Shema

In the pages of the Bible, we are invited to discover one of the most amazing and foundational truths of God - God speaks. As J.l. Packer once wrote, "The core of the Bible is its story of God speaking to humanity". And not only that, not only is the Bible the record of God's speech, but it is the primary means by which God continues to speak today.

Which means, if we want to be women and men who know God's Voice, we need to learn to listen. To listen to the God who speaks.
"Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates." (Deut 6:4-9)

In this foundational word from God, it is undeniable that God really wanted the Israelites to hear and know and live this commandment - to love GOD with all of their being.

Not surprisingly, these verses came to be embraced as the abiding prayer of every Jewish man and woman. It is the first prayer Jewish children learns, and a prayer that every devout Jew prays twice daily as the day begins and ends. And not just in Jesus day, but still today.

And at the door of it all is this simple invitation "hear/listen" or, in Hebrew, "shema". Hence, this prayer has come to be known simply as "the Shema".

The Shema: the invitation of God to listen and hear God - to know God and to love God in response - with the whole of our lives - together.

Think of this resource and the whole Shema Project as an invitation to cultivate a listening life personally and together.

Psalm 1:2-3 beautifully articulates the wisdom of a life steeped in God's revelation - "That person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither-whatever they do prospers."

With this vision of God's fruitfulness growing in our lives, as we lean into the Shema project together, we want to invite us all to take the prayer of Psalm 86:11 as our own.
"Teach me your way, O LORD,
that I may walk in your truth;
give me an undivided heart to revere your name." (NRSV).

Whether you use this Bible Reading Plan or another, our prayer and aim is that everyone of us, young and old, would embrace this opportunity to listen and know and love God together in the days ahead.

## A Bible Reading Starter

A Bible Reading Plan gives you an orderly way to read through the Bible, whether that means reading every chapter over a year or two, or exploring a certain theme over a few days or weeks. Practiced over a
lifetime, this will deepen your knowledge of the Story of God, tune your heart to the major themes of God's revelation, and guide you in "the whole counsel of God" (Acts 20:27).

The following reading plan flows out of Lambrick's fall 2020 study on "Hearing God's Voice" - and is an opportunity to cultivate the habit of regularly listening to God in Scripture. It will lead you through a basic overview of the biblical narrative: from the God of creation, to humanity's fall into sin, through the story of Israel, to the coming of Jesus the Messiah, and the birth of the church.

We hope this journey will give you a taste of the joy and reward that comes from hearing God's voice and meditating on God's revelation in Scripture.

## Core Practices

To help you learn how to engage with God in Scripture, this plan will introduce you to four core practices:

- Reading
- LIFE Journaling
- Memorization
- Meditation

As you enter into this journey with God in Scripture, keep the following in mind:

- Environment: Choose a space and time where you can give your full attention to God and the text before you. Make sure you are comfortable, but not too comfortable! Choose a time when you are alert, and be sure to set aside your devices or other distractions.
- Be Present: Take a few moments, minutes even, to breathe, settle yourself and quiet yourself before God. Acknowledge God's Presence with you. And rather than dismissing your thoughts and concerns, give them to God.
- Translation: Choose a Bible translation that you can easily understand and engage with. NIV, ESV, NLT, NRSV, and the Message are all helpful options.


## SCRIPTURE LEARNING RESOURCES

## BibleProject

https://bibleproject.com/
The Bible Project is an excellent video resource that explains the theme, structure and purpose of each book of the Bible, along with a variety of key themes and metaphors in Scripture, through easy-to-understand visuals and helpful narration. At various points in the reading plan a corresponding online video, available at the above website, is suggested and linked as a reference for understanding what you are reading. We highly recommend this as a resource for your study of Scripture!

## THE DRAMA OF THE BIBLE IN SIX ACTS

Biblica, Inc. (publisher of the NIV translation of the Bible) has created a concise overview of the story laid out in the Bible, which may help you understand where all the pieces fit as you read.
downloads.biblica.com/tbotb/docs/tbotb-drama-of-the-bible.pdf

## WEEK ONE (January 4-10): A PRAYER

As we begin this journey of developing a daily habit of engaging with God in Scripture, this week's simple invitation is to memorize the simple prayer from Psalm 86:11:
"Teach me your way, O LORD,
that I may walk in your truth;
give me an undivided heart
to revere your name."
(NRSV)
Memorizing Scripture is a way of internalizing God's Word - training your heart and thoughts and heart to align with God's heart and thoughts. So, don't just work on this as a memory assignment; turn it into your prayer to God for the coming season.

