

Daily Bible Reading—DECEMBER

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Overview of Books

HOSEA

- AUTHOR: Hosea
- RECIPIENTS: Israel (northern kingdom)
- EVENTS: Hosea restores his unfaithful wife
- BIG IDEAS: God's faithful love for His people in spite of their idolatry.
- TIME: 758-722 B.C.
- PEOPLE: Hosea, his unfaithful wife, and their children

JOEL

- AUTHOR: Joel
- RECIPIENTS: Judah (southern kingdom)
- EVENTS: Invasion of locusts and severe economic devastation
- BIG IDEAS: The Day of the Lord, Judgments, Blessings
- TIME: 835-796 B.C.
- PEOPLE: Jews in southern kingdom

AMOS

- AUTHOR: Amos
- RECIPIENTS: Israel (northern kingdom)
- EVENTS: Earthquake signs the beginning of God's judgment against the nations, Judah and Israel
- BIG IDEAS: Absence of true worship; Absence of justice
- TIME: 760 B.C.
- PEOPLE: Amos, the leaders of the northern kingdom and their wives

OBADIAH

- AUTHOR: Obadiah
- RECIPIENTS: Judeans
- EVENTS: Prophecy of the doom of Edom for its many sins against his 'brother'; Fulfillment of the 'curse' part of Abrahamic Covenant
- BIG IDEAS: Judgment of Edom by God for cursing Israel; Judah's restoration
- TIME: 848-841 B.C.
- PEOPLE: Descendants of Jacob and Esau

JONAH

- AUTHOR: Jonah
- RECIPIENTS: the northern tribes
- EVENTS: Jonah sent to Nineveh; Jonah flees from God; Nineveh repents upon hearing the message Jonah reluctantly preaches
- BIG IDEAS: The compassion of God on Jew and Gentile alike
- TIME: 760 B.C.
- PEOPLE: Jonah, shipment, the King, nobles & people of Nineveh

Overview of Books (cont.)

MICAH

- AUTHOR: Micah
- RECIPIENTS: Samaria & Jerusalem
- EVENTS: God's people are unrepentant for their idolatry and social injustice
- BIG IDEAS: The sins of God's people; the punishment to come; hope for the faithful after judgment
- TIME: 735-710 B.C.
- PEOPLE: Micah, false prophets, corrupt rulers of Israel

NAHUM

- AUTHOR: Nahum
- RECIPIENTS: Judah
- EVENTS: God's patience with Assyria, expressed in Jonah, has now expired (100 years later)
- BIG IDEAS: Judgment against Nineveh for its sin against God and cruelty to man; Comfort to Judah
- TIME: 695-642 B.C.
- PEOPLE: Nahum, nation of Assyria

HABAKKUK

- AUTHOR: Habakkuk
- RECIPIENTS: God
- EVENTS: Habakkuk debates with God and, like Job, concludes that above all, Yahweh is righteous and a God to be trusted in all circumstances
- BIG IDEAS: God will judge sin; His people are to trust in Him
- TIME: 609 B.C.
- PEOPLE: Habakkuk and God

ZEPHANIAH

- AUTHOR: Zephaniah
- RECIPIENTS: Judah
- EVENTS: Hilkiyah the High-Priest finds the Book of the Law; King Josiah initiates extensive reforms
- BIG IDEAS: 'The Day of the Lord' is near; God's judgment against Judah; God's judgment against the nations; God's redemption of the humble remnant
- TIME: 635-625 B.C.
- PEOPLE: Zephaniah, King Josiah

HAGGAI

- AUTHOR: Haggai
- RECIPIENTS: Zerubbabel, Joshua, people in Jerusalem
- EVENTS: 5 messages calling for the rebuilding of the Temple
- BIG IDEAS: 'God's people need to rebuild the temple to receive the spiritual blessing of His presence and His physical blessing on their lives
- TIME: 520 B.C.
- PEOPLE: Zerubbabel the governor; Joshua the high priest, and the

ZECHARIAH

- AUTHOR: Zechariah
- RECIPIENTS: postexilic leaders and community of Jews
- EVENTS: 8 night visions; Temple rebuilt
- BIG IDEAS: Prophecy about Jesus Christ, focusing on His coming glory as a means to comfort Israel before 400 years of silence
- TIME: 520-464 B.C.
- PEOPLE: Joshua-High Priest, Jewish leaders, Zerubbabel

MALACHI

- AUTHOR: Malachi
- RECIPIENTS: Israel
- EVENTS: God's people had become lax in their worship and duties to the Temple, reverting to old sins of intermarriage
- BIG IDEAS: God's final call to repentance before 400 years of silence and the coming of John the Baptist, and Messiah who would begin the fulfillment of OT promises to the Jews
- TIME: 433-424 B.C.
- PEOPLE: Jews who had returned from exile living in their land for about 100 yrs

