

## THROUGH THE BIBLE IN A YEAR

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12/7 – Dan 9-10, 2 John 1  
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### DANIEL

As a young man, Daniel had been taken prisoner by the Babylonian army when Jerusalem was captured. The first half of this book tells how he and three of his friends from Judah became important officials in the government at Babylon. They remained completely faithful to the Lord, even when it meant risking their lives. This half of the book concludes with Daniel serving in the government of the Medo-Persian empire after it had conquered Babylonia.

In the second half of the book Daniel reports several visions that he had and how the meanings of those visions were explained to him by angels.

This book shows that God is in control of human events. He guides empires into power, but later he lets them be conquered by other empires. God also cares for individuals who are faithful to him, and someday he will finally bring justice to the world and provide victory for his people.

#### **OUTLINE**

- I. Daniel and His Three Friends (1:1-21)
- II. King Nebuchadnezzar's Dream (2:1-49)
- III. God Rescues Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego (3:1-30)
- IV. Nebuchadnezzar Loses His Kingdom for Seven Years (4:1-37)
- V. King Belshazzar and the Writing on the Wall (5:1-31)
- VI. God Rescues Daniel from the Pit of Lions (6:1-28)
- VII. Daniel's Vision of Four Beasts (7:1-28)
- VIII. Daniel's Vision of a Ram and a Goat (8:1-27)
- IX. Daniel Prays for His People (9:1-27)
- X. Daniel Has a Vision Beside the Tigris River (10:1-12:13)

#### **BIBLE BLURB (from @biblesummary)**

Dan1: Nebuchadnezzar brought the young nobles to Shinar. Daniel resolved not to defile himself with the king's food. God gave him wisdom.

Dan2: Nebuchadnezzar had dreams. Daniel said, "God reveals mysteries. You saw a great statue broken by a stone. God will set up a kingdom."

Dan3: Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego would not worship the gold statue. Nebuchadnezzar threw them into the furnace but God protected them.

Dan4: "I, Nebuchadnezzar, dreamt of a tree cut down. Daniel said, 'You shall eat grass like an ox.' Afterwards my kingdom was restored."

Dan5: Belshazzar drank from the temple vessels. A hand wrote on the wall. Daniel said, "Your kingdom is given to the Medes and Persians."

Dan6: The satraps urged Darius to sign a law against prayer. Daniel prayed to God and was thrown to the lions. God closed the lions' mouths.

Dan7: Daniel saw visions. I saw four great beasts. The Son of Man was given an everlasting kingdom. The fourth beast shall be destroyed.

Dan8: I saw a ram with two horns. A goat with a large horn struck the ram. Gabriel said: "The ram is Media and Persia, the goat is Greece."

Dan9: I read the book of Jeremiah. I prayed, "Israel has sinned. O God, forgive." Gabriel said, "Seventy weeks are decreed for atonement."

Dan10: As I mourned I saw a man with a face like lightning. He said, "The prince of Persia delayed me. I came to explain the latter days."

Dan11: "The king of the south will fight the king of the north. The king of the north will desecrate the temple. He will exalt himself."

Dan12: "There will be a time of distress." I said, "How long?" He said, "Time, times and half a time. These words are sealed until the end."

## HOSEA

Hosea was a prophet in the northern kingdom during its final years as a nation. In the first three chapters of this book, Hosea's family life became a living picture of the message he preached to his country. The Lord told Hosea to marry a prostitute, as a way of showing how unfaithful Israel had been. Then the Lord told Hosea what to name his children, and these names were reminders that Israel was going to be punished. But Hosea was told to love his unfaithful wife, and his love was to be a picture of the Lord's continuing love for unfaithful Israel.

The rest of the book emphasizes the agreement that the Lord had made with Israel. This agreement demanded that Israel and the Lord be loyal and faithful to each other. The Lord had always lived up to the agreement, but the people had broken it time after time. They had trusted their own military strength and the power of foreign countries, rather than depending on the Lord to protect their nation. And the people had worshiped other gods and trusted them to provide good crops and large herds of livestock.

In this book the Lord put Israel and Judah on trial and charged them with breaking their agreement with him. They were guilty and would be punished.

But the Lord still loved his people in spite of everything they had done. And so he promised to forgive them and bless them again after they learned to be faithful to him.

### **OUTLINE**

- I. Hosea's Family is a Picture of the Lord's Unfaithful People (1:1-3:5)
- II. The Lord Accuses Israel, Judah, and Their Leaders (4:1-5:15)
- III. The People Pretend to Turn to the Lord (6:1-7:10)
- IV. Israel Refused to Trust the Lord (7:11-8:14)
- V. Israel Will Get the Punishment it Deserves (9:1-16)
- VI. Warnings for Israel (10:1-15)
- VII. God's Love for His People (11:1-11)
- VIII. Israel and Judah are Doomed (11:12-13:16)
- IX. Future Forgiveness and Blessings (14:1-9)

### **BIBLE BLURB (from @biblesummary)**

Hos1: The LORD told Hosea, "Marry an adulterer for the land has prostituted itself." Gomer had sons. The LORD said, "You are not my people."

