

“Study To Show Thyself Approved Unto God”

(2 Timothy 2:15)

Daily Bible Reading Guide

Week 2: January 16-22

Our reading this week takes us back to the book of Genesis. In these chapters (12-31) there is much that is foundational about our understanding of the promise given in Genesis 3:15. It would do the reader good to be sure and have your notebook at hand as you read and be sure you are following the thread of God’s scheme of redemption through the reading.

Some questions to consider as you are reading...

January 16 – Genesis 12-15

- What motivated Abraham to leave the land of his father and proceed to a land which he did not know? (12:1) (Cf. Hebrews 11:8) (Note: sometimes the reading of these events from chapter eleven and into chapter 12 are confusing. Please read Genesis 15:7 and Acts 7:1-4 for a divine commentary on the order of these events)
- What promises were given to Abram? (12:1-7) (It would be good to keep these in mind and track their repetition and fulfillment as you read)
- When Abram went into Egypt he feared for his life. As a result he encouraged his wife to lie. (12:9-20). Why was he afraid? Was it right for him to lie (and to involve others in this lie)?
- When strife arose between the herdmen of Abram and Lot, how did Abram handle it? (13:7-12)
- What did God say to Abram after Lot had departed (13:14-18)?
- What is Abram called in 14:13? Where has this name been used before?
- Who is identified in chapter 14 as the “priest of the most High God? By what system of law was he deemed a priest? (You might read Hebrews 7 as you contemplate this)
- In Genesis 15 God repeats and assures Abram of the promises He has given. What future events does he give insight of?

Daily Reading Schedule...

- Sunday - January 16*
Genesis 12-15
- Monday - January 17*
Genesis 16-18
- Tuesday - January 18*
Genesis 19-21
- Wednesday - January 19*
Genesis 22-24
- Thursday - January 20*
Genesis 25-26
- Friday - January 21*
Genesis 27-29
- Saturday - January 22*
Genesis 30-31

January 17 – Genesis 16-18

- Whose birth is recorded in chapter 16? Why does this birth come about?
- Why was Abram’s name changed to Abraham? (17:5) Why was Sarai’s name changed to Sarah? (17:15-16)
- In the promises given is there a significance to “seed” as of one instead of “seeds”? (cf Galatians 3:16)
- The promise given to Abraham is called “everlasting” (17:8). The circumcision covenant is also “everlasting” (17:13). Does Paul’s reference to circumcision in Galatians 5:1-4 help us to understand God’s use of “everlasting”?
- Why did Sarah laugh? What was the response given her about God’s abilities? (18:12-14)
- Who is the stranger identified as who spoke to Abraham? What did he say was about to be done and what was Abraham’s response? (18:14ff)

January 18 – Genesis 19-21

- What happened to Sodom and Gomorrah? Why? (19:1-26)
- What was the origin of those whose descendants would be the Ammonites and Moabites? (19:27ff)
- What did Abraham do when he came into the land of Abimelech? (Chapter 20) Does it seem that 1 Corinthians 10:12 applies?
- Why was Ishmael to be made a nation? (21:13) Do you know what nation descended from him?

January 19 – Genesis 22-24

- In 22:1-14 we read of the offering of Isaac. Why would Abraham be willing to sacrifice his own son? (Cf Hebrews 11:17-19) (Do you know who the Islamists say that Abraham sacrificed?)
- How old was Sarah when she died? (23:1) How old would Isaac have been?
- Whom did Isaac marry – why did he marry her instead of someone from Canaan? (24)
- What happened to Isaac after marrying Rebekah? (24:67)

January 20 – Genesis 25-26

- How old was Abraham when he died? How is his death described? (25:1-11)
- Who were the two sons born to Isaac and Rebekah (25:21-34)? Who bought the birthright from the eldest son?
- What did God promise to Isaac and why did He say the promise would be continued (26:1-5)?
- What did Isaac do that seems to follow in his father's footsteps (not a good thing!) (26:6ff)?

January 21 – Genesis 27-29

- How did Jacob take the blessing intended for Esau? How did Esau feel about this? (27)
- Whom did Esau marry? Why? (28:8-9)
- What happened to Jacob as he traveled to Haran for a wife (28:10-22)? What was promised to him?
- Whom did Jacob find as he entered into the land? (29:1-14)
- How did Jacob come to be married to both Leah and Rachel, daughters of his father's brother (29:15-31)?
- What children were born to Jacob and Leah (29:31-35)?

January 22 – Genesis 30-31

- Why did Jacob have children by Bilhah and Zilpah (30:1-13)?
- How is it that Jacob became a man of great wealth (30:25-43)?
- Why did Laban begin to act differently toward Jacob (31:1-2)?
- How is it that Jacob became a man of great wealth (31:7-16)?
- Why did Jacob leave and go toward his father in Canaan?
- Why did Laban pursue Jacob and his family (31:26-30)?
- Why did Laban do no harm to Jacob when he pursued him (31:24-29)?
- What was the purpose of the "heap" which was constructed (31:44ff)?