

YEAR

20 **THRU THE** 22

BIBLE

VOLUME II



INTRODUCTION

LifePoint,

This book is designed to serve alongside the second part of our Year Thru the Bible sermon series.

In 2022, we are spending the entire year working our way through the Bible. We won't hit every storyline or every book, but we can and will spend the year seeing the big picture. From "In the beginning" until the last "Amen," the Bible tells an incredible story of God's plan to redeem His creation for His glory.

The hope for this book is that it could be used individually or in LifeGroups the week prior to the corresponding message. Instead of being used as sermon discussion, this book is designed to be sermon preparation.

As always, the goal of this study (or any study) isn't to just increase Bible knowledge. The goal is that we might know and experience the God of the Bible in increasing ways as He transforms us through His Word.

Because this book is designed for the summer season, when LifeGroups may not meet as consistently, this book is formatted differently from our previous books. While it can still be used within a group setting, this book is intentionally geared more toward personal studying.

SEVEN QUESTIONS EACH WEEK

In past books, we've written specific questions for specific passages. In this book we have the same seven questions each week. Our hope is that these questions (and their specific order) will help you think through what the passage means, what it shows us about God, and who it calls us to be.

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WEEK SEVENTEEN

THE WISE MAN BUILDS

TIMELINE



MEMORY VERSE

1 Kings 8:60-61 – That all the peoples of the earth may know that the LORD is God; there is no other. Let your heart therefore be wholly true to the LORD our God, walking in his statutes and keeping his commandments, as at this day.

PRAY ABOUT IT: This week we're looking at the building of the Temple. Pray that God would give you greater insight into the purpose of the Temple and His desire to dwell with us.

HOW'D WE GET HERE?

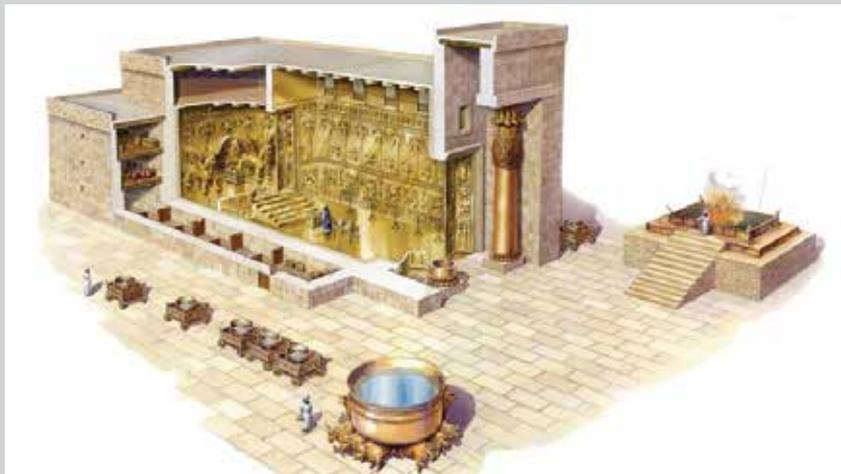
We ended the last book with King David on the throne. Overall, he led Israel to some of its greatest prosperity, despite his own sin and flaws. His son Solomon succeeded him as king in 970 BC. Like his dad, Solomon led Israel into even greater success and prosperity, despite his own set of sins and flaws. One of his greatest accomplishments was the construction of God's Temple.

For more information on the Temple, check out this video from The Bible Project.

<https://qrco.de/bcxbmt>



DIAGRAM OF THE TEMPLE



READ IT: 1 Kings 8:1-66

REFLECT ON IT:

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SERMON NOTES

Sunday, May 15, 2022

WEEK EIGHTEEN

DON'T FALL INTO FOLLY

TIMELINE



MEMORY VERSE

Proverbs 9:10 – The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight.

PRAY ABOUT IT: God’s way is always the best way. As we consider Proverbs, ask God to show you how to live in accordance with His will and in step with His Spirit.

HOW'D WE GET HERE?