## TIPS FOR MEMORIZING

The key is repetition over time. You will retain the things that you repeat over multiple days.

- Days 1-2: read/pray the Scripture multiple times.
- Days 3-5: commit segments of the Scriptures to memory (line by line, verse by verse), adding on each day.
- Days 6-7: practice your memory work with others (a friend, family member, small group).
- Ongoing: return to your memorized Scriptures for review, such as incorporating into your times of prayer.
- Consider employing all these steps 2-3 times a day, at key transition points in your schedule (as you walk in to work, as you break for coffee or lunch, before bed, etc.).


## WEEK TWO (January 11-17): READING \& PRAYING

If spending time in Scripture is new for you, just begin by taking 12-15 minutes - morning, midday, or evening - to read the assigned Scripture and pray the Psalm.

After you have read, spend 2-3 minutes in silence, reflecting on what this text says about God, about you, and God's invitation in it all.

## Ponder: What did you notice as you read?

Close your time by praying a few words of thanks and response to what you have read.

| Date (2021) | Read Scripture | Pray the Psalms | Watch Bible Project |
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| ORIGINS |  |  |  |
| 1. Monday, January 11 | Genesis 1:1-2, 24-31, 2:1-3 <br> First account of creation [Practice Psalm 86:11 from memory] | 8 | Overview: TaNak/OT <br> Theme: God <br> Theme: Tree of Life <br> Theme: Sabbath <br> Theme: Image of God |
| 2. Tuesday, January 12 | Genesis 2:15-25 <br> Second account of creation | 104:19-35 | Torah: Genesis 1-11 <br> Theme: Heaven and Earth |
| 3. Wednesday, January 13 | Genesis 3 <br> The fall of humanity | 53 | H+R+B: Ancient Jewish Meditation Literature |
| 4. Thursday, January 14 | Genesis 9:1-17 <br> Humanity's second chance (Noah) | 54 |  |
| 5. Friday, January 15 | Genesis 11:1-9 <br> Humanity's pride (Babel) | 55 |  |
| GOD'S CHOSEN PEOPLE |  |  |  |
| 6. Saturday, January 16 | Genesis 12:1-9 <br> God's promise to Abraham | 105:1-11 | Torah: Genesis 12-50 <br> Theme: The Covenants |
| 7. Sunday, January 17 | Genesis 22:1-19 <br> God tests Abraham's faith | 105:12-22 | HTR+B: Biblical Story |

## WEEKS THREE \& FOUR (January 18-31):

- LIFE JOURNALING

LIFE Journaling helps us linger with the reading and dig deeper. Thankfully, it's simple. Think of it as a pathway to guide you in paying attention and responding to what God is saying through whatever Scripture you are reading.

There are four simple steps:

1. Listen
2. Investigate
3. Follow
4. Engage

Follow the instructions each day as you read the Scripture and pray the Psalm assigned below.

Also, remember to review Psalm 86:11 from memory.

## What you just can't imagine yourself journaling...

- What do you have to lose? Why not give it a try? You might be surprised!
- Don't let your struggle with journaling stop you from reading and reflecting on what you have read! Perhaps it works better for you to just write down the Scripture, and then go for a walk. Or to draw a picture that captures what you have noticed.

THE MOST IMPORTANT THING IS THAT
YOU ARE LISTENING TO GOD IN SCRIPTURE, NOT THAT YOU HAVE LIFE JOURNALED!
...but seriously, why not give it a try?

1. Listen

Begin by reading the assigned Scripture. As you consider what you are reading with an open and humble heart, what verse(s) or phrase(s) catch your attention? Write these at the top of a page in your journal, making note of the reference.

