



22 Sep – 28 Sep

Monday
22 Sep

- Psalm 102
- Ezra 5:13
- II Chron 36:22, 23
- Ezra 1:1-4
- Psalm 126

- Psalm 85
- Ezra 1:5-11
- Ezra 5:14-16
- Ezra 6:3-5

Psalm 102 is a poem from one in deep affliction. Then we read of Cyrus' fulfillment of the prophecies made about him in Isaiah 44 and 45, well over a century earlier. Psalms 126 and 85 are joyful over the return from captivity.

Finally we learn about the early arrangements for the return to Israel.

Tuesday
23 Sep

- Daniel 6:1-28;
- Daniel 10:1-21

- Daniel 11:2-45;
- Daniel 12:1-13

Daniel 6 is the story of Daniel in the lion's den. In chapter 10, he receives assurance of new revelations and a promise of help from above. In chapters 11 and 12, he writes the revelations he received. Most of these prophecies were fulfilled in detail during the time between Daniel and the opening of Matthew.

Wednesday
24 Sep

- Ezra 2:1-70;
- Nehemiah 7:5-72;
- Nehemiah 12:1-26;
- Ezra 3:1-7
- Psalm 87

The first three readings give lists of people who were involved in the return to Israel.

Ezra 3 tells us of the obedience to the law of Moses. In Psalm 87, "glorious things" are spoken of God.

Thursday
25 Sep

- Ezra 3:8-13;
- Psalm 84

- Psalm 107
- Psalm 66

Today we begin with the laying of the foundation for the temple.

Psalm 84 says, "I am thankful to be able to go to the temple and worship."
Psalm 107 is thankfulness for God's ability to deliver. Psalm 66 is a plea to see God as He is and worship Him.

Friday
26 Sep

- Psalm 125;
- Ezra 4:1-24
- Psalm 129

Psalm 125 tells of the results of trusting in God. Ezra 4 tells the sad story of new enemies for the Jews. Psalm 129 teaches that our persecutors will pay for their sins.

- Ezra 5:1
- Haggai 1:1-10
- Ezra 5:2
- Haggai 1:11-15
- Haggai 2:1-9
- Zechariah 1:1-6

Then God uses Haggai and Zechariah to motivate the people again, after years of delay.

Haggai's theme is, "Consider your ways!"

- Haggai 2:10-23

Zechariah cries out that they must not be as their fathers were.

Saturday
27 Sep

- Zechariah 1:7-17;
- Zechariah 4:6-10;

First, we have the dating of the prophecy and then the promise that Zerubbabel would be instrumental in getting the work done.

- Zechariah 1:18 to 5:11

From 1:18-5:11, a series of brief visions and predictions are given to Zechariah.

Sunday
28 Sep

- Zechariah 6:1-15;

Note especially the mention of the BRANCH (Jesus Christ), and the prediction that He would be both priest and king at the same time, which He is today as king of His kingdom (the church) and high priest over His temple (the church)!

- Ezra 5:3-12,17;
- Ezra 6:1,2,6-14;

Now more enemies try to intervene, but the decree of Cyrus is discovered and they are forbidden to hinder the work.

- Zechariah 7:1-14
- Zechariah 8:1-23
- Ezra 6:15

In Zechariah 7 and 8, the prophet receives powerful sermon material from God for his people.

Finally, we are given the statement that the temple was completed!