

DAILY BIBLE READINGS 2024

A CHRONOLOGICAL READING OF THE WHOLE BIBLE

JULY

FALL OF ISRAEL, HEZEKIAH, ISAIAH, MICAH, NAHUM, ZEPHANIAH, JEREMIAH, JOSIAH

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	2 Kings 17 Isaiah 29 <i>Kids: 2 Kings 18:1-8, 2 Chronicles 29:1-11, 15-19, 25-36</i>	2 Kings 18:1-8 2 Chronicles 29-30 <i>Kids: 2 Chronicles 30</i>	2 Chronicles 31 Isaiah 30-31 <i>Kids: 2 Chronicles 31</i>	*Micah 1-4 <i>Kids: Isaiah 30:6-18, Micah 2</i>	Micah 5-7† <i>Kids: Micah 4:1-8, Micah 5</i>	Isaiah 15-16 Isaiah 18-20 <i>Kids: Micah 7:8-20</i>
	07	08	09	10	11	12
Isaiah 21-22 Isaiah 32 <i>Kids: Isaiah 32, Isaiah 35</i>	Isaiah 33-35 <i>Kids: 2 Kings 18:1-26, 2 Kings 19:1-8</i>	2 Kings 18:9 to 19:37 <i>Kids: 2 Kings 19:9-37</i>	2 Kings 20 2 Chronicles 32 Isaiah 36 <i>Kids: 2 Kings 20</i>	Isaiah 37-39 <i>Kids: Isaiah 40</i>	Isaiah 40-41 <i>Kids: Isaiah 41:5-10, 41:17-24, 42:1-17</i>	Isaiah 42-43 <i>Kids: Isaiah 44:1-23</i>
	14	15	16	17	18	19
Isaiah 44-45 <i>Kids: Isaiah 45</i>	Isaiah 46-48 <i>Kids: Isaiah 46, Isaiah 48:12-22</i>	Isaiah 49-51 <i>Kids: Isaiah 51:1-16</i>	Isaiah 52-55 <i>Kids: Isaiah 52:7 to 53:12</i>	Isaiah 56-58 <i>Kids: Isaiah 54</i>	Isaiah 59-61 <i>Kids: Isaiah 55, Isaiah 57:14-21</i>	Isaiah 62-65 <i>Kids: Isaiah 61-62</i>
	21	22	23	24	25	26
Isaiah 66 Isaiah 23-24 <i>Kids: Isaiah 63:7-19, 64</i>	Isaiah 25-27† 2 Kings 21 <i>Kids: Isaiah 65:17-25, 25:1-9</i>	2 Chronicles 33 *Nahum† <i>Kids: Isaiah 27, 2 Chronicles 33:10-25</i>	*Zephaniah† <i>Kids: Zephaniah 1:1-9, 3:9-20</i>	2 Chronicles 34:1-7 *Jeremiah 1-2 <i>Kids: 2 Chronicles 34:1-7, Jeremiah 1</i>	Jeremiah 3-4 <i>Kids: Jeremiah 2:1-19, 3:14-20, 4:1-2</i>	Jeremiah 5-6 <i>Kids: 2 Kings 22:1 to 23:3</i>
	28	29	30	31		
2 Kings 22-23 <i>Kids: 2 Chronicles 34:8-33</i>	2 Chronicles 34:8 to 35:27 Jeremiah 7 <i>Kids: 2 Chronicles 35</i>	Jeremiah 8-9 Jeremiah 26 <i>Kids: Jeremiah 26</i>	Jeremiah 10-12 <i>Kids: Jeremiah 13:1-11, 25:1-14</i>			

* beginning a new book † completed this book—Congratulations!

Can't read the whole Bible this year? Read one new book of the Bible!

This month:

- 2 Kings — June + July 1-2 & 9-10 & 22 & 28 + August, about 2 hours
- Isaiah — June + July 1 & 3 & 6-22, about 4 hours
- 2 Chronicles — May-June + July 2-3 & 10 & 23-29 + August-September, about 2 hours
- Micah — July 4-5, about 20 minutes
- Nahum — July 23, about 10 minutes
- Zephaniah — July 24, about 15 minutes
- Jeremiah — July 25-31 + August, about 4 hours

NOTES ON THIS MONTH'S READINGS...