## 2. Investigate

What is important to know? In 1-3 sentences or bullets, write your observation about what you are notcing in the text. Allow the following questions to help you pay attention to what God wants to say to you:

- How is God revealed? What does this text say about God's character and ways? How is God's goodness and grace evident? What does this reveal about what God has done, is doing, or will do?
- What does this say about humanity? What problem, question, longing, need, hope, pitfall, theme or opportunity is named here?
- Pay attention to context, using references such as the Bible Project or your Study Bible to help you: How does this section fit in the chapter? The chapter in the book? The book within the grand narrative of salvation?


## 3. Follow

As you reflect on the application of this message, what do you sense God calling you to hear, see, or do? In 1-3 sentences/bullets, write your thoughts, with the following in mind:

- How do the circumstances of the original audience connect/relate to my own life? How does God's Word help ME see more clearly, understand more fully, speak and act more faithfully in MY reality? What would it look like to respond to God's revelation and invitation in this text? And why does this matter?

4. Engage

What do you sense your mind and heart wanting to say to God about what you have read and heard? In 1-3 sentences/bullets, write down your simple prayer response to God.

| Date (2021) | Read Scripture | Pray the Psalms | Watch Bible Project |
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| GOD'S CHOSEN PEOPLE (CONTINUED) |  |  |  |
| 5. Monday, January 18 | Exodus 1 <br> Israel's Suffering in Egypt <br> [Practice Psalm 86:11 from memory] | 43 | Torah: Exodus 1-18 |
| 6. Tuesday, January 19 | Exodus 3 <br> The call of Moses, Part 1 | 90:1-10 | Character of God: Compassion |
| 7. Wednesday, January 20 | Exodus 4 <br> The call of Moses, Part 2 | 90:11-17 |  |
| 8. Thursday, January 21 | Exodus 5 <br> Confrontation with Pharaoh | 105:23-35 |  |
| 9. Friday, January 22 | Exodus 12:1-13 <br> The Passover | Revelation 5:6-14 | Character of God: Grace |
| 10. Saturday, January 23 | Exodus 12:29-42 <br> The Death of the Firstborn | 105:36-45 |  |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { 11. Sunday, January } \\ & 24 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | Exodus 14 <br> Victory at the Red Sea | 114 |  |


| Date (2021) | Read Scripture | Pray the <br> Psalms | Watch Bible Project |
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| 12. Monday, January <br> 25 | Exodus 19:1-4, 20:1-21 <br> Ten Words to Live By | 1 | Torah: Exodus 19-40 <br> Theme: The Law |
| 13. Tuesday, January <br> 26 | Exodus 34:1-16 <br> God reveals his Name | 145 | Character of God: <br> Exodus 34:6-7 |
| 14. Wednesday, <br> January 27 | Exodus 40 <br> Meeting Place of Heaven and <br> Earth | 15 | Theme: Temple |
| 15. Thursday, January <br> 28 | Leviticus 16 <br> Atoning Sacrifice | $50: 1-15$ | Torah: Leviticus <br> Theme: Sacrifice and <br> Atonement |
| 16. Friday, January 29 | Leviticus 21 <br> Set Apart to Serve God <br> (Priests) | 783 |  |
| 17. Saturday, January |  |  |  |
| 30 | Deuteronomy 6 <br> Hear, O Israel | T8:17-55 | Torah: Deuteronomy |
| 18. Sunday, January 31 | Deuteronomy 30:1-20 <br> Choose Life or Death | Shema Series |  |

## WEEK FIVE: MEMORIZATION

This week you will continue reading and Life Journaling through the story of Scripture.

You are also invited to add another portion of Scripture - Joshua 1:7-9 - to your memorization. If helpful, refer back to the tips for memorization on page 5.

For more information on how to memorize larger portions of Scripture check out Andy Davis' Scripture Memory Method: "An Approach to Extended Memorization of Scripture." Download FREE PDF here. http://www.fbcdurham.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/07/Scripture-Memory-Booklet-for-Publication-Website-Layout.pdf

Remember, you retain what you review. So, it's not failure to realize that some of your memorized Scriptures are slipping. It's just an alert that it's time to review. And the more you review, the more it will settle into your mind and heart, and the easier it will be to recall again when you return to it.

