



29 Sep – 5 Oct

Monday
29 Sep

- Ezra 6:16-22
- Psalm 146
- Psalm 111
- Psalm 112
- Psalm 113
- Psalm 116
- Psalm 117
- Zechariah 9:1-17
- Zechariah 10:1-12

The first passage is the record of the dedication of the temple in 516 BC.

The Psalms are songs of worship and reverence. Psalm 146 gives a list of reasons for praising Jehovah as long as we exist.

Psalm 111 shows that it is good to fear the Lord.

Psalm 112 tells how the one who fears God will be blessed.

Psalm 113 praises Him for His many deeds of goodness.

Psalm 116 says, "I love the Lord, and here is why..."

Psalm 117 is the shortest chapter in the Bible and summarizes the praise Psalms.

Zechariah 9 tells the people that God will deal with their enemies and that they ought to rejoice. Verse 9 is quoted in Matthew 21:5 as referring to Christ.

Zechariah 10 teaches that just as God can punish the evil ones, He can also gather the faithful.

Tuesday
30 Sep

- Zechariah 11:1 to 14:21

Zechariah 11 speaks of the rejection of the king (verse 13 is quoted in Matthew 27:9,10). Zechariah 12 predicts the great mourning of Jerusalem in light of this rejection of the Messiah (vv. 10,11). Zechariah 13 shows that through the "wounded" One a fountain was opened. This refers to the gospel age. Zechariah 14 predicts the destruction of Jerusalem (AD 70).

Wednesday
1 Oct

- Esther 1:1 to 3:15

The story of Esther took place between 485-465 BC. Another name for this king is Xerxes I. Chapters 1 and 2 show how Esther became queen after Vashti took a strong stand against the worldly desires of the king and his friends. Chapter 3 tells of the rise of Haman, the villain.

Thursday
2 Oct

- Esther 4:1 to 7:10

In chapters 4-7, Mordecai and Esther, by the providence of God, are able to overthrow Haman's wicked plans.

Friday 3 Oct	<input type="checkbox"/> Esther 8:1 to 10:3 <input type="checkbox"/> Ezra 7:11-29	<p>Esther closes with the victory of the Jews through Mordecai and Esther</p> <p>Ezra 7 takes us to the reign of Artaxerxes (458 BC). In this reading, Ezra receives the decree to go to Jerusalem.</p>
Saturday 4 Oct	<input type="checkbox"/> Ezra 8:1-14 <input type="checkbox"/> Ezra 7:9 <input type="checkbox"/> Ezra 8:15-31 <input type="checkbox"/> Ezra 7:6-8, 10 <input type="checkbox"/> Ezra 8:32-35	<p>These readings include the people who went with Ezra to Jerusalem, the preparation by prayer and fasting, the silver, gold, and vessels they took, and the beginning of his work there. The foundation of his work is Ezra 7:10.</p>
Sunday 5 Oct	<input type="checkbox"/> Ezra 9:1-15 <input type="checkbox"/> Ezra 10:1-44	<p>The chapters for today tell us of the reforms and repentance that took place as a result of Ezra's life and teachings.</p>