one or two sittings.

Delight to look for
Look for what grace changes.

Read the blog at michaelryer.com

Questions for Me
1. Where am I trying to earn what is a gift?
2. What does freedom in Christ look like for me?
3. Which fruit of the Spirit do I most need today?

Memory Verse
Galatians 2:20 (KJV)
"I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me."

Read With
Romans 3-5, Genesis 15

Galatians: My Notes

Discipline today, delight over time

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My prayer

Verse I want to remember

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Ephesians

At a Glance
Author: Paul
Written: About AD 60-62
First readers: The church in Ephesus and nearby
Type: Letter
Chapters: 6
One word: In Christ

The Big Idea

In Christ we have every spiritual blessing, we are saved by grace, and we are one body called to walk worthy.

Why It Was Written

Paul wrote from prison to show believers their riches in Christ and to call them to live as one new people.

Outline
1-3 Our riches in Christ
4-6:9 Our walk in Christ
6:10-24 Our armor in Christ

Where We See Christ
- Chosen in Christ before the foundation of the world (1:4)
- Saved by grace through faith (2:8-9)
- Christ the cornerstone (2:20)
- Christ and the church, bridegroom and bride (5:25-32)

Study Notes

1:3 Blessed be God who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in Christ.

2:8-9 By grace you have been saved through faith. It is the gift of God.

3:17-19 May Christ dwell in your hearts. Know His love.

4:3 Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit.

6:10-11 Be strong in the Lord and put on the full armor of God.

Words to Know

Grace (Undeserved favor) **Mystery** (A truth once hidden, now revealed) **Armor of God** (The protection God gives His people)

Foreshadow God chose and redeemed us in Christ (1:3-7).

Did You Know? Paul wrote this letter from prison (3:1, 6:20).

Encounter God in This Book
Theme to listen for: Rich in Christ
Read Ephesians 1:3-14 and make a list of what is already yours in Christ.

Discipline today
Read a chapter a day. Six chapters make a week.

Delight to look for
Look for how much God has given.

Read the blog at michaelryer.com

Questions for Me
1. What do I already have in Christ?
2. How can I protect the unity of my church or home?
3. Which piece of armor do I neglect?

Memory Verse
Ephesians 2:8-9 (KJV)
"For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast."

Read With
Colossians 1-2, Romans 8

Ephesians: My Notes

Discipline today, delight over time

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My prayer

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Philippians

At a Glance
Author: Paul
Written: About AD 61
First readers: The church in Philippi
Type: Letter
Chapters: 4
One word: Joy

The Big Idea
Joy in Christ does not depend on circumstances. Paul writes from prison and calls us to humility, unity, and trust.

Why It Was Written

Paul thanked the Philippians for their gift and encouraged them to stand firm in unity and joy.

Outline
1 Joy in suffering
2 The mind of Christ
3 Knowing Christ
4 Peace and contentment

Where We See Christ
- Christ humbled Himself and was exalted (2:5-11)
- Knowing Christ is better than all (3:8)
- The Lord is near (4:5)
- Christ gives strength (4:13)

Study Notes

1:21 To live is Christ and to die is gain.

2:3-4 Count others more significant than yourselves.

3:13-14 Forgetting what is behind, I press on.

4:6-7 Do not be anxious. Pray, and the peace of God will guard your heart.

4:13 I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

Words to Know

Joy (Gladness in God) **Humility** (Thinking of others first) **Contentment** (Satisfaction with what God provides)

Foreshadow Christ humbled Himself and became obedient to death on a cross (2:5-8).

Did You Know? Joy and rejoice appear again and again in this short letter.

Encounter God in This Book
Theme to listen for: Joy in All Things
Read Philippians 4:4-9 and pray through each instruction.

Discipline today
Read the whole letter in one sitting. It is short.

Delight to look for
Look for the joy that Paul finds in Christ.

Read the blog at michaelryer.com

Questions for Me
1. What is robbing my joy?
2. Where can I put someone else first?
3. How do I bring my worries to God?

Memory Verse
Philippians 4:6-7 (KJV)
"Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus."

Read With
Colossians 3, Isaiah 45

Philippians: My Notes

Discipline today, delight over time

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My prayer

Verse I want to remember

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Colossians

At a Glance
Author: Paul
Written: About AD 60-62
First readers: The church in Colossae
Type: Letter
Chapters: 4
One word: Supremacy

The Big Idea

Christ is supreme over all things, and we are complete in Him.