| Date (2021) | Read Scripture | Pray the Psalms | Watch Bible Project |
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| BUILDING THE KINGDOM OF ISRAEL |  |  |  |
| 19. Monday, February 1 | Joshua 1 <br> Be Strong, Meditate on the Law [Read Josh 1:7-9 x 10] | 19 | Historical: Joshua |
| 20. Tuesday, February 2 | Joshua 24 <br> My House Will Serve the Lord [Practice Joshua 1:7 from memory] | 37:1-11 |  |
| 21. Wednesday, February 3 | Judges 2 <br> Each What is Right to Him [Practice Joshua 1:8 from memory] | 36 | Historical: Judges |
| 22. Thursday, February 4 | 1 Samuel 3 <br> The Call of Samuel [Practice Joshua 1:9 from memory] | 99 | Historical: 1 Samuel |
| 23. Friday, February 5 | 1 Samuel 8 Israel Demands a King [Practice Joshua 1:7-9 from memory] | 93 |  |
| 24. Saturday, February 6 | 1 Samuel 15 <br> Saul is Fired <br> [Share Joshua 1:7-9 with 3 people] | 78:56-72 |  |
| 25. Sunday, February 7 | 1 Samuel 16 David Anointed King [Share Joshua 1:7-9 with 3 people] | 23 |  |

## WEEK SIX (February 8-14): MEDITATING ON SCRIPTURE

Though some consider meditation an unchristian practice, throughout the Bible, we are exhorted to meditate on God's law (Psalm 1:2). That said, whereas other religions and philosophies refer to meditation as an emptying of the mind, the Jewish and Christian concept of meditation is just the opposite. It's about allowing God's thoughts to fill our mind. The Hebrew word for meditate ('hagah') captures the idea of a lion chewing, devouring and savoring its prey (see Isa $31: 4$ ). This is the biblical idea of meditation - focussing our mind on some aspect of God's grace and truth - with the goal of truly taking it all in - our hearts fed, and our lives enlivened by a deep encounter with God in His Word.

For all the benefits of biblical meditation, it is best pursued as a complement to biblical study. This will both guide the heart to right understanding and guard against unbiblical reflections. In our rationalistic culture, biblical meditation reminds us that Scripture, though essential fuel for our thinking, is not simply a rational matter, but something through which God wants to engage our heart and soul, mind and strength. In it we encounter not just truth to be upheld, but a God who holds us. Thus, meditation invites us to listen to God with our whole being.

To do this well, it is best to meditate on smaller portions of scripture - e.g. 3-10 verses. The process is similar to Life Journaling, but more with the heart. Your goal is not simply to understand the passage, but to know the God who is speaking through this passage.

The following is an ancient form of meditating on Scripture called Lectio Divina (which simply means 'holy reading' in latin). It involves four movements: Reading, Ruminating, Responding and Resting.

## 1. Read:

After reading the selected text, choose one portion on which to meditate. Read this text slowly and prayerfully, multiple times (if possible, aloud). If helpful, engage your imagination - picture yourself in the scene or text. Let yourself notice things. Meander within the story/text. Slow down, linger in the text and listen...

## 2. Ruminate:

As you read the text again, is there a word or phrase that stands out to you, catches your attention, or simply can't be shaken? Come back to this word or phrase and stay there. Look at it from all sides. Repeat it, ponder it, speak it, breathe it. What emotions, memories, images, hopes or desires does it evoke in you? Let yourself wander around this word or phrase and what it stirs up in you...

## 3. Respond:

Although all of this is prayer, this is the point at which to deliberately ask, "God, why did you put this phrase into my heart today?" Some of us will wrestle at this point with whether the thoughts in our mind and heart are from God or just from ourselves. Let this guide you in prayer - talk to God about the why's that stir up in you. Trust that God is in this moment with you, and in your conversation...

If it isn't yet evident, conclude by asking "God, how would You have me respond to your Word to me?" Just listen for what God may be saying to you...

