

Everyone remembers the story of David and Goliath. Young, puny David, because of his faith in God, stands up to the heavily armored warrior-giant Goliath. With one little stone from a nearby brook shot from his childish slingshot, David fells the giant. This is an amazing incident in the life of an amazing man. David was anointed King of Israel in a quiet ceremony while still a very young man. Because of his daring and courage, King Saul whom he served became very jealous. David, instead of taking over the kingship, had to run for his life and lived on the lam for several years. He hid in caves with some faithful friends and feared for his life.

After some years King Saul died in battle. When David was 23 he became king of Judah but it wasn't until 7 years later that he became king over all of Israel. And that's just the beginning! David rules for another 33 years. In that time he extends the borders of Israel and leads his people in obedient worship of the Lord Almighty. Many of the Psalms tell us about the man David:

As a young boy David was a shepherd and we see his love for God then:

“The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not be in want.  
He makes me lie down in green pastures...” Psalm 23

When he was king he looked to God for strength and guidance and recognized God's loving kindness:

“I love you, O LORD, my

strength. The LORD is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge. He is my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.....He gives his king great victories; he shows unfailing kindness to his anointed, to David and his descendants forever.” Psalm 18:1-2,50

David was chosen by God to be King in Israel because God looks on the heart and not on the outside. Paul testifies in the New Testament in the book of Acts: “I have found David son of Jesse a man after my own heart; he will do everything I want him to do.” (Acts 13:22) David was a man who loved and served God. We see this in the history of his life told in the books of 1 & 2 Samuel and 1 Chronicles. We see this in so many of the Psalms that David wrote. We also see it in one particular dark incident in David's life.

After he had been king for many years, he saw a beautiful woman and committed adultery with her. She was the wife of one of his faithful army commanders. In order to “cover up” what he had done, he arranged for the army commander to be killed in battle. How could a man who loved God and served him with all his heart do such vile things? He certainly had lost connection with his God. It wasn't until the Lord's prophet Nathan came to David, pointed his finger, and said to David, “*you are the man.*”, that David recognized what he had done. It is at this time that the true heart of David becomes apparent. His

sorrow and repentance is complete. His heart is broken and he is devastated that he has done such a thing to his God. In Psalm 51 David shows us what true repentance looks like:

“Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions. Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me. Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are proved right when you speak and justified when you judge.....Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow. Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones you have crushed rejoice. Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquity. Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit to sustain me....Save me from bloodguilt, O God, the God who saves me, and my tongue will sing of your righteousness. O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise. You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it; you do not take pleasure in burnt offerings. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite

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### ‘He Will Be Great and Will Be Called the Son of the Most High’

“A record of the genealogy of Jesus Christ the son of David, the son of Abraham...” This very simple verse is one of the most profound verses in the Bible. As the very first verse of the book of Matthew, it forms the crossroads between the Old and the New. It connects Jesus to Abraham, the father of the faithful, and to David, a man after God’s own heart. It also connects Jesus to the plan and purpose of God that unfolds in the promises made to Abraham and then to David.

The promises that God made to Abraham include the promise of an eternal inheritance of a land and blessings not just for the people descended from Abraham but for all peoples. The promises made to David build on these. To Abraham the Kingdom land and the Kingdom people are promised. To David the everlasting King is promised.

During the Christmas season a favored Bible reading is the record of the angel’s announcement to Mary found in Luke 1:26-38. The angel tells Mary that she will conceive and give birth to a special son:

“You will be with child and give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever; his kingdom will never end.”

One thousand years before the birth of Jesus Christ, King David

was given the promise concerning a coming future king who would be descended from him and would reign forever.

The promises made to David are found in both 2 Samuel and in 1 Chronicles.

"Now then, tell my servant David, ‘This is what the LORD Almighty says: I took you from the pasture and from following the flock to be ruler over my people Israel. I have been with you wherever you have gone, and I have cut off all your enemies from before you. Now I will make your name great, like the names of the greatest men of the earth. And I will provide a place for my people Israel and will plant them so that they can have a home of their own and no longer be disturbed. Wicked people will not oppress them anymore, as they did at the beginning and have done ever since the time I appointed leaders over my people Israel. I will also give you rest from all your enemies. The LORD declares to you that the LORD himself will establish a house for you: When your days are over and you rest with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring to succeed you, who will come from your own body, and I will establish his kingdom. He is the one who will build a house for my Name, and I will establish the throne of

his kingdom forever. I will be his father, and he will be my son. When he does wrong, I will punish him with the rod of men, with floggings inflicted by men. But my love will never be taken away from him, as I took it away from Saul, whom I removed from before you. Your house and your kingdom will endure forever before me; your throne will be established forever.” 2 Samuel 7:8-16 NIV

Notice the six parts of the promise to David:

- Israel is to live in the land without fear of the nations around them.
- The promised seed is to be David’s descendent.
- The son of David will also be the Son of God.
- God will establish the house of David—that is the royal lineage forever.
- This son will rule forever and will build an everlasting house.
- God will never take his love from this son.

