

THROUGH THE BIBLE IN A YEAR

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JEREMIAH

OUTLINE

- I. God Chooses Jeremiah to Speak for Him (1)
- II. God Will Punish the People of Judah and Jerusalem (2-26)
- III. Jeremiah Against the Lying Prophets (27-29)
- IV. God Will Someday Bring His People Back to Their Land (30-33)
- V. Scenes from Jeremiah's Ministry (34-38)
- VI. The Fall of Jerusalem and Later Events in Judah (39-42)
- VII. Jeremiah in Egypt (43-44)
- VIII. A Message for Baruch (45)
- IX. The Lord Speaks About the Nations (46-51)
- X. Another Account of the Fall of Jerusalem (52)

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Jer25: You did not listen, says the LORD. So I will summon Babylon. Make the nations drink my cup of wrath. The LORD will roar from on high.

Jer26: The LORD said: Speak in the courts. The priests seized Jeremiah to kill him, but the officials refused. Uriah had been put to death.

Jer27: The LORD said: Put a yoke on your neck. I will hand all the nations over to serve Nebuchadnezzar. Do not listen to your prophets.

Jer28: Hananiah took Jeremiah's yoke and broke it. The LORD said: Tell Hananiah, I have put an iron yoke on these nations. Hananiah died.

Jer29: Jeremiah wrote to the exiles: Seek peace for the city. After seventy years you will return. Ahab, Zedekiah and Shemaiah speak lies.

Jer30: Write these words in a book. I will restore my people, says the LORD. I have punished you but I will heal you. I will be your God.

Jer31: Sing with joy for Jacob! Return to your cities. I will make a new covenant with Israel, says the LORD. I will put my law within them.

Jer32: Jeremiah bought a field in Anathoth. O LORD, the city has been handed over to Babylon. The LORD says: I will surely gather my people.

Jer33: The LORD says: I will tell you great things. I will bring healing to the land. David will never lack a son on the throne of Israel.

Jer34: Tell Zedekiah: You will not escape the king of Babylon. The people took back their slaves. The LORD says: You have not obeyed me.

Jer35: The Rechabites refused to drink wine. The LORD said to Judah: The command of Jonadab has been obeyed, yet you have not obeyed me.

Jer36: Baruch read out Jeremiah's words at the temple. The king sent for the scroll and burned it. The LORD said: I will bring disaster.

Jer37: Zedekiah became king. Jeremiah said: Do not think the Babylonians will leave us. Irijah arrested Jeremiah. Zedekiah gave him bread.

Jer38: Jeremiah was thrown into a cistern. Zedekiah sent for him. Jeremiah said: If you surrender to the king of Babylon then you will live.

Jer39: The Babylonians besieged Jerusalem and captured Zedekiah. They took the people into exile. Nebuchadnezzar said: Do not harm Jeremiah.

Jer40: Nebuzaradan said to Jeremiah: Go back to Gedaliah, who has been appointed over Judah. The captains warned Gedaliah about Ishmael.

Jer41: Ishmael killed Gedaliah and eighty men. Johanan went to fight Ishmael but he escaped. Johanan led the survivors on the way to Egypt.

Jer42: The people asked Jeremiah to pray. The LORD says: If you stay in the land, I will grant you mercy. If you go to Egypt, you will die.

2 TIMOTHY

In his second letter to Timothy, Paul is more personal than in his first one. Timothy is like a “dear child” to Paul, and Paul always mentions him in his prayers because he wants Timothy to be a “good soldier” of Christ Jesus and to learn to endure suffering. Paul mentions Timothy’s mother and grandmother by name in this letter and reminds Timothy how he had placed his hands on him as a special sign that the Spirit was guiding his work.

Some who claimed to be followers of the Lord had already been trapped by the devil, and Paul warns Timothy to run from those temptations that often catch young people. He tells Timothy to keep preaching God’s message, even if it is not the popular thing to do. He should also beware of false teachers.

Paul knows that he will soon die for his faith, but he will be rewarded for his faithfulness, and he reminds Timothy of the true message.

OUTLINE

- I. Greetings and Prayer for Timothy (1:1, 2)
- II. Do Not be Ashamed of the Lord (1:3-18)
- III. How to be a Good Soldier of Christ (2:1-26)
- IV. What People Will Be Like in the Last Days (3:1-9)
- V. Keep Being Faithful (3:10-4:8)
- VI. Personal Instructions and Final Greetings (4:9-22)

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2Tim3: In the last days people will be proud and unholy. As for you, continue in what you have learned. All Scripture is inspired by God.
2Tim4: Preach the word in and out of season. I have finished my race. Come to me soon with Mark. Beware of Alexander. The Lord be with you.

TITUS

Paul mentions Titus several times in his letters as someone who worked with him in Asia Minor and Greece. He is told by Paul to appoint church leaders and officials in Crete.

Paul instructs Titus to make sure that church leaders and officials have good reputations and that all of the Lord’s followers keep themselves pure and avoid arguments.

Paul includes special instructions for the different groups within the church in Crete. He reminds Titus that a new way of life is possible because of what God has done by sending Jesus Christ: God has saved them, washed them by the power of the Holy Spirit, and given them a fresh start and the hope of eternal life.