I, II, & III JOHN

- AUTHOR: John
- RECIPIENTS: Friends of John
- TIME: A.D. 90-95
- PEOPLE: The Apostle John; A lady and her family; the beloved Gaius
- EVENTS: False prophets were being welcomed and true ministers being refused hospitality
- BIG IDEAS: Christian Hospitality— Do not entertain false prophets ; welcome faithful ministers

JUDE

- AUTHOR: Jude (brother of the Lord)
- RECIPIENTS: Jewish Christians somewhere in Palestine
- TIME: A.D. 68-70
- PEOPLE: Jude; false teachers (apostates)
- EVENTS: Christianity is under severe spiritual attack; All of the Apostles except for John have been martyred
- BIG IDEAS: Jude condemns apostates and calls true believers to contend for the faith

REVELATION

- AUTHOR: John
- RECIPIENTS: seven churches of Asia Minor
- TIME: A.D. 94-96
- PEOPLE: John, the 7 churches
- EVENTS: Fulfillment of OT prophecies; Faithfulness of God to keep His promises to redeem His saints; Summation of human history; final judgment of Satan
- BIG IDEAS: Revelation of Jesus Christ in all of His glory; the final chapter in God's story of redemption and His victory in the holy war that has raged since Creation

Dec1: 1John 2:1-17

1. Who is our advocate before God when we do commit sin as believers?(vs1-2)

2. In what areas of our walk do we to show: we know Him & are in light?(vs3-11)

3. How does John describe the "love of the world & things of the world? (vs15-17)

Dec2: 1John 2:18-3:6

1. What discernment does John give regarding: (2:18-27)
the false teachers(antichrists) who have rejected the faith?

the believer's ability to keep from being deceived?

2. Define these verbs:

2:28-abide

2:29-practice

3:1-bestow

3:4-commit

What is God teaching us about our lifestyle after salvation from these verses?

Dec3: 1John 3:7-24

1. How do vs7-9 confirm the truth in 2Cor5:17: that our old, sinful lifestyle passes away when we are born again to a new creation in Christ?

Dec3continued: 1John 3:7-24

2.a)What heart attitude separates the children of God from the children of devil?

b)How do we show this attitude? (vs10-17)

3.a)What do we assure our hearts(emotions) with? (vs18-20)

b)What gives us confidence before God to continually come to Him? (vs21-23)

c)Who gives us the assurance that we are abiding in Him? (vs24)

Dec4: 1John 4

1.List the insights given regarding the spirit of truth & the spirit of error.(vs1-6)

2.How does God manifest His love to us? (vs7-9)

3.In response to God's love, what should be our: (vs7-21)

Attitude & behavior towards God

Attitude & behavior towards fellow believers

Dec5: 1John 5

1a)What is the victory that believers have to overcome the world system?(vs1-5)

b)Who does our faith need to be in for this victory? John clarifies this in vs5.

2.Write out the amazing testimony of God to us from verses9-12.

3.What is John's purpose in writing out these testimonies from God, Jesus & the Holy Spirit? (vs13)

4. Find & explain the 5 things we "know" from verses 13-20

Dec6: 2John 1-13

1.What encouragement & warnings does John give regarding walking in truth?

Dec7: 3John 1-15

1. Describe those who walk in truth.

2. Describe those who do what is evil.

Dec8: Jude 1-25

1. How does Jude describe the false teachers in verses 1-19?

2. How does he encourage the believers to keep living & evangelizing?(vs20-23)

3. Write out the awesome promises of God in this ending. (vs24-25)

Dec9: Revelation 1

1. Write out (with verse references) the descriptions of God & Jesus.

2. What are the instructions to John in this chapter?(vs11 & vs19)

3. What is the mystery of the 7 stars & 7 lampstands?(vs20)

CHAPTERS 2-3 ARE A SECTION OF DIRECTIONS TO CHURCHES THEN & NOW.

Dec10: Revelation 2:1-17

Write out the message to each of the church bodies & any application for today:

Church of Ephesus:

Church of Smyrna:

Church of Pergamos:

Dec11: Revelation 2:18-3:6

Write out the message to both these church bodies & any application for today:

Church of Thyatira:

Church of Sardis:

Dec12: Revelation 3:7-22

Write out the message to both these church bodies & any application for today:

Church of Philadelphia:

Church of Laodicea:

Dec13: Revelation 4

1. Describe the throne room of Heaven from verses 1-6.

2. Who gives glory to God around His throne & what do they say? (vs7-11)

Dec14: Revelation 5

1. Who is able to open the scroll? Why is He alone worthy? (vs1-10)

2. Since 7 is the number meaning "fullness, completeness":

a) What is God communicating about the Spirit of God in verse 6?

b) What do you think the "7 horns" & "7 eyes" might be the symbols for?