Why It Was Written

False teachers were adding to Christ. Paul showed that Christ is enough.

Outline
1-2 The supremacy of Christ
3-4 The new life in Christ

Where We See Christ
- Christ the image of the invisible God (1:15)
- In Him all things hold together (1:17)
- The fullness of God dwells in Him (2:9)
- Christ is our life (3:4)

Study Notes

1:15-17 Christ is the image of the invisible God and holds all things together.

2:6-7 As you received Christ, walk in Him, rooted and built up.

3:1-2 Set your mind on things above.

3:16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.

4:2 Devote yourselves to prayer.

Words to Know

Supreme (Above all) **Reconcile** (To make peace) **Complete** (Lacking nothing)

Foreshadow Jesus is the image of the invisible God, and in Him all things hold together (1:15-17).

Did You Know? Paul had not met many of these believers in person (2:1).

Encounter God in This Book
Theme to listen for: Christ Above All
Read Colossians 1:15-20 aloud and worship Christ.

Discipline today
Read the four chapters in one or two sittings.

Delight to look for
Look for the greatness of Christ.

Read the blog at michaelryer.com

Questions for Me
1. Is Christ truly supreme in my life?
2. What am I tempted to add to Christ?
3. How is His word dwelling in me?

Memory Verse
Colossians 3:16 (KJV)
"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord."

Read With
Ephesians 1-3, Hebrews 1

Colossians: My Notes

Discipline today, delight over time

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My prayer

Verse I want to remember

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1 Thessalonians

At a Glance
Author: Paul
Written: About AD 51
First readers: The church in Thessalonica
Type: Letter
Chapters: 5
One word: Hope

The Big Idea
Keep working in faith, love, and hope, because Jesus is coming again.

Why It Was Written

Paul encouraged a young church under pressure and answered their questions about those who had died.

Outline
1-3 Paul's thanks and care
4-5 Living to please God and the hope of Christ's return

Where We See Christ
- Jesus will return (4:16)
- Jesus rescues us from the wrath to come (1:10)
- The dead in Christ will rise (4:16)
- We will be with the Lord forever (4:17)

Study Notes

1:3 Work of faith, labor of love, endurance of hope.
2:13 You accepted the word as the word of God.
4:13-14 We do not grieve as those without hope.
5:16-18 Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks.
5:23-24 God will sanctify you completely. He is faithful.

Words to Know

Hope (Confident expectation) **Rapture** (Being caught up to meet the Lord) **Encourage** (To give courage)

Foreshadow Jesus is coming again (4:16-17).

Did You Know? This is probably one of the first letters Paul wrote.

Encounter God in This Book
Theme to listen for: Hope That Holds
Read 1 Thessalonians 5:12-24 and choose one command to live out this week.

Discipline today
Read it in one sitting.

Delight to look for
Look for the hope Paul gives.

Read the blog at michaelryer.com

Questions for Me
1. How does Christ's return shape my day?
2. Whom can I encourage?
3. What can I give thanks for now?

Memory Verse
1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 (KJV)
"Rejoice evermore. Pray without ceasing. In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you."

Read With
Acts 17, 2 Thessalonians

1 Thessalonians: My Notes

Discipline today, delight over time

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My prayer

Verse I want to remember

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2 Thessalonians

At a Glance
Author: Paul
Written: About AD 51-52
First readers: The church in Thessalonica
Type: Letter
Chapters: 3
One word: Steady

The Big Idea
Stand firm and keep working while you wait for Christ's return.

Why It Was Written

Some thought the day of the Lord had already come. Paul corrected them and called them to stand firm.

Outline
1 Encouragement in trouble
2 The day of the Lord
3 Keep working and pray

Where We See Christ
- Jesus revealed from heaven (1:7)
- Christ will put down all rebellion (2:8)
- The Lord is faithful (3:3)
- The peace of the Lord (3:16)

Study Notes

1:3 Your faith is growing and your love increases.

2:15 Stand firm and hold to the teachings.

3:3 The Lord is faithful. He will strengthen you.

3:10 If anyone will not work, let him not eat.

3:16 The Lord of peace give you peace.

Words to Know

Persevere (To keep going) **Day of the Lord** (The time of Christ's return) **Idle** (Not working)

Foreshadow Jesus will be revealed from heaven (1:7).

Did You Know? Paul says anyone unwilling to work should not eat (3:10).

Encounter God in This Book
Theme to listen for: Standing Firm
Read 2 Thessalonians 3:1-5 and pray for those who share the gospel.