## 4. Rest:

Rest with God. Rest in what God has said to you. Rest and receive the grace of God's Presence with you and attentive love for you. (If you don't need to run off, don't.) Enjoy this moment of just being present with God - and then get up and go with the God who has spoken to you in love...

| Date (2021) | Read Scripture | Pray the <br> Psalms | Watch Bible Project |
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| BUILDING THE KINGDOM OF ISRAEL (CONTINUED) |  |  |  |
| 26. Monday, <br> February 8 | 2 Samuel 5 <br> David Becomes Israel's King <br> [Practice Psalm 86:1 1 and <br> Joshua 1:7-9 from memory] | 21 | Historical: 2 Samuel |
| 27. Tuesday, <br> February 9 | 1 Chronicles 15 <br> The City of God | 24 | Historical: 1 \&2 <br> Chronicles |


| 28. Wednesday, <br> February 10 | 1 Chronicles 16 <br> David's Song of Praise | 45 | Wisdom \& Poetry: Psalms |
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| 29. Thursday, <br> February 11 | 1 Chronicles 17 <br> God's Promise to David | $89: 1-24$ |  |
| 30. Friday, February <br> 12 | 2 Samuel 11 <br> David Strays from Obedience | 51 |  |
| 31. Saturday, <br> February 13 | 2 Samuel 12 <br> Consequences for David's Sin | 32 |  |
| 32. Sunday, February <br> 14 | 1 Chronicles 28 <br> Preparations for a Temple | 103 |  |

## WEEK SEVEN (February 15-21):

- HEARING GOD's WORD TOGETHER

In an individualistic culture like ours, we can forget that the Bible was first addressed to groups of people: to the gathered nation of Israel, and then to the gathered community of Christians. It was and is meant to be not just personal devotional literature, but formative texts for our shared life as God's people.

One practice that helps us in this is hearing scripture together, rather than just reading it alone. When we hear the Bible read out loud, we remember

- that Scripture is primarily God's VOICE we hear, not a book I read,
- that the gospel forms us not just as individuals, but as a people - "a holy nation, a royal priesthood, a people belonging to God" (1 Peter 2:9), the family of Jesus (Luke 8:21), with a common love and mission in the world.

For this reason, it has always been important for Christian communities to share in the reading of Scripture, and to engage in conversation about what we have heard.

This week, we want to invite you to find some way to make your engagement with God's Word truly a shared experience.
For example:

- Set aside 10 minutes before breakfast, after dinner or before bed to read with a friend, housemate or member of your family - in person or over ZOOM
- Go for a walk with a friend, and take 10 minutes along the way to read with them.
- Meet with your discipleship group, and use some of your time together to read the Bible.

Then, after you have read, share together at least one observation, insight, or question that emerged from what you read.

- What do we learn about God?
- What do we learn about ourselves?
- What do we learn about God's will or desires for us?

| Date (2021) | Read Scripture | Pray the <br> Psalms | Watch Bible Project |
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| 33. Monday, February 15 | 1 Chronicles 29 <br> David's Song of Praise <br> [Practice Psalm 86:1 1 and <br> Joshua 1:7-9 from memory] | 63 |  |
| 34. Tuesday, February 16 | 2 Chronicles 6:1-21 <br> Solomon Dedicates the Temple | 84 |  |


| 35. Wednesday, <br> February 17 | 2 Chronicles 7 <br> God Responds to Solomon | 92 |  |
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| 36. Thursday, February <br> 18 | 2 Chronicles 9:13-30 <br> Solomon's Kingdom | 72 |  |
| 37. Friday, February 19 | Proverbs 2 <br> Solomon's Wisdom | $49: 1$-11 | Wisdom \& Poetry: <br> Proverbs |
| 38. Saturday, February <br> 20 | Ecclesiastes 3 <br> Solomon's Search | $49: 12-20$ | Wisdom \& Poetry: <br> Ecclesiastes |
| ISRAEL'S FALL AND RESTORATION | (2 Chronicles 10 <br> 39. Sunday, February 21A Kingdom Divided |  |  |

## WEEKS EIGHT-THIRTEEN (February 22 - April 4): LIFE JOURNALING \& MEMORIZATION

Congratulations! You are doing it! As you walk with God through the second half of this journey, continue practicing what you have learned about Reading, Life Journaling (see Weeks 3\&4, p 7f), Meditating on Scripture (see Week 6, p 13 f ), and Memorizing Scripture (see Week 5, p 11 f ). We also encourage you to read the assigned biblical texts with others (family, spouse, friends, your discipleship community) at least once a week.