Dec15: Revelation 6

1. Describe the judgment of God on Earth revealed in these 1st 6 seals.

1st seal:

2nd seal:

3rd seal:

4th seal:

5th seal:

6th seal:

Dec16: Revelation 7

1.a) Who does God seal before He opens the 7th seal of judgment? (vs1-8)

b) What does God seal these Israelites with? (look at Rev 14:1 for answer)

2.a) Who are those in white robes worshipping God before His throne?(vs9-15)

b) What will their life be like dwelling with God & the Lamb? (vs16-17)

Dec17: Revelation 8

1. The 7th seal reveals 7 judgments proclaimed with a trumpet. What happens before these trumpet judgments are sounded? (vs1-5)

2. Describe the 4 judgments proclaimed in this chapter. What do you think they might be?

1st trumpet sound:

2nd trumpet sound:

3rd trumpet sound:

4th trumpet sound:

2. What gives us a clue that the last 3 trumpet judgments will be worse?(vs13)

Dec18: Revelation 9

1.a) Describe the events in the judgment of the 5th trumpet sound. (vs1-12)

b) What is different about this judgment from the others before? (vs4)

2.a) Who are released with the 6th trumpet, to kill 1/3 of mankind? (vs15-17)

b) What are the 3 plagues that are their weapons for death? (vs18)

3. What description is given in verses 20-21, for the people still alive after all these judgments?

Dec19: Revelation 10

1. What is John told not to write about? (vs1-4)

2. What will be completed when the 7th trumpet is sounded? (vs5-7)

3. What is your opinion of the little book & John's reaction to eating it? (vs8-11)

Dec20: Revelation 11

1. Describe the ministry/judgment role of the two witnesses. (vs1-12)

Dec20continued: Revelation 11

2. What events conclude the 2nd woe/6th trumpet judgment? (vs13-14)

3. Write out the praise that is proclaimed when the 7th trumpet sounds?(vs15-19)

Dec21: Revelation 12

1. Describe the 2 signs that appeared in heaven. (vs1-6)

2. What event in heaven causes rejoicing by those who dwell in heaven?(vs7-12)

3. God reveals the identity of the dragon/serpent in vs9. Who do you think the other signs are in this chapter: Woman, Male Child, the Rest of her Offspring?

Dec22: Revelation 13

1. What does the dragon give to the beast of the sea? (vs1-7)

2. What authority & signs does the beast of the earth have? (vs11-17)

Dec23: Revelation 14

1. What is God communicating to those still on Earth, in the messages of each of the 3 angels?(6-11)

2. Write out the description of the drink of God's wrath from verses 10-11.

3. Describe the two harvests that are declared in verses 14-20.

Dec24: Revelation 15

1. What victories did those "who sing the songs of Moses & the Lamb" have over the beast? (vs1-4)

2. How is God praised in this song of the Lamb? (vs3-4)

3.a) What did these last 7 bowls of plagues signify of God? (vs1,7)

b) What did the smoke filling the temple signify of God? (vs8)

Dec25: Revelation 16 *Merry Christmas!

1. What do we learn about heaven's response to God's judgments?(vs5-7)

2. What do we learn about earth's response to God's judgments?(vs8-11,21)

Dec26: Revelation 17

1. What is the identity of this woman on the beast?(vs4-6,18)

2. What treasure do you find hidden in this chapter about those who are with the Lamb? (vs14)

3. In vs12-17, whose purpose is fulfilled by the 10 kings who give allegiance to the beast & make war against the Lamb?(vs17) What does this tell you about the sovereignty of God?

Dec27: Revelation 18

1. Describe the evil of Babylon as an angel declares God's final judgment on her.

2. Who will mourn over her destruction? (vs9-19)

3. Who will rejoice over her judgment & destruction? (vs20)

Dec28: Revelation 19

1. Compare the descriptions of the harlot, Babylon(vs2) with that of the wife of the Lamb(vs8).

2. Write out this description of Jesus as King & Captain of His armies.(vs11-16)

3. What is the outcome of this Battle of Armageddon from Rev16:16?(vs17-21)

Dec29: Revelation 20

1. What happens to the dragon/Satan for 1000 years? (vs1-3)

2. Who are the ones that take part in the 1st resurrection? (vs4-6)

*see also 1Thessalonians 4:14-17

3. Describe the events of the judgment before the "great white throne".(vs11-15)

Dec30: Revelation 21

1. In Chapter 20 there were 2 references to a "second death" (vs6&14). Describe those who receive this second death from 21:6-8.

2. What praise & encouragement does the description of the new Jerusalem bring out in you?

Dec31: Revelation 22

1. What are the tree of life & the curse mentioned in verses 1-3? See Genesis 3

2. What is John warned about, regarding his attitude towards the angel who has shown him all of these future prophecies?(vs6-10) *also Rev 19:9-10

3. Who gives the invitation to "come" in vs17? How do you walk in that truth?