God is not a man that he should lie. What he has promised he will do. The promised son of David will rule over the nation of Israel in the land that was promised to Abraham forever. David believed God. Read the following Psalm and notice the description of the eternal reign of the son of David. Notice that all peoples will be

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blessed through him, that he will rule to the ends of the earth, and that the whole earth will be filled with the glory of God:

Psalms 72

Give the king Your judgments, O God, And Your righteousness to the king's Son. He will judge Your people with righteousness, And Your poor with justice. The mountains will bring peace to the people, And the little hills, by righteousness. He will bring justice to the poor of the people; He will save the children of the needy, And will break in pieces the oppressor. They shall fear You As long as the sun and moon endure, Throughout all generations. He shall come down like rain upon the grass before mowing, Like showers that water the earth. In His days the righteous shall flourish, And abundance of peace, Until the moon is no more.

He shall have dominion also from sea to sea, And from the River to the ends of the earth. Those who dwell in the wilderness will bow before Him, And His enemies will lick the dust. The kings of Tarshish and of the isles Will bring presents; The kings of Sheba and Seba Will offer gifts. Yes, all kings shall fall down before Him; All nations shall serve Him.

For He will deliver the needy when he cries, The poor also, and him who has no helper. He will spare the poor and needy, And will save the souls of the needy. He will redeem their life from oppression and violence; And precious shall be their blood in His sight.

And He shall live; And the gold of Sheba will be given to Him; Prayer also will be made for Him continually, And daily He shall be praised. There will be an abundance of grain in the earth, On the top

of the mountains; Its fruit shall wave like Lebanon; And those of the city shall flourish like grass of the earth.

His name shall endure forever; His name shall continue as long as the sun. And men shall be blessed in Him; All nations shall call Him blessed.

Blessed be the LORD God, the God of Israel, Who only does wondrous things! And blessed be His glorious name forever! And let the whole earth be filled with His glory. Amen and Amen. The prayers of David the son of Jesse are ended.

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As surely as Abraham walked on the land that God has promised to him and as surely as David, son of Jesse, was King over Israel; Jesus, the promised Son will rule over the house of Jacob (Israel) forever.

*Don't Forget the Old Testament*

“It is Written.....” The Hope of Israel

Paul, the apostle that Jesus sent to the non Jewish world to preach the gospel, told his own people while in chains in Rome: “It is because of the hope of Israel that I am bound with this chain.”

Paul, also while in prison in Caesarea, defended his preaching of the gospel of Christ to the Jewish King Agrippa: “And now it is because of my hope in what God has promised our fathers that I am on trial today.”(Acts 28:20 and Acts 26:6)

What is the “hope of Israel”? What are the promises made to the fathers?” Connections to the Old Testament promises are made throughout the New Testament:

The Scripture foresaw that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, and announced the gospel in advance to Abraham: "All nations will be blessed through you." So those who have faith are blessed along with Abraham, the

man of faith.

Galatians 3:8-9

You are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus, for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs ac-

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according to the promise.

Galatians 3:26-29

Therefore, remember that formerly you who are Gentiles by birth and called "uncircumcised" by those who call themselves "the circumcision" (that done in the body by the hands of men)—remember that at that time you were separate from Christ, excluded from citizenship in Israel and foreigners to the covenants of the promise, without hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near through the blood of Christ.

Ephesians 2:11-13

We tell you the good news:

What God promised our fathers he has fulfilled for us, their children, by raising up Jesus.

Acts 13:32-33

For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the Jews on behalf of God's truth, to confirm the promises made to the patriarchs so that the Gentiles may glorify God for his mercy, as it is written...

Romans 15:7-9

The hope of Israel is based on the promises made to the patriarchs of Israel—that is, to the fathers of Israel. What are these promises and what is the hope? Two of the fathers have been mentioned in this newsletter already: Abraham and David. These two fathers are listed as the forefathers of Jesus Christ in the first verse of

the Gospel of Matthew. We need to look closely at what promises God made to these individuals in the Old Testament in order to understand the hope of the gospel of Jesus Christ that we find in the New Testament.