## MEMORIZING...

- In Week Eight, you are encouraged to memorize Psalm 1:1-3, where David reflects on the life-giving power of God's Word in his life.
- In Week Eleven, we will be memorizing Jesus' call to apprenticeship in Mark 8:34-35.
- As indicated in the Reading Plan, be sure to continue reviewing all the verses you've memorized. You may choose other verses that you'd like to memorize as well!

WEEK EIGHT: February 22 - February 28
LIFE Journal Assigned Scripture, Memorize Psalm 1:1-3

| Date (2021) | Read Scripture | Pray the Psalms | Watch Bible Project |
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| ISRAEL'S FALL AND RESTORATION (CONTINUED) |  |  |  |
| 40. Monday, February 22 | Amos 5:18-24 <br> The Prophets <br> [Read Psalm 1:1-3 out loud $\times 5]$ | 81 | Minor Prophet: Amos |
| 41. Tuesday, February 23 | Isaiah 1 <br> The Prophets <br> [Read Psalm 1:1-3 out loud $\times 5]$ | 112 | Major Prophet: Isaiah |
| 42. Wednesday, February 24 | Isaiah 9 <br> The Prophets <br> [Practice Psalm 1:1 from memory] | 113 | Theme: Justice |
| 43. Thursday, February 25 | Isaiah 40 <br> The Prophets <br> [Practice Psalm 1:1-2] | 40 |  |
| 44. Friday, February 26 | Isaiah 53 <br> The Prophets <br> [Practice Psalm 1:1-3] | Revelation 7:9-17 |  |
| 45. Saturday, February 27 | Zephaniah 3 <br> The Prophets <br> [Share Psalm 1:1-3 with 3 <br> people (from memory)] | 38 | Minor Prophet: Zephaniah |
| 46. Sunday, February 28 | Ezekiel 7 <br> The Prophets [Practice Psalm 86:1 1, Joshua 1:7-9, and Psalm 1:1-3 from memory] | 9 | Major Prophet: Ezekiel |


| WEEK NINE: March 1 - 7 <br> LIFE Journal Assigned Scripture, Pray Psalm |  |  |  |
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| Date (2021) | Read Scripture | Pray the <br> Psalms | Watch Bible Project |
| \|SRAEL'S FALL AND RESTORATION (CONTINUED) |  |  |  |
| 47. Monday, March 1 | 2 Chronicles 36 <br> The Kingdom Falls | 79 | Theme: Exile |
| 48. Tuesday, March 2 | Jeremiah 9:1 2-24 <br> The Prophets | 80 | Maior Prophet: <br> Jeremiah |
| 49. Wednesday, March 3 | Jeremiah 31:31-40 <br> The Prophets | 83 |  |
| 50. Thursday, March 4 | Daniel 3 <br> Faithfulness in Exile | 73 | Maior Prophet: Daniel |
| 51. Friday, |  |  |  |
| March 5 | Daniel 7:1-22 <br> The Ancient of Days | 97 |  |
| 52. Saturday, March 6 | Ezekiel 37:1-14 <br> Dry Bones Come to Life | 85 |  |
| 53. Sunday, March 7 | Ezra 1 <br> The Exile Is Ended | 126 | $\underline{\text { Historical: Ezra / }}$ |


|  | [Practice Psalm 86:1 1, Joshua <br> $1: 7-9$, and Psalm 1:1-3 from <br> memory $]$ |  |  |
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| WEEK TEN: March 8-14 LIFE Journal Assigned Scrip |  |  |  |
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| Date (2021) | Read Scripture | Pray the Psalms | Watch Bible Project |
| ISRAEL'S FALL AND RESTORATION (CONTINUED) |  |  |  |
| 54. Monday, March 8 | Nehemiah 8 <br> Discovering the Law Again | 128 |  |
| 55. Tuesday, March 9 | Haggai 1 <br> Rebuilding the Temple | 132 | Minor Prophet: Haggai |
| 56. Wednesday, March 10 | Zechariah 12 <br> A Coming King | 98 | Minor Prophet: Zechariah |
| 57. Thursday, March 11 | Malachi 4 <br> A Coming Messenger | 114 | Minor Prophet: Malachi |
| MESSIAH |  |  |  |
| 58. Friday, March 12 | Mark 1:1-20 Messiah Comes | 10 | HTR+B: The Gospel The Messiah |
| 59. Saturday, March 13 | Mark 1:21-45 Jesus' Compassionate Power | 102:1-17 | Gospel: Mark <br> Theme: Gospel of the Kingdom |
| 60. Sunday, March 14 | Mark 4:1-34 <br> Jesus' Stories <br> [Practice Psalm 86:1 1, Joshua 1:7-9, and Psalm 1:1-3 from memory] | 119:1-16 | HTR+B: The Parables of Jesus |

