

# DAILY BIBLE READINGS 2024

## A CHRONOLOGICAL READING OF THE WHOLE BIBLE

# AUGUST

JEREMIAH, DANIEL, EZEKIEL, FALL OF JERUSALEM, THE BABYLONIAN EXILE

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					<b>01</b>	<b>02</b>
					Jeremiah 13 Jeremiah 46-47 <i>Kids: Habakkuk 3</i>	Jeremiah 48:1 to 49:33 <i>Kids: Jeremiah 36:1-19</i>
						Jeremiah 25 Habakkuk*† <i>Kids: Jeremiah 36:20-32, Jeremiah 45</i>
<b>04</b>	<b>05</b>	<b>06</b>	<b>07</b>	<b>08</b>	<b>09</b>	<b>10</b>
Jeremiah 36, 45 Daniel 1* <i>Kids: Daniel 1:1 to 2:13</i>	Daniel 2 Jeremiah 14 <i>Kids: Daniel 2:14-49</i>	Jeremiah 15-17 <i>Kids: Jeremiah 17:5-27</i>	Jeremiah 18-20 <i>Kids: Jeremiah 18:1-17, 23:1-8</i>	Jeremiah 22-23 <i>Kids: Jeremiah 35</i>	Jeremiah 35, 2 Kings 24, 2 Chronicles 36:1-14, Jeremiah 24 <i>Kids: 2 Kings 24</i>	Jeremiah 29, 49:34-39, 27 <i>Kids: 2 Chronicles 36:1-14, Jeremiah 29:1-14, 29:24-32</i>
<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
Jeremiah 50 <i>Kids: Jeremiah 27</i>	Jeremiah 51 <i>Kids: Ezekiel 1</i>	Ezekiel 1-5* <i>Kids: Ezekiel 2-3</i>	Ezekiel 6-7 Jeremiah 28 <i>Kids: Jeremiah 28</i>	Ezekiel 8-11 <i>Kids: Ezekiel 8</i>	Ezekiel 12-15 <i>Kids: Ezekiel 10</i>	Ezekiel 16-17 <i>Kids: Ezekiel 11:14-25</i>
<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
Ezekiel 18-20 <i>Kids: Ezekiel 12:1-14</i>	Ezekiel 21-22 <i>Kids: Ezekiel 12:15-28</i>	Ezekiel 23-24 <i>Kids: Ezekiel 17</i>	Jeremiah 21, 34, 37-38 <i>Kids: Jeremiah 21, 37</i>	Daniel 3 Ezekiel 29-30 <i>Kids: Jeremiah 38</i>	Jeremiah 30-31 <i>Kids: Daniel 3</i>	Jeremiah 32-33 <i>Kids: Jeremiah 31:16-40</i>
<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>
Ezekiel 31 2 Kings 25† 2 Chronicles 36:15-21 <i>Kids: Jeremiah 33</i>	Jeremiah 39 Jeremiah 52 Ezekiel 33 <i>Kids: Jeremiah 52</i>	Lamentations 1-2* <i>Kids: Lamentations 1</i>	Lamentations 3-5† <i>Kids: Lamentations 3:19-33, Jeremiah 40</i>	Jeremiah 40-43 <i>Kids: Jeremiah 41</i>	Jeremiah 44† Psalms 74, 79 <i>Kids: Jeremiah 42-43</i>	Psalms 80, 89, 102 <i>Kids: Jeremiah 44</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 + August 9, 25, about 2 hours
- 2 Chronicles — May-July + August 9 & 25 + September, about 2 hours
- Jeremiah — July + August 1-12 & 14 & 21 & 23-24 & 26 & 29-30, about 4 hours
- Habakkuk — August 3, about 10 minutes
- Daniel — August 4-5 & 22 + September, about 1 hour
- Ezekiel — August 13-20 & 22 & 25-26 + September, about 3 hours
- Lamentations — August 27-28, about 30 minutes
- Psalms — February + April-May + June + August 30-31 + September-October, about 5½ hours

## NOTES ON THIS MONTH'S READINGS...

### 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.

### WEEK 32 (August 6-12) — PROPHECIES AROUND THE SECOND BABYLONIAN EXILE

*Date:* about 605-593 BC

*The Story:* God continues to intensify his judgment upon Judah, yet Judah refuses to repent and submit to his rule. After the Egyptian capture of Jerusalem in 609 BC and the Babylonian capture of the city in 605 BC, Jehoiakim king of Judah serves Babylon briefly, then rebels. Shortly after he dies, Babylon captures Jerusalem again (597 BC) and exiles more of its people (including the priest and soon-to-be prophet Ezekiel, whom we will meet next week). Zedekiah comes to the throne of Judah, but he fails to listen to the warnings of Jeremiah, who remains to proclaim God's messages in Jerusalem.

### WEEK 33 (August 13-19) — WARNINGS FROM THE PROPHET EZEKIEL

*Date:* about 593-591 BC

*The Story:* God's judgment on Judah, the last remaining part of Israel, is growing worse and worse. False prophets both in Jerusalem and among the exiles in Babylonia assure the people that God will restore Israel and bring their exiled people back home. But both Jeremiah (in Jerusalem) and Ezekiel (in exile) insist it will not be so. God is furious with his people's wickedness; Ezekiel especially makes this clear in stark, graphic, repulsive imagery [parents of young children take note]. God's people have rejected him in spite of his goodness to them; therefore he will destroy what remains of Israel. Even so, he will yet restore them one day.

### WEEK 34 (August 20-26) — THE FALL OF JERUSALEM

*Date:* 591-586 BC

*The Story:* God gives the people of Judah and Jerusalem their final warnings—and then the end comes for the land of Judah. The Babylonian siege weakens Jerusalem until the city falls and King Zedekiah is captured and taken into exile. Jerusalem is largely depopulated and the Jewish exile comes into full force.

### WEEK 35 (August 27 to September 2) — AFTERMATH OF JERUSALEM'S FALL

*Date:* 586-585 BC

*The Story:* God, through the army of Babylon, has destroyed Judah and Jerusalem and even his sacred temple. God's people are left to weep and to wonder why this happened—and whether they might still have any hope. This week's readings share the sad aftermath of Jerusalem's fall, described and grieved in Lamentations. Then we read about Jeremiah's efforts to guide the Jews remaining in Judah in God's instruction—but will they listen? We listen to six psalms that were likely written around this time and that call out to God for mercy and help after his judgment. Then we finish with prophecies from Ezekiel against various nations that opposed Judah.