"'The days are coming,' declares the LORD, 'when I will fulfill the gracious promise I made to the house of Israel and to the house of Judah. "'In those days and at that time I will make a righteous Branch sprout from David's line; he will do what is just and right in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. This is the name by which it will be called: The LORD Our Righteousness.'

Jeremiah 33:14-16

### *Some Interesting Bible Facts*

- The Bible was written by about 40 men inspired by God over a period of about 1600 years. (1500 BC to 100 AD)
- The system of chapters was introduced in AD 1238 by Cardinal Hugo de S. Caro and verse notations were added in 1551 by Robertus Stephanus, after the advent of printing.
- The first English translation was initiated by John Wycliffe in 1388.
- There are 1,188 chapters in the Bible.
- The center verse in the Bible is Psalm 118:8. "It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in man." NIV
- The longest verse is Esther 8:9
- The shortest verse is John 11:35

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heart, O God, you will not despise.”

Notice each plea of David to his God:

- He asks for mercy.
- He recognizes God’s love and compassion.

- He fully recognizes his sin.
- He recognizes God’s justice and righteousness.
- He asks to be cleansed
- He asks to be forgiven—that his sin be blotted out.
- He asks that God create a new heart in him.

- He asks for restoration.
- He knows that it is not a sacrifice that God wants but a broken and contrite heart.

And God heard his prayer and forgave him. He restored him and saved him.

## Thoughts on the Daily Readings

“This is the one I esteem: he who is humble and contrite in spirit, and trembles at my word.”

Isaiah 66:2

Readings for this quarter include the Old Testament historical books of II Chronicles, Ezra, and Nehemiah. Also in the Old Testament readings are several prophetic books including Jeremiah, Daniel, Haggai, Zechariah, and Malachi. In the New Testament, the letter to the Hebrews and other letters by James, Peter, John and Jude are included. The final book of the Bible known by the name of Revelations is also called the Apocalypse.

**II Chronicles** is the history of the Kingdoms of Israel and Judah from the time that Solomon, son of David, built the first Temple in Jerusalem about 950 BC until the Babylonian destruction of the Temple and of Jerusalem in 586 BC. During this period God warned the Israelites of coming destruction because of their disobedience. Finally the last chapter of II Chronicles tells the reason that God allowed the Babylonians to destroy Jerusalem: “The LORD, the God of their fathers, sent word to them through his messengers again and again, because he had pity on his people and on his dwelling place. But they mocked God’s messengers, despised his words and scoffed at his prophets until the wrath of the LORD was aroused against his people and there was no remedy.”

II Chron. 36:15-16.

**Jeremiah** was one of the prophets that God sent to his people to warn them about the coming destruction. Neither the King nor the people would listen to Jeremiah and so the destruction came. Jeremiah wrote the Book of **Lamentations** that mourns the destruction of Judah and Jerusalem. Jeremiah also gave the prophecy of hope that after 70 years the people would return from their captivity and rebuild the city and the Temple.

**Daniel** and **Ezekiel** were prophets that went into exile when the Babylonians captured Judah and Jerusalem. **Ezra** and **Nehemiah** were also captives until they were given permission to return to Israel to rebuild. **Haggai**, **Zechariah**, and **Malachi** were prophets among the captives that returned to the land. God told his people through Zechariah: “This is what the LORD Almighty says: ‘I will save my people from the countries of the east and the west. I will bring them back to live in Jerusalem; they will be my people, and I will be faithful and righteous to them as their God.’” (Zechariah 8:7-8)

In the New Testament the book of **Hebrews** was written to the

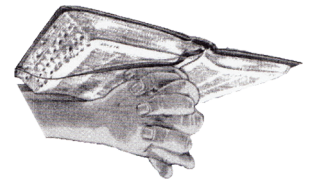
Christian believers, especially the Jewish Christians. The writer shows from the Old Testament why Jesus Christ is the Jewish messiah.

**James**, the brother of Jesus wrote a very practical letter to the believers about living the Christian life: “As the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without deeds is dead.” (James 2:26) **Peter** warned of persecutions to come and false teachers who would teach heresies. **John** wrote of the love of God: “And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love.” (I John 4:16)

The final book of the Bible is **Revelations**. It is one of the most difficult books to understand because much of it is written in sign and symbol. However the purpose of the book is to reveal something: “The revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show his servants what must soon take place.” (Revelations 1:1)

The Bible is full of promises and the last chapter Revelations ends with a promise: “He who testifies to these things says, ‘Yes, I am coming soon.’”