## WEEK ELEVEN: March 15-21

LIFE Journal Assigned Scripture, Memorize Mark 8:34-35

| Date (2021) | Read Scripture | Pray the Psalms | Watch Bible Project |
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| MESSIAH (CONTINUED) |  |  |  |
| 61. Monday, March 15 | Mark 7:1-23 <br> Religious Hypocrisy <br> [Rd Mark 8:34-35 x 5 | 119:17-32 |  |
| 62. Tuesday, March 16 | Mark 8:27-9:1 <br> Discipleship <br> [Rd Mark 8:34-35 x 5] | 119:33-48 | Word Study: Gospel |
| 63. Wednesday, March 17 | Mark 9:1-32 <br> Revelation <br> [Practice Mark 8:34 from memory] | 29 |  |
| 64. Thursday, March 18 | Mark 10:32-45 <br> Jesus the Servant <br> [Practice Mark 8:34-35 from memory] | 119:49-64 |  |
| 65. Friday, | Mark 11:1-19 | 118 |  |


| March 19 | End of the Temple <br> [Share Mark 8:34-35 with 3 <br> people] |  |  |
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| 66. Saturday, March 20 | Mark 14:1-25 <br> Passover [Share Mark 8:34-35 <br> with 3 people] | $\mathbf{1 3 0}$ |  |
| 67. Sunday, March 21 | Mark 14:26-72 <br> Jesus Betrayed <br> [Practice Psalm 86:1 1, Joshua <br> $1: 7-9$, Psalm 1:1-3, and Mark <br> $8: 34-35$ from memory] |  |  |


| WEEK TWELVE: March 22-28 LIFE Journal Assigned Scripture, |  |  |  |
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| Date (2021) | Read Scripture | Pray the Psalms | Watch Bible Project |
| MESSIAH (CONTINUED) |  |  |  |
| 68. Monday, March 22 | Mark 15:1-20 <br> Jesus Before the Romans | 2 |  |
| 69. Tuesday, March 23 | Mark 15:21-47 <br> Jesus' Crucifixion and Death | 22 |  |
| 70. Wednesday, March 24 | Mark 16:1-8 Jesus' Resurrection | 16 |  |
| A NEW FAMILY IS BORN (AGAIN) |  |  |  |
| 71. Thursday, March 25 | Acts 1:1-11 <br> The Promise of the Spirit | 18:1-19 | NT: Acts |
| 72. Friday, March 26 | Acts 2:1-21 <br> Keeping His Promise | 18:20-50 | Theme: Holy Spirit |
| 73. Saturday, March 27 | Acts 2:22-47 <br> The Birth of the Church | 86 | Word Study: Witness |
| 74. Sunday, March 28 | Acts 10 <br> The Gentiles are Welcome [Practice Psalm 86:11, Joshua 1:7-9, Psalm 1:1-3, and Mark 8:34-35 from memory] | 96 |  |


| WEEK THIRTEEN: <br> LIFE Journal Assigned Scripture, Pray Psalm |  |  |
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| A NEW FAMILY IS BORN (AGAIN) | Read Scripture |  |
| Date (2021) | Pray the <br> Psalms | Watch Bible Project |
| 75. Monday, March 29 | 1 Corinthians 15:1-20 <br> An Ancient Confession | 149 |
| 76. Tuesday, March 30 | Ephesians 2:1-22 <br> A New Identity | NT: 1 Corinthians |
| 77. Wednesday, March <br> 31 | Colossians 1:15-29 <br> One Lord | 150 |


| 78. Thursday, April 1 | Revelation 21 <br> One Hope | 76 | NT: Revelation |
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