Discipline today
Read the three chapters in one sitting.

Delight to look for
Look for the faithfulness of the Lord.

Read the blog at michaelryer.com

Questions for Me
1. Where do I need to stand firm?
2. Am I working faithfully while I wait?
3. How can I pray for others?

Memory Verse
2 Thessalonians 3:3 (KJV)
"But the Lord is faithful, who shall stablish you, and keep you from evil."

Read With
1 Thessalonians 4-5, Daniel 7

2 Thessalonians: My Notes

Discipline today, delight over time

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My prayer

Verse I want to remember

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1 Timothy

At a Glance
Author: Paul
Written: About AD 62-64
First readers: Timothy in Ephesus
Type: Letter
Chapters: 6
One word: Order

The Big Idea

Guard the gospel, order the church, and live a godly life as a servant of Christ.

Why It Was Written

Paul wrote to young Timothy about leading the church at Ephesus.

Outline
1 Guard the teaching
2-3 Order in worship and leaders
4-6 A good servant of Christ

Where We See Christ
- Christ came to save sinners (1:15)
- One mediator between God and man (2:5)
- Great is the mystery of godliness (3:16)
- Christ Jesus, King of kings (6:15)

Study Notes

1:15 Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

2:5 There is one God and one mediator, Christ Jesus.

4:12 Set an example for believers.

4:16 Watch your life and doctrine closely.

6:12 Fight the good fight of the faith.

Words to Know

Elder (A church leader) **Deacon** (A servant of the church) **Godliness** (Living in a way that honors God)

Foreshadow There is one mediator between God and people, the man Christ Jesus (2:5).

Did You Know? Timothy was young, and Paul told him not to let anyone look down on him (4:12).

Encounter God in This Book
Theme to listen for: A Faithful Servant
Read 1 Timothy 4 and note what Paul tells Timothy to do.

Discipline today
Read it in two or three sittings.

Delight to look for
Look for the heart of a pastor.

Read the blog at michaelryer.com

Questions for Me
1. What am I guarding?
2. What example am I setting?
3. How do I fight the good fight?

Memory Verse
1 Timothy 4:12 (KJV)
"Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity."

Read With
Titus 1, 2 Timothy

1 Timothy: My Notes

Discipline today, delight over time

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My prayer

Verse I want to remember

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2 Timothy

At a Glance
Author: Paul
Written: About AD 66-67
First readers: Timothy
Type: Letter
Chapters: 4
One word: Endure

The Big Idea

Paul's last letter calls Timothy to be faithful, hold to the Scriptures, and finish the race.

Why It Was Written

Paul wrote from prison, knowing he would soon die, to strengthen Timothy to carry on the gospel.

Outline
1 Do not be ashamed
2 Be strong, endure
3 Hold to the Scriptures
4 Preach the word

Where We See Christ
- Christ abolished death (1:10)
- Remember Jesus Christ, risen (2:8)
- All Scripture points to Christ (3:15)
- The crown of righteousness (4:8)

Study Notes

1:7 God gave us a spirit of power, love, and self-control.

2:2 Entrust what you heard to faithful people who can teach others.

3:16-17 All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable.

4:2 Preach the word. Be ready in season and out of season.

4:7 I have fought the good fight. I have finished the course.

Words to Know

Scripture (God's written Word) **Endure** (To keep going) **Crown** (A prize for finishing)

Foreshadow Christ ended the power of death and brought life through the gospel (1:10).

Did You Know? This is probably the last letter Paul wrote (4:6-8).

Encounter God in This Book
Theme to listen for: Finishing the Race
Read 2 Timothy 3:10-17 and thank God for the Scriptures you have.

Discipline today
Read it in one or two sittings and notice Paul's heart.

Delight to look for
Look for how God strengthens Paul in prison.

Read the blog at michaelryer.com

Questions for Me
1. Who am I passing the faith to?
2. How do I treat Scripture each day?
3. What does finishing well mean to me?

Memory Verse
2 Timothy 3:16-17 (KJV)
"All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works."

Read With
Acts 20, Hebrews 11-12

2 Timothy: My Notes

Discipline today, delight over time

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My prayer

Verse I want to remember

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Titus

At a Glance
Author: Paul
Written: About AD 62-64
First readers: Titus on Crete
Type: Letter
Chapters: 3
One word: Good works

The Big Idea

The grace of God teaches us to live well, and sound teaching leads to good works.