Hos2: "Your mother has been unfaithful. I will expose her lewdness. Now I will speak tenderly to her. I will betroth you to me forever."

Hos3: The LORD said to me, "Go, love your wife again as the LORD loves Israel." So I bought her back. For Israel will return to the LORD.

Hos4: The LORD has a charge against Israel: "There is no faithfulness. They have left God to play the whore. The rulers love shameful ways."

Hos5: "Hear this, O priests, O king! Israel shall stumble in his guilt. Ephraim is crushed in judgement. I will leave until they seek me."

Hos6: Come, let us return to the LORD. On the third day he will raise us up. "I desire steadfast love, not offerings. Israel is defiled."

Hos7: "The sins of Ephraim are revealed. They are like a heated oven. They call to Egypt, go to Assyria. Woe to them for they have strayed!"

Hos8: "A vulture is over Israel. The calf of Samaria shall be broken. The LORD will punish their sins. For Israel has forgotten his Maker."

## 1 JOHN

John wants Christian believers to know that when we tell God about our sins, God will forgive us and take them away.

The true test of faith is love for each other. Because God is love, his people must be like him. For a complete victory over sin, we must not only love others, but we must believe that Jesus, the Son of God, is truly Christ, and that his death for us was real.

### **OUTLINE**

- I. The Word that Gives Life (1:1-4)
- II. God is Light and Christ is Our Example (1:5-2:6)
- III. The New Commandment (2:7-17)
- IV. The Enemies of Christ and God's Children (2:18-3:10)
- V. God's Love and Our Love (3:11-4:21)
- VI. Victory Over the World (5:1-21)

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1Jn2: We know Christ if we keep his commands. Whoever loves his brother lives in the light. Do not love the world. Children, abide in him.

1Jn3: We are God's children. Those born of God do not sin. We should love one another. We know love because he laid down his life for us.

1Jn4: Any spirit that confesses Christ is of God. God is love. He sent his Son as a sacrifice for sins. If we live in love, God lives in us.

1Jn5: Anyone born of God overcomes the world. The Spirit, water and blood all testify. God gave us eternal life in his Son. Keep from idols.

**2 JOHN**

John writes again about the importance of love in a Christian's life. He points out that truth and love must go together. We must also believe that Christ was truly human, and we must love each other.

**OUTLINE**

- I. Greetings and Prayer (1-3)
- II. Truth and Love (4-11)
- III. Final Greetings (12-13)

**BIBLE BLURB (from @biblesummary)**

2Jn1: The elder, to the elect lady. Let us love one another as the Father commands. Do not welcome false teachers. I hope to come to you.

**3 JOHN**

In this letter the writer reminds Christian readers that they should help support those who go to other parts of the world to tell others about the Lord. The letter is written to an important church member named Gaius, who had been very helpful to Christians who traveled around and preached the good news.

**OUTLINE**

- I. Greetings to Gaius (1-4)
- II. The Importance of Working Together (5-12)
- III. Final Greetings (13-15)

**BIBLE BLURB (from @biblesummary)**

3Jn1: The elder, to beloved Gaius. I was overjoyed to hear of your faithfulness. Diotrephes spreads false charges. I hope to see you soon.

**JUDE**

Jude has much to say about false teachers. They are evil! God will punish them, and Christians should not follow their teaching or imitate the way they live. Jude ends with a beautiful prayer-like blessing.

**OUTLINE**

- I. Greetings (1-2)
- II. Defending the Faith Against False Teachers (3-23)
- III. Final Prayer (24-25)

**BIBLE BLURB (from @biblesummary)**

Jude1: Jude, to the elect. Ungodly people pervert grace into sensuality. They are judged as twice dead trees. Build yourselves up in faith.

## REVELATION

### **OUTLINE**

- I. A Prophecy from John (1:1-8)
- II. A Vision of the Living Lord (1:9-20)
- III. Letters to the Seven Churches (2:1-3:22)
- IV. A Vision of Worship in Heaven (4:1-11)
- V. A Scroll with Seven Seals (5:1-6:17)
- VI. Worship in Front of God's Throne (7:1-17)
- VII. Seven Trumpets (8:1-11:19)
- VIII. A Dragon and Two Beasts (12:1-13:18)
- IX. Visions of God's Judgment and Protection (14:1-15:8)
- X. Seven Bowls of God's Anger (16:1-21)
- XI. God's Enemies are Defeated (17:1-20:10)
- XII. The Final Judgment (20:11-15)
- XIII. A New Heaven and a New Earth (21:1-8)
- XIV. New Jerusalem (21:9-22:5)
- XV. Christ Will Soon Return (22:6-21)

### **BIBLE BLURB (from @biblesummary)**

Rev1: The revelation of Jesus Christ to John. A voice said, "Write to the churches." I saw one like a son of man, his face was like the sun.

### **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).