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## Daily Bible Readings for October, November, December

### *Read the Entire Bible in One Year*

Day	October		November		December	
	Old Test	New Test/Psa	Old Test	New Test/Psa	Old Test	New Test/Psa
1	Hosea 11,12	Titus 1	Jerm 19-21	James 3	Eze 12-14	Psalm 139
2	Hosea 13,14	Titus 2	Jerm 22,23	James 4	Eze 15, 16	Rev 1
3	II Chron 1,2	Titus 3	Jerm 24-26	James 5	Eze 17, 18	Rev 2
4	II Chron 3,4	Philemon	Jerm 27-29	I Peter 1	Eze 19,20	Rev 3
5	II Chron 5,6	Psalm 110, 111	Jerm 30, 31	I Peter 2	Eze 21, 22	Rev 4
6	II Chron 7, 8	Psalm 112, 113	Jerm 32, 33	I Peter 3	Eze 23, 24	Rev 5
7	II Chron 9,10	Hebrews 1	Jerm 34-36	I Peter 4	Eze 25, 26	Psalm 140
8	II Chron 11,12	Hebrews 2	Jerm 37,38	I Peter 5	Eze 27, 28	Psalm 141
9	II Chron 13,14	Hebrews 3	Jerm 39-41	Psalm 120, 121	Eze 29-31	Rev 6
10	II Chron 15,16	Psalm 114, 115	Jerm 42,43	Psalm 122, 123	Eze 32, 33	Psalm 142- 143
11	II Chron 17,18	Hebrews 4	Jerm 44-46	Psalm 124, 125	Eze 34, 35	Rev 7
12	II Chron 19,20	Hebrews 5	Jerm 47,48	II Peter I	Eze 36, 37	Rev 8
13	II Chron 21,22	Psalm 116, 117	Jerm 49,50	II Peter 2	Eze 38, 39	Rev 9
14	II Chron 23,24	Hebrews 6	Jerm 51,52	II Peter 3	Eze 40, 41	Psalm 144
15	II Chron 25,26	Hebrews 7	Ezr 1, 2, 3	Psalm 126, 127	Eze 42-44	Rev 10
16	II Chron 27,28	Hebrews 8	Ezr 4, 5, 6	Psalm 128, 129	Eze 45, 46	Rev 11
17	II Chron 29,30	Psalm 118	Ezr 7, 8, 9	I John 1	Eze 47, 48	Psalm 145
18	II Chron 31,32	Hebrews 9	Ezr 10 Neh 1	I John 2	Dan 1,2	Rev 12
19	II Chron 33,34	Hebrews 10	Neh 2,3,4	I John 3	Dan 3,4,5	Rev 13
20	II Chron 35,36	Psa 119: 1-24	Neh 5,6, 7	I John 4	Dan 6,7,8	Rev 14
21	Lam 1.2	Hebrews 11	Neh 8,9	I John 5	Dan 9,10	Psalm 146
22	Lam 3,4,5	Hebrews 12	Neh 10,11	Psalm 130, 131	Dan 11,12	Rev 15
23	Jerm 1,2	Hebrews 13	Neh 12,13	Psalm 132, 133	Habakkuk 1-3	Rev 16
24	Jerm 3,4	Psa 119: 25-48	Esth 1,2,3	Psalm 134, 135	Zephaniah 1-3	Psalm 147
25	Jerm 5,6	Psa 119: 49-74	Esth 4, 5, 6	II John	Haggai 1, 2	Rev 17
26	Jerm 7,8	Psa 119: 75-96	Esth 7-10	III John	Zechariah 1-3	Rev 18
27	Jerm 9,10	Ps 119: 97- 120	Eze 1, 2, 3	Psalm 136	Zechariah 4-6	Rev 19
28	Jerm 11, 12	Ps 119: 121-144	Eze 4, 5, 6	Psalm 137	Zechariah 7-9	Psalm 148
29	Jerm 13, 14	Ps 119: 145-176	Eze 7,8,9	Psalm 138	Zechar 10-12	Psalm 149, 150
30	Jerm 15, 16	James 1	Eze 10,11	Jude	Zechar 13,14	Rev 20, 21
31	Jerm 17, 18	James 2			Malachi 1-4	Rev 22

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