OUTLINE

- I. Greetings and a Prayer for Titus (1:1-4)
- II. Instructions for Church Officials (1:5-16)
- III. Instructions for Church People (2:1-3:11)
- IV. Personal Advice and Final Greetings (3:12-15)

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Tit1: Paul, a servant of God, to Titus. I left you in Crete to appoint elders. Deceivers must be silenced. To the impure nothing is pure.
Tit2: Teach what is consistent with sound doctrine. Men are to be steadfast, women reverent. The grace of God trains us to live godly lives.
Tit3: Show consideration to all. We were once slaves but God saved us. Believers should maintain good works. Everyone here sends greetings.

PHILEMON

Philemon was a wealthy man who owned slaves and who used his large house for church meetings. He probably lived in Colossae, since Paul’s letter to the Colossians mentions Onesimus, a slave of Philemon, and Archippus.

Paul is writing from jail on behalf of Onesimus, a runaway slave owned by Philemon. Onesimus had become a follower of the Lord and a valuable friend to Paul, and Paul is writing to encourage Philemon to accept Onesimus also as a friend and follower of the Lord.

This letter is an excellent example of the art of letter-writing in the Roman world, and it is the most personal of all Paul’s letters. The way the letter is written suggests that Paul and Philemon were close friends.

OUTLINE

- I. Greetings to Philemon (1:1-3)
- II. Paul Speaks to Philemon about Onesimus (1:4-22)
- III. Final Greetings and a Prayer (1:23-25)

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Phm1: Paul, a prisoner, to Philemon. I ask that you receive Onesimus back, not as a slave, but as a brother. Put his wrongs on my account.

HEBREWS

Many religious people in the first century after Jesus' birth, both Jews and Gentiles, had questions about the religion of the early Christians. They were looking for evidence that this new faith was genuine. Jews had the miracle of crossing the Red Sea and the agreement made with God at Mount Sinai to support their faith. But what miracles did Christians have? Jews had beautiful worship ceremonies and a high priest who offered sacrifices in the temple so that the people would be forgiven. But what did Christians have? How could this new Christian faith, centered in Jesus, offer forgiveness of sins and friendship with God?

The letter to the Hebrews was written to answer exactly these kinds of questions. In it the author tells the readers how important Jesus really is. He is greater than any of God's angels, greater than any prophet, and greater even than Moses and Joshua. Jesus is the perfect high priest because he never sinned, and by offering his own life he has made the perfect sacrifice for sin once for all time. By his death and return from death he has opened the way for all people to come to God.

This letter has much to say about the importance of faith. The writer points out that what Jesus offers comes only by faith. And this faith makes his followers sure of what they hope for and gives them proof of things that cannot be seen. The writer praises God's faithful people of the past and encourages those who follow Jesus now to keep their eyes on him as they run the race.

OUTLINE

- I. The Greatness of God's Son (1:1-4)
- II. Jesus is Greater than Angels (1:5-2:18)
- III. Jesus is Greater than Moses and Joshua (3:1-4:13)
- IV. Jesus is the Great High Priest (4:14-7:28)
- V. Jesus Brings a Better Agreement (8:1-9:22)
- VI. Jesus' Sacrifice is Once and for All (9:23-10:31)
- VII. Some of God's People Who Had Great Faith (11:1-40)
- VIII. Follow the Example of Jesus (12:1-13:19)
- IX. Final Prayers and Greetings (13:20-25)

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Heb1: In these last days God has spoken by his Son. Of the Son he says, "Let the angels worship him." And, "Your throne, O God, is forever."

Heb2: We must pay closer attention. The author of salvation tasted death for everyone. He was made like us to make atonement for our sins.

Getting to Know God Through His Book - 4 Questions - Ask...

Insight—what does the passage say? Paraphrase the main point(s) and the commands to follow, promises to claim, examples to follow (or avoid), etc.

Question—what don't I understand? Need to know more about? How does this passage make me feel?

Praise—what does this passage teach me about God? Turn what the passage says into praise for the Lord's goodness, power, holiness, wisdom, etc.

Apply—what is God saying to me from this passage? Confess how you have not followed it. Pray, asking God to help you obey. Get quiet and ask God to speak to you.

Journal—write out your prayers, thoughts, responses to God and His Word

HOW TO PRAY

Scripture is God speaking to us. Prayer is us speaking to and listening to God. Jesus gave us the model in the Lord's Prayer (Mt 6). Keep your relationship fresh with the Lord by both reading and praying - two way communication. Remember to look up like Jesus did when He prayed.

1. Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed by thy name – focus on God, adore, praise, thank Him – long to see His glory and honor.
2. Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done – ask for what you know will please Him, pray back the Scripture – that is His will.
3. Give us this day our daily bread – ask for your needs and others to be met.
4. Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us – ask for forgiveness, from God, and from others you may have hurt. Ask God to help you forgive and restore others too. Ask Him to get rid of bitterness and have love & compassion for those who have hurt you.
5. And lead us not into temptation – ask God to take over your day, protect you and others from evil.
6. For thine is the kingdom, power & glory – end by re-focusing on God, His kingdom, power, and glory!
7. Listen – ask God to speak to you by His Spirit – always test what you hear by His Word.
8. Pray the Blind Bartimaeus Prayer (Mark 10) – Tell God what you feel, what you want, and ask God what you should do to get what you want (if what you want is right).