Last week, we looked at the construction of the Temple during the reign of Solomon. Another important thing that happened during his reign was the compiling of the book of Proverbs.

This book begins: “The proverbs of Solomon, son of David, King of Israel (**Proverbs 1:1**).

These practical sayings were written, or at a minimum compiled, by Solomon as a way to pass on wisdom to Israelite children.

This book, along with Job, Psalms, Ecclesiastes, and the Song of Solomon make up a section of the Bible, known as

The Wisdom Books.

For more information about Proverbs, check out this video from The Bible Project.

<https://qrco.de/bcxbsI>



***READ IT:* Proverbs 9:1-18**

REFLECT ON IT:

1 – What is a one-sentence summary of this passage?

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SERMON NOTES

Sunday, May 22, 2022

WEEK NINETEEN HOLY CALLING

TIMELINE



MEMORY VERSE

Isaiah 6:8 – And I heard the voice of the Lord saying,
“Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?”
Then I said, “Here I am! Send me.”

PRAY ABOUT IT: This week, we’re touching on one of the key attributes of God: holiness. Take some time to praise God for who He is.

HOW'D WE GET HERE?

After Solomon’s death, his sons fought for control of the throne. This civil war ultimately split the nation of Israel in two:

Israel – made up of ten tribes in the north. They had many wicked kings and rarely followed the Lord as a nation. Conquered by Assyria in 722 B.C.

Judah – made up of the tribes of Judah and Benjamin in the south. They had some good kings and some bad kings. Exiled to Babylon in 586 B.C.

Isaiah was a prophet to Judah in the 8th century B.C. He warned the people of idolatry, but also preached of God’s redemption.

For more information about the first part of Isaiah, watch this video from The Bible Project.

<https://qrco.de/bcxbtv>



READ IT: Isaiah 6:1-8

REFLECT ON IT:

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SERMON NOTES

Sunday, May 29, 2022

WEEK TWENTY

MAN OF SORROWS

TIMELINE



MEMORY VERSE

Isaiah 53:6 – All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

PRAY ABOUT IT: It's important to always approach God's Word in prayer. Pray that He would give you fresh understanding and insight into what He would want to say to you.

HOW'D WE GET HERE?

The book of Isaiah is the second most quoted Old Testament book in the New Testament. That makes sense because some of the greatest depictions and promises of what the coming Savior would look like and do are found in this book.

This book, along with Jeremiah, Lamentations, Ezekiel, and Daniel, makes up a section known as the *Major Prophets*.

For more information about the second part of Isaiah, watch this video from The Bible Project.

<https://qrco.de/bcxbvc>



READ IT: Isaiah 52:13-53:12

REFLECT ON IT:

1 – What is a one-sentence summary of this passage?

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SERMON NOTES

Sunday, June 5, 2022

WEEK TWENTY-ONE

THE PROPHET WHO NEVER REALLY GOT IT

TIMELINE



MEMORY VERSE

Psalm 96:1-3 – Oh sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth! Sing to the Lord, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day. Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples!

PRAY ABOUT IT: It's easy to fall into the temptation of self-righteousness and live in judgment toward others. Ask God to give our church a desire to see people come to know Him.

HOW'D WE GET HERE?

During the Divided Kingdom (the split between Israel and Judah), God's people were always on guard against foreign invasion, especially by Egypt, Assyria, and Babylon. In the end, both Israel and Judah were conquered.

Jonah was from the wicked northern kingdom, Israel. However, God told him to share God's message to the evil, hated Assyrians. This book shows us that God's grace isn't just for "us," but is for all people from all nations who would repent and turn to Him.

For more information about the book of Jonah, check out this video from The Bible Project.

<https://qrco.de/bcxbx5>



READ IT: Jonah 4:1-11

REFLECT ON IT:

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SERMON NOTES

Sunday, June 12, 2022

WEEK TWENTY-TWO

REDEEMING LOVE

TIMELINE



MEMORY VERSE

Psalm 16:11 – You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

PRAY ABOUT IT: **Hebrews 4:12** says, “The word of God is living and active.” Pray that the Spirit of God would make your reading and reflection living and active as He shapes and molds you.