Why It Was Written

Paul left Titus on Crete to appoint elders and teach the believers to live out the gospel.

Outline
1 Appoint godly leaders
2 Teach sound doctrine
3 Do good works

Where We See Christ
- The grace of God has appeared (2:11)
- Our great God and Savior Jesus Christ (2:13)
- He saved us by His mercy (3:5)
- The washing of rebirth (3:5)

Study Notes

1:9 Hold firm to the trustworthy word.

2:11-12 The grace of God teaches us to say no to ungodliness.

2:14 Jesus gave Himself to redeem us and purify a people.

3:4-5 He saved us, not because of works, but by His mercy.

3:8 Those who believe should be careful to do good.

Words to Know

Sound doctrine (Healthy teaching) **Elder** (A church leader) **Grace** (Undeserved favor)

Foreshadow Jesus gave Himself to redeem us (2:13-14).

Did You Know? Paul left Titus on Crete to appoint elders (1:5).

Encounter God in This Book
Theme to listen for: Grace That Teaches
Read Titus 2:11-14 and thank God for His grace.

Discipline today
Read the three chapters in one sitting.

Delight to look for
Look for how grace changes us.

Read the blog at michaelryer.com

Questions for Me
1. How does grace shape my daily life?
2. Where can I do good this week?
3. Whom am I teaching?

Memory Verse
Titus 2:11-12 (KJV)
"For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world;"

Read With
Ephesians 2, 1 Timothy 3

Titus: My Notes

Discipline today, delight over time

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My prayer

Verse I want to remember

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Philemon

At a Glance
Author: Paul
Written: About AD 60-62
First readers: Philemon, a believer in Colossae
Type: Letter
Chapters: 1
One word: Forgive

The Big Idea
Paul asks Philemon to welcome back his runaway slave Onesimus as a brother in Christ.

Why It Was Written

Paul wrote a personal letter to a friend, showing how the gospel changes relationships.

Outline
1-7 Greetings and thanks
8-16 Paul's appeal
17-25 Welcome him as me

Where We See Christ
- Paul stands in for Onesimus, as Christ stands in for us (v. 18)
- Forgiveness and reconciliation in Christ
- No longer a slave but a beloved brother (v. 16)
- Grace for the guilty

Study Notes

v. 6 Paul prays that Philemon's faith would be effective.
v. 10 Onesimus became Paul's son in the faith in prison.
v. 16 Receive him no longer as a slave but as a beloved brother.
v. 18 Charge anything he owes to my account.
v. 25 The grace of the Lord Jesus be with your spirit.

Words to Know

Onesimus (The runaway slave who became a believer) **Reconcile** (To restore a relationship) **Appeal** (A heartfelt request)

Foreshadow Paul says charge Onesimus's debt to me (vv. 17-18). It is a small picture of Christ taking our debt.

Did You Know? Philemon is one chapter long and one of the shortest letters Paul wrote.

Encounter God in This Book
Theme to listen for: Forgiveness in Christ
Read Philemon and imagine yourself in Philemon's place.

Discipline today
Read it in one sitting. It is one page.

Delight to look for
Look for the gospel in a personal letter.

Read the blog at michaelryer.com

Questions for Me
1. Whom do I need to forgive?
2. Who needs me to stand with them?
3. How does the gospel change how I treat others?

Memory Verse
Philemon 1:16 (KJV)
"Not now as a servant, but above a servant, a brother beloved, specially to me, but how much more unto thee, both in the flesh, and in the Lord?"

Read With
Colossians 3-4, Matthew 18

Philemon: My Notes

Discipline today, delight over time

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Make room: what I set aside to be here

Listen: what stood out to me

Respond: what I will do about it

Delight: what I enjoyed about God in this book

My prayer

Verse I want to remember

Take this to prayer > Open your private online Prayer Guide for Philemon. It is a personal page, protected by your own free account.

Hebrews

At a Glance
Author: Unknown
Written: Before AD 70
First readers: Jewish believers under pressure
Type: Letter and sermon
Chapters: 13
One word: Better

The Big Idea
Jesus is better than the prophets, angels, Moses, and the priests. Hold fast to Him and keep going.

Why It Was Written

Believers were tempted to go back to old ways. The writer shows that Christ is greater and calls them to endure.