WEEK 26 (June 25 to July 1) — ISRAEL FALLS

Date: about 745-701 BC (Isaiah 13:1 to 14:23 dates to sometime in the period 745-686 BC)

The Story: God continues to plead with Israel, with increasing urgency, to repent before it is too late. Two prophets at this time—Hosea in Israel and Isaiah in Judah—convey his messages. Neither nation listens. As a result, God delivers wicked Israel over to the Assyrian empire; it is overrun and its people are exiled. Meanwhile, in Judah, Isaiah speaks both warnings and hope to King Ahaz and the people. But Ahaz allies himself with Assyria for Judah's protection—and in doing so he rejects the Lord. Hope for Judah arises, though, in the next king, Hezekiah, who quickly works to turn God's remaining people back to God.

WEEK 27 (July 2-8) — ASSYRIA THREATENS JERUSALEM

Date: roughly 715-702 BC

The Story: God has judged Israel for its wickedness and unfaithfulness; he has given it over to the Assyrians, who destroyed it. Will the same happen to Judah? For some twenty years, Isaiah and Micah call on Judah to turn back to God and be saved from Israel's fate. King Hezekiah listens and enacts widespread reforms to bring his people back to God. Yet Micah and Isaiah see trouble on the horizon, for Judah's neighbors and for Judah itself. Will Judah trust in God and be rescued?

WEEK 28 (July 9-15) — ISAIAH'S PROPHECIES OF CONSOLATION, PART 1

Date: about 725-722 BC (2 Kings 18:9-12) • about 701 BC (2 Kings 18:13 to 20.; 2 Chronicles 32, Isaiah 36-39) • probably sometime after 701 BC (Isaiah 40-48) • 686 BC (2 Kings 20:20-21, 2 Chronicles 32:32-33) • 681 BC (2 Kings 19:37, 2 Chronicles 32:21b, Isaiah 37:38)

The Story: In 701 BC, Assyria mounts a major assault on Judah, devastating the nation and besieging Jerusalem. What will Judah's King Hezekiah do? Will he turn away from God, as the kings of Israel and some of his own ancestors did? Or will he turn the nation back to God? After that great conflict, we complete the threefold telling of that story and the stories of Hezekiah's illness and his prideful welcome of Babylonian envoys in Kings, Chronicles, and Isaiah. Then our readings bring us into Isaiah's "Book of Consolation" (Isaiah 40-66), a lengthy prophecy of God's restoration of his people after captivity in Babylon—which will take place a century later. In this section of Isaiah, notice God's encouragement for his people to be done with the worship of idols, his words of comfort after their distress, and his message of hope for Israel's restoration and a bright future.

WEEK 29 (July 16-22) — ISAIAH'S PROPHECIES OF CONSOLATION, PART 2

Date: around roughly 696 to about 640 BC

The Story: God continues to speak a message of hope to his people through Isaiah's Book of Consolation, urging them to turn away from their sin and come to him, for he will forgive, restore, and heal them. Not only that—God also has glorious surprises awaiting his people: resurrection from the dead and life in new heavens and a new earth! After a few more encouraging chapters from Isaiah, we reenter the historical timeline of Israel, focusing on two wicked kings of Judah.

WEEK 30 (July 23-29) — JOSIAH AND JEREMIAH

Date: about 696-609 BC

The Story: We again read about Kings Manasseh and Amon, and God speaks judgment on Nineveh (in Assyria) through the prophet Nahum. Israelite or foreign, God judges the wickedness of all people. Disgusted at Judah's exceeding evil during the reign of Manasseh, God now begins to work toward the same punishment of Judah that has already come on Israel: destruction and exile. Zephaniah prophesies it, and then Jeremiah repeats the same kind of message. Yet hope endures: young King Josiah works to turn Judah back to God, renovating the temple and recommitting the people to God's covenant with Israel. But will it be enough?

WEEK 31 (July 30 to August 5) — PROPHECIES AROUND THE FIRST BABYLONIAN EXILE

Date: between 609 and 598 BC • maybe soon after 586 BC (Jeremiah 46:13-28)

The Story: God gradually intensifies the judgment he has begun to bring on Judah because of its wickedness. Jeremiah tries to warn the people, but who will listen? Jeremiah prophesies that other nations (Egypt, Moab, Edom, etc.) will fall, too, when God sends the rising Babylonian Empire to discipline ungodly nations. In 605 BC, Babylon (led by new King Nebuchadnezzar) captures Jerusalem, and Daniel and some other Jews are exiled to Babylon (see 2 Kings 24:1). There they excel, and Daniel becomes both a wise man of Babylon and a prophet of God who, in both roles, represents God's faithfulness to his people.