HOW'D WE GET HERE?

Hosea is the first of the 12 *Minor Prophets*. He preached primarily to Israel, the wicked northern kingdom, just before it was conquered by the Assyrians.

In a powerful illustration, God instructs Hosea to marry Gomer, a woman who will continually be unfaithful to him. Even though she is guilty of adultery and deserving of punishment, she eventually returns and is restored to Hosea.

This marriage serves as an illustration of what Israel had done to God, yet He will remain faithful and return and restore His people.

For more information on the book of Hosea, check out this video from The Bible Project.

<https://qrco.de/bcxbyV>



***READ IT:* Hosea 3:1-5**

REFLECT ON IT:

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SERMON NOTES

Sunday, June 19, 2022

WEEK TWENTY-THREE

THE LION SLEEPS TONIGHT

TIMELINE



MEMORY VERSE

Daniel 6:26-27 – For he is the living God, enduring forever; his kingdom shall never be destroyed, and his dominion shall be to the end. He delivers and rescues; he works signs and wonders in heaven and on earth, he who has saved Daniel from the power of the lions.

PRAY ABOUT IT: This week, we'll see Daniel stand firm in the midst of an ungodly culture. Ask that God would give you courage, strength, and perseverance to faithfully follow Him no matter what happens in the culture around us.

HOW'D WE GET HERE?

Israel in the north was conquered in 722 BC by the Assyrians. Judah lasted 150 years longer, but was eventually conquered and exiled to Babylon.

Daniel was a promising young Jewish boy when he was taken into captivity. The book of Daniel records stories and prophecies from his life in Babylon. Through it, we learn how we can thrive even in a place that is completely opposed to God's ways.

For an overview of the book of Daniel, check out this video from The Bible Project.

<https://qrco.de/bcxbzN>



READ IT: Daniel 6:1-28

REFLECT ON IT:

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SERMON NOTES

Sunday, June 26, 2022

WEEK TWENTY-FOUR

THE YEAR OF THE REBUILD

TIMELINE



MEMORY VERSE

Ezra 3:11 – And they sang responsively, praising and giving thanks to the LORD “For he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever toward Israel.”

PRAY ABOUT IT: It’s important to always approach God’s Word in prayer. Pray that He would give you fresh understanding and insight into what He would want to say to you.

HOW’D WE GET HERE?

Judah, the southern kingdom, was exiled to Babylon in 586 B.C. Many of the exilic stories in the Bible take place in Babylon (for instance, Daniel). However, in 539 B.C., King Cyrus of Persia overthrew the Babylonians and took control of Babylon’s vast empire – including God’s people.

The Babylonians exiled those they conquered, forcing them to move from their homes and assimilate into Babylonian culture. The Persians had a different philosophy, and in 538 B.C., Cyrus issued a decree that Jews in exile were free to return to their homes.

The book of Ezra recounts the stories of the Jewish people returning home and leads up to their rebuilding of the Temple in Jerusalem.

For more information on the book of Ezra, check out this video from The Bible Project.

<https://qrco.de/bcxc1D>



READ IT: Ezra 3:1-13

REFLECT ON IT:

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SERMON NOTES

Sunday, July 3, 2022

WEEK TWENTY-FIVE FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS

TIMELINE



MEMORY VERSE

Zephaniah 3:17 – The Lord your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing.

PRAY ABOUT IT: Even though God is never mentioned specifically in the book of Esther, His fingerprints are all over it. Ask God to help you trust that He’s at work, even when you can’t see it.

HOW’D WE GET HERE?

Last week, we saw people begin returning to the land of Israel from Persia. However, not everyone returned immediately. The book of Esther takes place in Persia with some of the people who hadn’t yet returned to Israel. It chronicles some of the last events in the Old Testament.

This book tells the story of a Jewish girl named Esther who became Queen of Persia. Through this providential event, God saves His people from an evil man named Haman who was trying to kill God’s people.

