

Bible Reading Journey

Key Study Points by Rev. Dr. Todd Biermann

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- Pray for Spiritfilled insight as you read God's Word.
- Look for Law and Gospel themes that point us to Jesus.
- Apply the readings to your life.
- Pray to Jesus, as the readings inspire you, for yourself, your family, your church and your world.

Historical Context: Israel remains encamped on the plains of Moab, across the Jordan, east of Canaan, as they await God's direction to enter the promised land (1407 / 1406 BC).

Law & Gospel Themes:

Moses restates history of God's deliverance from Egypt so new generation won't forget. 38 years of wilderness time gives opportunity for the gentile nations to repent before they're overtaken. The people & places described have present geography & archaeological support. Ch 4 speaks of cities of refuge, types of Jesus, our Refuge. Ch 5 restates God's

covenant, centered on the 10 Commandments, a blessing to those called to faith by His Word. 6:4 is the "Shema" (Hear), an early creed of faith, still used. 6:7 "Shanan" (Teach) directs parents to teach God's Word always. 6:20 directs catechetical practice of Q&A later used by Luther in SC & LC.

Life Application Starters:

Regularly recount the WHOLE history of God's gracious deliverance, knowing real people & places, esp. Jesus. How can God use you, as He did Israel, to lead ALL to repent & come to Him? How is Jesus your refuge?

Know & review the 10 Com's. & Creed daily to grow in faith. Teach children God's Word through Q&A as you go along your daily way... answering, "What does this mean?"

Prayer Starters: Thank
God for His history of
deliverance from Adam to
Egypt to Jesus to today.
For ALL you are trying to
bring to repentance & faith
in Jesus. Thanks for refuge
in Jesus. To always HEAR
the Word of God & Keep it.
For the next generations to
learn the Word of God &
grow in faith through daily
Q&A along the way.

Daily Readings and notes:

Monday: Deuteronomy 1:1-46

Tuesday: Deuteronomy 2:1-37

Wednesday: Deuteronomy 3:1-29

Thursday: Deuteronomy 4:1-49

Friday: Deuteronomy 5:1-33

Saturday: Deuteronomy 6:1-25



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Law & Gospel Themes: 7:3 stresses to not intermarry with pagans or they will lead us from faith to eternal destruction. 8:3 reminds us we live not by bread alone, but by the Word of God. 8:5 speaks of God's discipline out of love. 9:1-12 makes clear we are saved by grace through faith, pointing to Eph. 2:5. 10:16 calls us to circumcise our hearts, cutting away sinful selfishness so we can focus

only on the LORD in faith. 11:18-32 reminds, again, of the importance of teaching God's Word of blessing to children as we are going along the way every day; a godly habit. Ch 12 makes clear that worship is not to be per my feeling, but God's way. Chs 14-15 outline righteous ways with food, tithes, lending & more.

Life Application Starters:
How much should our faith impact who we marry?
How regularly should we "feed" on God's Word?
Are you an eager disciple of Jesus, even when it's tough? What place do good deeds have in our

salvation? How is teaching God's ways to the young a regular habit for you? How does our worship keep us focused on God, not on our own wants, ways and feelings? Do you honor God with your food, wealth & all things?

Prayer Starters: For faith in Jesus to guide all who seek a spouse. To hunger for God's Word always. To bear discipline from God for our good. That grace will save us and inspire our service. For the young to learn of Jesus from us in all we do and say. To worship in God's way, not our own. To honor God with all we are and have.

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Monday: Deuteronomy 7:1-26

Tuesday: Deuteronomy 8:1-20

Wednesday: Deuteronomy 9:1-10:22

Thursday: Deuteronomy 11:1-12:32

Friday: Deuteronomy 13:1-18

Saturday: Deuteronomy 14:1-15:23



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Three feasts are to be celebrated by all Israel each year: Passover (remembering the Passover in Egypt, ~March/April), Feast of Weeks or Pentecost per LXX (7 weeks after first grain harvest, ~May/June) and Feast of Booths (after the final harvest, ~Sept/Oct). All Israel was to gather in a central location for these feasts, keeping them united. The feasts focus on

GOD'S deliverance & providence. An earthly king for Israel is NOT God's idea. 18:15+ points to a greater prophet, Jesus. Prophets primarily "forthtell" God's Word, more than foretelling. Laws for civil order esp. focus on marriage God's way (1 man to 1 woman for life) and preserving the family (SEE ex. of 24:5 re the newly married man and 1 year off military service).

Life Application Starters:

What festivals in our worship life correspond to Passover and the Feast of Weeks? What third festival is a focal point in our worship life? How do all

these festivals maintain a similar focus to the original? How do they differ? How do earthly kings still fail us? Are there prophets today? Are these civil laws on marriage and family still relevant? Are other civil laws in this section still useful to us?

Prayer Starters: To remember God's acts of deliverance and providence in our festival worship. That all Christians will be united and strengthened through corporate worship. For faithful prophets of God's Word. For godly order and health in marriage, family and society.

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Monday: Deuteronomy 16:1-17:20

Tuesday: Deuteronomy 18:1-19:21

Wednesday: Deuteronomy 20:1-21:23

Thursday: Deuteronomy 22:1-23:25

Friday: Deuteronomy 24:1-22

Saturday: Deuteronomy 25:1-26:19



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Israel had been delivered from slavery by God and brought to faith by the Spirit. Now they are to live out that faith. When they reject it, they will fall under the Law and a curse. When they follow the LORD in faith, they will receive Gospel blessings. Ch 31 tells of Joshua as Moses' successor. Ch 32 is a parting song by Moses filled with Law and Gospel.

Life Application Starters:
We are saved, like Israel,
by grace alone for Jesus'
sake. Now, we are to
"choose life" (30:19) by
rejecting sin and walking
by faith since we ARE
saved. When we reject our

faith, what "curses" befall us in body and spirit, now and after death? When we continue in faith, what "blessings" come to us in body and spirit, now and in life after death? What songs remind you of these themes of Law & Gospel? Memorize 32:39 (OVER).

Prayer Starters: To repent of efforts to save ourselves by keeping the Law. To trust in Jesus alone for the free gift of salvation. To keep the Law in thanks for salvation. That blessings will be upon us as we live by faith and act in love. For music to teach us God's Word of Law and Gospel and keep it in our hearts.

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Friday: Deuteronomy 31:1-29

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