Outline
1-4 Christ is greater than angels and Moses
5-10 Christ our High Priest
11 Heroes of faith
12-13 Run with endurance

Where We See Christ
- The exact imprint of God's nature (1:3)
- A great High Priest who sympathizes (4:14-16)
- One sacrifice for sins forever (10:12)
- The founder and perfecter of our faith (12:2)

Study Notes

1:3 He is the radiance of God's glory and the exact imprint of His nature.

4:14-16 Draw near to the throne of grace with confidence.

11:1 Faith is the assurance of things hoped for.

12:1-2 Run with endurance, looking to Jesus.

13:8 Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

Words to Know

High Priest (One who brings people to God) **Covenant** (God's binding promise) **Endure** (To keep going)

Foreshadow Jesus is our great high priest who offered Himself once for all (4:14-16, 10:10).

Did You Know? The book does not name its author.

Encounter God in This Book
Theme to listen for: Looking to Jesus
Read Hebrews 4:14-16 and approach God with confidence today.

Discipline today
Read a chapter a day and keep your eyes on Jesus.

Delight to look for
Look for what makes Jesus greater.

Read the blog at michaelryer.com

Questions for Me
1. What am I tempted to go back to?
2. What does it mean that Jesus is better?
3. Who is cheering me on in the faith?

Memory Verse
Hebrews 12:1-2 (KJV)
"Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God."

Read With
Leviticus 16, Psalm 110

Hebrews: My Notes

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Respond: what I will do about it

Delight: what I enjoyed about God in this book

My prayer

Verse I want to remember

Take this to prayer > Open your private online Prayer Guide for Hebrews. It is a personal page, protected by your own free account.

James

At a Glance
Author: James, the brother of Jesus
Written: About AD 45-49
First readers: Jewish believers scattered abroad
Type: Letter
Chapters: 5
One word: Practical faith

The Big Idea
Real faith shows up in works. Be doers of the word, control your tongue, and pray.

Why It Was Written

James wrote to scattered believers facing trials. He called them to live out their faith.

Outline
1 Trials and doing the word
2 Faith and works
3-4 Wisdom and humility
5 Patience and prayer

Where We See Christ
- The Father of lights who gives every good gift (1:17)
- The Judge standing at the door (5:9)
- The Lord is compassionate and merciful (5:11)
- The prayer of faith (5:15)

Study Notes

1:2-4 Count it joy when you face trials. Testing produces steadfastness.

1:22 Be doers of the word, not hearers only.

2:17 Faith without works is dead.

3:9-10 With the tongue we bless God and curse people.

5:16 The prayer of a righteous person has great power.

Words to Know

Trial (A test that proves faith) **Wisdom** (God's skill for living) **Doer** (One who acts on what he hears)

Foreshadow James writes as a servant of Jesus (1:1), and his teaching echoes Jesus' Sermon on the Mount.

Did You Know? James is generally understood to be the brother of Jesus (Galatians 1:19).

Encounter God in This Book
Theme to listen for: Doers of the Word
Read James 1 and choose one command to obey today.

Discipline today
Read it in one sitting and then again slowly.

Delight to look for
Look for what faith looks like in daily life.

Read the blog at michaelryer.com

Questions for Me
1. What trial is God using to shape me?
2. Where am I hearing but not doing?
3. How are my words today?

Memory Verse
James 1:22 (KJV)
"But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves."

Read With
Proverbs 3, Matthew 5-7

James: My Notes

Discipline today, delight over time

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My prayer

Verse I want to remember

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1 Peter

At a Glance
Author: Peter
Written: About AD 62-64
First readers: Believers scattered across Asia Minor
Type: Letter
Chapters: 5
One word: Hope

The Big Idea

Believers are strangers in this world with a living hope, so they can suffer well and live holy lives.

Why It Was Written

Peter wrote to believers facing suffering for their faith and called them to stand firm in grace.

Outline
1 A living hope
2 A holy people
3-4 Suffering for doing good
5 Shepherd the flock

Where We See Christ
• Born again to a living hope through Christ's resurrection (1:3)
• The precious cornerstone (2:6-7)
• By His wounds you have been healed (2:24)
• The Chief Shepherd (5:4)

Study Notes

1:3 He has given us new birth into a living hope.

2:9 You are a chosen people, a royal priesthood.

2:21 Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example.

3:15 Always be ready to give a reason for your hope.

5:7 Cast all your anxieties on Him, because He cares for you.

Words to Know

Exile (A stranger in a foreign place) **Living hope** (Hope that is alive in Christ) **Cornerstone** (The main stone of a building)

Foreshadow Christ suffered for us and left us an example (2:21-24).

