

Grace Episcopal Church

Read the Bible in a Year – **Bible in Time** – Chronological Bible

Reflection Class: **Sunday, 13 September 2015**; 9:10 am – 9:40 am, Grace Parish Hall.

Thoughts, Reflections, Insights, Questions of readings to date: Days 249 - 255

**Prayer:**

God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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**Readings**

Day 249 | Sunday | September 6 | Ezekiel 47, 48, 29, 30; 2 Kings 25; Jeremiah 52 | Ezekiel sees the river of healing coming from a new Temple; the 12 tribes land is divided; gates of the new city; Egypt is invaded by Babylon and conquered; Jehoiachin, king of Judah, is released from prison.

Day 250 | Monday | September 7 | Daniel 7, 8, 5

Daniel - dreams and sees four beasts; vision explained; vision of ram and goat and also explained; Gabriel comes and explains further; the Babylonian king sees writing, Daniel explains the writing, king is slain that night.

Day 251 | Tuesday | September 8 | Daniel 6, 9; 2 Chronicles 36; Ezra 1; 1 Chronicles 3

Daniel in the Lion's Den, King Darius of Babylon sets himself up as god - Dan refuses to worship him, lions do not kill Dan, Darius has a change of heart and says Daniel's God is God and should be worshiped by all; Dan prays for the salvation of the people; Gabriel and the vision of 7s; Cyrus allows the exiles to return to Jerusalem and restored all of the Temple's "hardware" to worship the Lord.

Day 252 | Wednesday | September 9 | Ezra 2, 3, 4; 1 Chronicles 3

Listing of number of people by tribes who came back from exile; listing of Temple servants by name; the altar is rebuilt; the people begin to rebuild the temple; enemies of the people did not want it rebuilt.

Day 253 | Thursday | September 10 | Daniel 10, 11, 12; Ezra 4- 5; Haggai 1

Daniel sees an angel - his mouth is opened - of conquests and the people of God in the middle - the end is coming. Ezra records Haggai and Zechariah's prophesy - God brought you home, have faith.

Day 254 | Friday | September 11 | Haggai 1, 2; Zechariah 1, 2, 3, 4, 5; Ezra 5;

Haggai - rejoice for God is with you, you will be blessed, the Temple continues to be built; Zechariah - angel says exiles will return and be blessed, several more visions of the coming of the exiles back into relationship with God.

Day 255 | Saturday | September 12 | Zechariah 6, 7, 8; Ezra 5, 6

Zechariah - 4 chariots - 4 spirits of heaven, crowning of Joshua son of Jozadak, question to king by governor about the rebuilding of the Temple, king approves rebuilding, call for justice, promised blessings, This is what the LORD Almighty says: "In those days ten people from all languages and nations will take firm hold of one Jew by the hem of his robe and say, 'Let us go with you, because we have heard that God is with you.'