For an overview of the book of Esther, check out this video from The Bible Project.

<https://qrco.de/bcxc2B>



READ IT: Esther 4:1-17

REFLECT ON IT:

1 – What is a one-sentence summary of this passage?

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SERMON NOTES

Sunday, July 10, 2022



IN BETWEEN 'THE OLD & NEW TESTAMENTS

The time period in between the close of the Old Testament and the start of the New Testament goes by many different names. This was a significant amount of time, but also a shaping time. By the time the New Testament opens, the world is no longer under Persian rule and the Jewish people aren't slowly making their way back home. Instead, we find the Jewish people as a firmly established and significant part of the larger Roman Empire.



NAMES: (OFTEN REFERRED TO IN DIFFERENT WAYS)

- Second Temple Judaism
- Intertestamental Period
- “The Silent Years”

TIME PERIOD:

- Second Temple Judaism – 516 B.C. – 70 A.D.
- Intertestamental Period/Silent years – 450 B.C. – 0

SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS:

- The Persian Empire was conquered by Alexander the Great and the Greeks. The Greeks were eventually replaced by the Roman Empire.
- Even though these years were “Silent Years” in the sense that no Scripture was written, many Jewish writers were writing significant religious books. This is where the apocrypha comes from.
- Judaism split into three rival sects – the Pharisees, the Sadducees, and the Essenes.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

What Happened in the Intertestamental Period | Got Questions
<https://www.gotquestions.org/intertestamental-period.htm>

WEEK TWENTY-SIX

JESUS' FAMILY TREE

MEMORY VERSE

Matthew 1:23 – Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel (which means, God with us).

PRAY ABOUT IT: The book of Matthew begins with a long list of names. Think about some of the people who have been influential in your life. Thank God for those people and how He's used them.

HOW'D WE GET HERE?

The New Testament opens about 400 years after the close of the Old Testament. The book of Matthew was written by one of Jesus' disciples, a former tax collector named Matthew.

This week we're going to look at a genealogy.

While we might be tempted to skip a long list of names, read through these and think about some of the stories associated with these names. We've covered many of these characters in our *Year Thru the Bible* series.

For more information about the first half of the book of Matthew, check out this video from The Bible Project.

<https://qrco.de/bcxc41>



READ IT: Matthew 1:1-17

REFLECT ON IT:

1 – What is a one-sentence summary of this passage?

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SERMON NOTES

Sunday, July 17, 2022

WEEK TWENTY-SEVEN WASHED IN THE WATER

MEMORY VERSE

John 1:29 – The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!”

PRAY ABOUT IT: When we read God’s Word, we aren’t alone. God’s Spirit stirs our hearts, illuminates our minds, and redirects our lives (**John 16:14**). Spend some time thanking God that He doesn’t leave us alone.

RECAP

Last week, we looked at a long list of names summarizing the history of Israel from Abraham to Jesus. This week we’re going to pick the story up with John the Baptist, a cousin of Jesus who preached out in the wilderness. Jesus begins His earthly ministry being baptized by John.

READ IT: Matthew 3:1-17

REFLECT ON IT:

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SERMON NOTES

Sunday, July 24, 2022

WEEK TWENTY-EIGHT NOT TODAY, SATAN

MEMORY VERSE

Mark 1:12-13 – The Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. And he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. And he was with the wild animals, and the angels were ministering to him.”

PRAY ABOUT IT: Most of us face temptation regularly. We can overcome temptation by looking to God and trusting in Him. Ask God to help you follow the example of Jesus in overcoming the devil’s schemes.

RECAP

Last week, we saw John the Baptist baptize Jesus. John’s ministry paved the way for Jesus’ coming and his baptism inaugurated Jesus’ ministry. This week, we’ll see the Spirit lead Jesus into the wilderness where He’s tempted by Satan. This time of tempting in the wilderness has several parallels to Adam in the Garden and the Israelites in the wilderness.