Did You Know? Peter wrote to believers scattered across several regions (1:1).

Encounter God in This Book
Theme to listen for: Living Hope
Read 1 Peter 1:3-9 and thank God for your living hope.

Discipline today
Read it in one or two sittings.

Delight to look for
Look for hope in suffering.

Read the blog at michaelryer.com

Questions for Me
1. What hope do I have that others do not?
2. How do I respond when I am treated unfairly?
3. What worries can I give to Christ?

Memory Verse
1 Peter 5:7 (KJV)
"Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you."

Read With
Isaiah 53, Psalm 118

1 Peter: My Notes

Discipline today, delight over time

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My prayer

Verse I want to remember

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2 Peter

At a Glance
Author: Peter
Written: About AD 64-68
First readers: Believers in churches
Type: Letter
Chapters: 3
One word: Grow

The Big Idea
Grow in grace and knowledge, and stay alert to false teaching, because the Lord will return.

Why It Was Written

Peter knew he would soon die and wrote to remind believers of the truth and warn about false teachers.

Outline
1 Grow in Christ
2 Beware of false teachers
3 The day of the Lord

Where We See Christ
- Precious faith through the righteousness of Christ (1:1)
- Eyewitness of Christ's majesty (1:16)
- The Lord is patient (3:9)
- A new heaven and earth (3:13)

Study Notes

1:3 His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness.

1:5-7 Add to your faith goodness, knowledge, self-control.

1:20-21 Prophecy came from men moved by the Holy Spirit.

3:9 The Lord is not slow, but patient, not wanting anyone to perish.

3:18 Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord.

Words to Know

Grow (To become more mature) **False teacher** (One who teaches error) **Patient** (Slow to anger)

Foreshadow Peter saw Jesus' glory on the mountain (1:16-18).

Did You Know? Peter calls Paul's letters Scripture (3:15-16).

Encounter God in This Book
Theme to listen for: Growing in Grace
Read 2 Peter 1:3-11 and write down what to add to your faith.

Discipline today
Read it in one sitting.

Delight to look for
Look for the patience of God.

Read the blog at michaelryer.com

Questions for Me
1. What am I adding to my faith?
2. How do I guard against false teaching?
3. What does God's patience mean for me?

Memory Verse
2 Peter 3:18 (KJV)
"But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen."

Read With
Jude, 2 Timothy 3

2 Peter: My Notes

Discipline today, delight over time

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My prayer

Verse I want to remember

Take this to prayer > Open your private online Prayer Guide for 2 Peter. It is a personal page, protected by your own free account.

1 John

At a Glance
Author: John, the apostle
Written: About AD 85-95
First readers: Believers in Asia Minor
Type: Letter
Chapters: 5
One word: Assurance

The Big Idea

God is light and God is love. Walk in the light, love one another, and know that you have eternal life.

Why It Was Written

John wrote so believers could be sure they have eternal life and recognize false teaching.

Outline
1-2 Walking in the light
3-4 Love one another
5 Assurance of eternal life

Where We See Christ
- The Word of life (1:1)
- Christ our advocate and propitiation (2:1-2)
- God sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins (4:10)
- Whoever has the Son has life (5:12)

Study Notes

1:9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive.

2:1 If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father.

3:1 See what kind of love the Father has given us.

4:8 God is love.

5:13 I write so that you may know that you have eternal life.

Words to Know

Fellowship (Sharing life together) **Propitiation** (The sacrifice that turns away wrath) **Abide** (To stay and remain)

Foreshadow Jesus is the sacrifice that covers our sins (2:1-2, 4:10).

Did You Know? John says he wrote so that believers would know they have eternal life (5:13).

Encounter God in This Book
Theme to listen for: Walking in the Light
Read 1 John 4:7-21 and ask how you can love one person this week.

Discipline today
Read a chapter a day and notice John's repeated words.

Delight to look for
Look for the love of God.

Read the blog at michaelryer.com

Questions for Me
1. Where do I need to confess?
2. How do I show love in a practical way?
3. What gives me assurance?

Memory Verse
1 John 1:9 (KJV)
"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

Read With
John 14-17, Psalm 32

1 John: My Notes

Discipline today, delight over time

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My prayer

Verse I want to remember

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2 John

At a Glance
Author: John, the elder
Written: About AD 85-95
First readers: A church and its members
Type: Letter
Chapters: 1
One word: Truth and love

The Big Idea
Walk in truth and love, and do not welcome those who teach falsely about Christ.

