

One Year Bible – Week 7

Reading Schedule:

Exodus = Ex / Matthew = Mt / Psalms = Ps / Proverbs = Pr



Feb 8 – Ex 28:1-43 / Mt 25:31-26:13 / Ps 31:9-18 / Pr 8:12-13
Feb 9 – Ex 29:1-30:10 / Mt 26:14-46 / Ps 31:19-24 / Pr 8:14-26
Feb 10 – Ex 30:11-31:18 / Mt 26:47-68 / Ps 32:1-11 / Pr 8:27-32
Feb 11 – Ex 32:1-33:23 / Mt 26:69-27:14 / Ps 33:1-11 / Pr 8:33-36
Feb 12 – Ex 34:1-35:9 / Mt 27:15-31 / Ps 33:12-22 / Pr 9:1-6
Feb 13 – Ex 35:10-36:38 / Mt 27:32-66 / Ps 34:1-10 / Pr 9:7-8
Feb 14 – Ex 37:1-38:31 / Mt 28:1-20 / Ps 34:11-22 / Pr 9:9-10

Summary: Exodus reading

The Israelites are given instructions to build the Tabernacle which is to be God's dwelling place among them. (Ex 25:8-9) While Moses was obtaining instruction from God the Israelites became impatient and made an idol of a golden calf to worship instead of their God. Though unfaithful, God had mercy on the Israelites.

Summary: Matthew reading

The ending of the book of Matthew shows Jesus' final week of his earthly ministry. Judas agrees to betray Jesus. Jesus' disciples have their last supper. He is arrested and brought before the Sanhedrin (the official court of religious leaders of the Jews). Jesus is then brought before Pilate (governor). He is sent to be crucified, dies, is buried, and rises from the dead.

Things to Look For and Questions to Ponder as You Read:

- *OT* – The descriptions of Tabernacle construction are replete with the words: sacred, consecrated, holy, acceptable to the LORD. Notice how much emphasis is placed on these concepts and the seriousness with which they are commanded (especially chs. 30-31). Why do you think God gives such weight to these concepts? What is sacred in your life with God? Do you consecrate anything to him? While avoiding empty ritualism consider how you can practice reverence for God more. – Feb 8-10
- *OT* – The Israelites approached Aaron to make them an idol to worship instead of the God of Moses. (Ex 32:1-2) When Moses returned he asked Aaron about what had happened. (Ex 32:24) Is there anything that caught your attention about Aaron's reactions in these situations? Why do you guess Aaron acted the way he did? How could each response have been different? – Feb 11

- *NT* – Matthew finishes with the well known Great Commission. Take a moment to reflect upon your own life. How has God used you to fulfill this commission? Submit yourself to God in prayer and ask to be used in the fulfilling of his commission. – Feb 14

Small Group Questions:

- 1) *OT* – The Biblical concept of "atonement" is explicitly addressed here in Scripture. (Ex 30:10-16) The word atonement refers to the covering over of one's sin. Exodus 30:12, 15 describe atonement as an act of ransom for one's life. We see the culmination of atonement in the sacrifice of Jesus as the once-for-all payment for our sin. What thoughts does the concept of atonement raise for you? How is atonement a righteous act? What does the need for atonement reveal about God? – Feb 10
- 2) *OT* – After experiencing a dramatic release from Egypt and witnessing miraculous events like the parting of a sea, the Israelites still question God and his faithfulness. In the end it was the Israelites who were unfaithful, not God, and they sought other gods. (Ex 32) What reason(s) did the Israelites give for making the golden calf? Compare these reasons with reasons people are unfaithful today. In what ways are people today similar or dissimilar to the Israelites regarding faith in God? – Feb 11
- 3) *OT* – Occasionally God speaks of himself in Scripture. In these times of self disclosure we can get glimpses of what God chooses to emphasize about himself. Have someone read Ex 34:6-7. Take a moment to list what God seems to be emphasizing about himself. What observations do you make about God's description of himself? – Feb 12
- 4) *NT* – The story of the sheep and goats is a challenging one and causes many believers consider their commitment to Christ. What do you notice from the passage that distinguishes the sheep from the goats? Are there any similarities between the two? What does Jesus' association with the "least of these" indicate about God's attitude towards the needy? In what ways does this passage challenge you in your walk with Christ? – Feb 4

Journal the Psalms this week:

We make choices of trust every day though we may not be aware of them. Every action we make is a choice involving trust in Christ or trust in ourselves. Read Psalm 33:16-22. How does the Psalmist address this concept of trust? What would be equivalent to a large army, a warrior's strength, or a horse in your life today? From what God reveals to you in this passage, journal about your reflections from these questions and ask God to show you areas in your life where you misplace your trust. Determine today to be rigorous in your choices to trust in him more. – Feb 12