READ IT: Matthew 4:1-11

REFLECT ON IT:

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SERMON NOTES

Sunday, July 31, 2022

WEEK TWENTY-NINE

FOLLOW ME

MEMORY VERSE

Mark 1:17 – And Jesus said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you become fishers of men.”

PRAY ABOUT IT: It’s essential to always approach God’s Word in prayer. Pray that He would give you fresh understanding and insight into what He would want to say to you.

RECAP

Last week, we saw Jesus led into the wilderness by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan. Jesus overcame where every other figure before Him had fallen. Now, at the beginning of His ministry, Jesus begins choosing His followers.

For more information about the book of Mark, check out this video from The Bible Project.

<https://qrco.de/bcxc5H>



READ IT: Mark 1:16-20

REFLECT ON IT:

1 – What is a one-sentence summary of this passage?

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SERMON NOTES
Sunday, August 7, 2022

MEMORY VERSE

John 3:16-17 – For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

PRAY ABOUT IT: This week we'll read one of the most famous verses (and stories) in the entire Bible. Pray that God would give you fresh insight into His heart for the world through this familiar story.

RECAP

Last week, we saw Jesus call His first followers. As Jesus travels, gives amazing sermons, and does miraculous signs, He begins to attract quite the following. Nicodemus, an important Jewish leader, comes to Jesus one night so as not to be seen in the open, asking how to get into God's kingdom.

For more information about the first part of the book of John, check out this video from The Bible Project.

<https://qrco.de/bxc6X>



READ IT: John 3:1-21

REFLECT ON IT:

1 – What is a one-sentence summary of this passage?

2 - What would this passage have meant to the original audience?

3 - What does this passage tell me about God?

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SERMON NOTES
Sunday, August 14, 2022

WEEK THIRTY-ONE LIVING WATER

MEMORY VERSE

John 4:24 – God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.

PRAY ABOUT IT: God pursues people that aren't always considered "worthy" by the world. Ask that God would give you a heart to see all people come to know Him.

RECAP

Last week, we saw Jesus meet with an important, respected, and educated man named Nicodemus. Jesus told him that he needed to be born again if he wanted to enter the kingdom of heaven. This week, we'll see Jesus minister to the exact opposite kind of person, but the hope He offers is the same.

READ IT: John 4:1-26

REFLECT ON IT:

1 – What is a one-sentence summary of this passage?

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SERMON NOTES
Sunday, August 21, 2022

WEEK THIRTY-TWO WITH YOU IN THE STORM

MEMORY VERSE

Mark 4:40-41 – He said to them, “Why are you so afraid? Have you still no faith?” And they were filled with great fear and said to one another, “Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?”

PRAY ABOUT IT: This week we’ll read a story showing the incredible power of Jesus. Take a few moments and make a list of some of God’s attributes. Praise Him for who He is.

RECAP

Last week, we saw Jesus minister to a Samaritan woman at a well. This broke every conceivable cultural norm, but through this exchange, an entire Samaritan village came to believe in Jesus. This week we’ll see Jesus show His power over nature as He calms a storm.

READ IT: Mark 4:35-41

REFLECT ON IT:

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SERMON NOTES
Sunday, August 28, 2022

WEEK THIRTY-THREE CONFESSIONS OF A CROSS CARRIER

MEMORY VERSE

Matthew 16:15-16 – He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter replied, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.”

PRAY ABOUT IT: The Apostle Peter said that followers of Jesus are like living stones being built up as a spiritual house (**1 Peter 2:5**). Pray that God would use this week’s passage to show us how to be more like Him.

RECAP

Over the past few weeks, we’ve seen Jesus say some really important things and perform some important miracles. As Jesus does all of these things, the disciples begin to have a greater understanding of who He is. This week, for the first time publicly, the disciples acknowledge that Jesus is the long-awaited Christ and Savior of the world.

For more information about the second part of the book of Matthew, check out this video from The Bible Project.

<https://qrco.de/bcxc7c>



READ IT: Matthew 16:13-24

REFLECT ON IT:

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SERMON NOTES
Sunday, September 4, 2022