Why It Was Written

John wrote a short letter to remind a church to love one another and stay faithful to Christ's teaching.

Outline
1-3 Greeting in truth and love
4-6 Walk in love
7-13 Guard against false teachers

Where We See Christ
- The Son of the Father in truth and love (v. 3)
- Jesus Christ has come in the flesh (v. 7)
- Abide in the teaching of Christ (v. 9)
- The commandment from the beginning (v. 6)

Study Notes

v. 3 Grace, mercy, and peace will be with us in truth and love.

v. 4 I rejoiced to find your children walking in the truth.

v. 6 This is love, that we walk according to His commandments.

v. 7 Many deceivers have gone out into the world.

v. 9 Whoever abides in the teaching has both the Father and the Son.

Words to Know

Truth (What is true about God and His Son) **Deceiver** (One who misleads) **Abide** (To stay and remain)

Foreshadow The truth is that Jesus Christ came in the flesh (v. 7).

Did You Know? The letter is only 13 verses long.

Encounter God in This Book
Theme to listen for: Truth and Love Together
Read 2 John. It is one page.

Discipline today
Read it twice and ask where truth and love are meeting in you.

Read the blog at michaelryer.com

Delight to look for
Look for John's joy in faithful believers.

Questions for Me
1. How do I hold truth and love together?
2. Whom do I welcome into my home and church?
3. Am I abiding in Christ's teaching?

Memory Verse
2 John 1:6 (KJV)
"And this is love, that we walk after his commandments. This is the commandment, That, as ye have heard from the beginning, ye should walk in it."

Read With
1 John 4, John 15

2 John: My Notes

Discipline today, delight over time

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Chapters: tap the blue number to read it (ESV). Fill in the circle when you finish.

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Make room: what I set aside to be here

Listen: what stood out to me

Respond: what I will do about it

Delight: what I enjoyed about God in this book

My prayer

Verse I want to remember

Take this to prayer > Open your private online Prayer Guide for 2 John. It is a personal page, protected by your own free account.

3 John

At a Glance
Author: John, the elder
Written: About AD 85-95
First readers: Gaius, a faithful believer
Type: Letter
Chapters: 1
One word: Hospitality

The Big Idea
Support those who serve in truth, and imitate what is good.

Why It Was Written

John wrote to encourage Gaius to keep helping traveling teachers, and to warn about Diotrephes.

Outline
1-4 Greeting to Gaius
5-8 Support the workers
9-12 Diotrephes and Demetrius
13-15 Closing

Where We See Christ
- Walking in the truth (v. 3)
- Working together for the truth (v. 8)
- Whoever does good is from God (v. 11)
- Peace to you (v. 15)

Study Notes

v. 2 I pray that all may go well with you and that you may be in good health.

v. 4 I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth.

v. 5 You are faithful in what you do for the brothers.

v. 8 We ought to support people like these.

v. 11 Do not imitate evil but imitate good.

Words to Know

Hospitality (Welcoming others) **Truth** (What is true about God) **Gaius** (The friend John loved)

Foreshadow Believers go out for the sake of the Name (v. 7).

Did You Know? The letter names three men: Gaius, Diotrephes and Demetrius.

Encounter God in This Book
Theme to listen for: Faithful Hospitality
Read 3 John and think about whom you could support.

Discipline today
Read it in one sitting. It is one page.

Delight to look for
Look for the joy in faithful friends.

Read the blog at michaelryer.com

Questions for Me
1. Whom can I support in ministry?
2. Who needs my hospitality?
3. Whom am I imitating?

Memory Verse
3 John 1:4 (KJV)
"I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth."

Read With
Romans 12, Hebrews 13

3 John: My Notes

Discipline today, delight over time

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Chapters: tap the blue number to read it (ESV). Fill in the circle when you finish.

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Listen: what stood out to me

Respond: what I will do about it

Delight: what I enjoyed about God in this book

My prayer

Verse I want to remember

Take this to prayer > Open your private online Prayer Guide for 3 John. It is a personal page, protected by your own free account.

Jude

At a Glance
Author: Jude, the brother of Jesus
Written: About AD 65-80
First readers: Believers everywhere
Type: Letter
Chapters: 1
One word: Contend

The Big Idea
Contend for the faith once delivered to the saints, and keep yourselves in the love of God.

Why It Was Written

Jude wanted to write about salvation but needed to warn believers about false teachers.

Outline
1-4 The call to contend
5-16 Warnings from history
17-23 Build yourselves up
24-25 A closing doxology

Where We See Christ
- Jesus Christ, our only Master and Lord (v. 4)
- Kept for Jesus Christ (v. 1)
- Him who is able to keep you from stumbling (v. 24)
- Glory, majesty, dominion, and authority (v. 25)

Study Notes

v. 3 Contend for the faith that was once for all delivered to the saints.

v. 20-21 Build yourselves up in your most holy faith, pray in the Holy Spirit, keep yourselves in God's love.

v. 22 Have mercy on those who doubt.

v. 24 To Him who is able to keep you from stumbling.

v. 25 To the only God our Savior be glory.

Words to Know

Contend (To strive for) **Doxology** (A short song of praise) **Apostate** (One who turns away from the faith)

Foreshadow Jesus is able to keep us from stumbling and present us without fault (vv. 24-25).

Did You Know? Jude calls himself a brother of James (v. 1). Matthew 13:55 lists both as brothers of Jesus.

Encounter God in This Book
Theme to listen for: Kept by God
Read Jude 20-25 and let the doxology become your prayer.

Discipline today
Read it in one sitting.

Delight to look for
Look for the God who keeps His own.

Read the blog at michaelryer.com

Questions for Me
1. What do I need to hold on to?
2. How can I show mercy to doubters?
3. What does it mean that God keeps me?

Memory Verse
Jude 1:24 (KJV)
"Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy,"

Read With
2 Peter 2, Revelation 1

Jude: My Notes

Discipline today, delight over time

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Respond: what I will do about it

Delight: what I enjoyed about God in this book

My prayer

Verse I want to remember

Take this to prayer > Open your private online Prayer Guide for Jude. It is a personal page, protected by your own free account.

Revelation

At a Glance
Author: John, the apostle
Written: About AD 90-95
First readers: Seven churches in Asia Minor
Type: Prophecy and letter
Chapters: 22
One word: Victory

The Big Idea
Jesus Christ is Lord over history, and He wins. God will judge evil, rescue His people, and make all things new.

Why It Was Written

John wrote to churches facing pressure and persecution, to show them that Jesus reigns and will return.

Outline
1-3 Christ and the seven churches
4-5 The throne and the Lamb
6-20 Judgment and the final victory
21-22 The new heaven and earth

Where We See Christ
- The risen Christ in glory (1:12-18)
- The Lamb who was slain (5:6-12)
- King of kings and Lord of lords (19:16)
- The Alpha and the Omega (22:13)

Study Notes

1:17-18 Do not be afraid. I am the first and the last, the living one.

3:20 Behold, I stand at the door and knock.

5:12 Worthy is the Lamb who was slain.

21:4 God will wipe away every tear.

22:20 Surely I am coming soon. Come, Lord Jesus.

Words to Know

Lamb (Christ, who was slain for us) **Throne** (The seat of God's rule) **New creation** (God making all things new)

Foreshadow Jesus is the Lamb who was slain (5:12) and the One who makes all things new (21:5).

Did You Know? Revelation is addressed to seven churches (1:4, chapters 2-3).

Encounter God in This Book
Theme to listen for: Jesus Wins
Read Revelation 21-22 and picture the new heaven and new earth.

Discipline today
Read a chapter a day. Focus on Christ and the big picture.

Read the blog at michaelryer.com

Delight to look for
Look for how God finishes the story.

Questions for Me
1. Do I trust that Jesus wins?
2. What does it mean to worship the Lamb?
3. How can I live ready for His return?

Memory Verse
Revelation 21:4 (KJV)
"And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away."

Read With
Daniel 7, Ezekiel 1, Isaiah 65

Revelation: My Notes

Discipline today, delight over time

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16 ◯ 17 ◯ 18 ◯ 19 ◯ 20 ◯ 21 ◯ 22 ◯

Make room: what I set aside to be here

Listen: what stood out to me

Respond: what I will do about it

Delight: what I enjoyed about God in this book

My prayer

Verse I want to remember

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Answered Prayers

God hears. Write it down.

When God answers, write it here. On the dry days, look back and see that returning was worth it.

Date	What I asked	How God answered

Take this to prayer > Open your private online Prayer Guide. It is a personal page, protected by your own free account.

My Favorite Verses

Verses worth keeping

Write the verses that stop you. Add what each one says to you.

Verse	What it says to me

Extra Notes 1

Room to think

My notes

Extra Notes 2

Room to think

My notes

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