



CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH

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SEPTEMBER 17TH, 2023

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READING

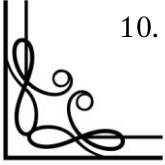
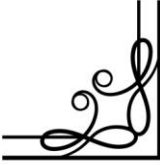
Ezra 7:1-28

In 1989, our dear shepherd at that time, Pastor Ron Blough, initiated our reading through a portion of the 66 books of the Bible as a congregation, typically a chapter each Sunday. Since then, we have been through the entire Bible one full time and are currently in Ezra, the 15th book of the Bible.



TODAY'S SERVICE



1. Hymn #100 - "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"
 2. Opening Prayer & Announcements
 - a. CBC Marriage Statement Reading
 3. Hymn #344 - "My Hope Is in the Lord"
 4. Hymn #179- "Holy Bible, Book Divine"
 5. Hymn #183 - "God Has Spoken by the Prophets"
 6. Reading: **Bro. Wyatt D.**
 7. **Message:** "Set Your Heart to Study"
 8. Hymn #388 - "I Know Whom I Have Believed"
 9. Benediction
 10. Sunday Evening Service
Holy War #82; Ecclesiastes 7:1b
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SET YOUR HEART to STUDY

For Ezra had set his heart to study the Law of the LORD, and to do it and to teach His statutes and rules in Israel. **EZRA 7:10**, ESV

Book of Ezra

National Restoration
under Zerubbabel

Return to Land, 1-2

Rebuilding the Temple, 3

Resisting the Enemy, 4-6

Spiritual Reformation
under Ezra

Ezra Comes to the Land, 7-8

Ezra Confesses Sins, 9

Ezra Cleanses Nation, 10

I. the BRIEF HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

A. Destruction of the Temple, 586 BC

B. Decree of Cyrus to Rebuild, 536 BC

C. Darius' 6th Year, Finished, 516 BC

II. the BREAKDOWN of the CHAPTER

A. Ezra Came to Jerusalem, vv1-10

B. Ezra Commissioned by the King, vv11-26

C. Ezra Commends His Praise to God, vv27-28

III. the BLESSINGS EMPHASIZED from OUR TEXT

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for His own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light. **1 Peter 2:9**, ESV

A. Practical Gospel Illustrations & Applications

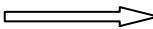
1. set his heart to study

a. set his heart, **הָכִין לְקָבוֹ** (*hā-KHEEYN l'-va-VŌ*); "prepared his heart" (KJV); Ezra 7:9b

b. to study, **לְדַרֹּשׁ** (*lid-RŌSH*) "to seek" (KJV)

i. whom? John 5:39

ii. why? Deut 6:5; Phil 3:10

iii. with which aids? 

iv. what? Phil 2:9; 1 Cor 10:31

Study Aids: hermeneutics

1. M'Cheyne Bible Reading Plan

2. Exhaustive Concordance

3. Treasury of Scripture Knowledge

4. Confession of Faith

2. and to do it

a. response in love, not legalism, 1 Jn 4:19; John 14:15

b. rejoicing in its blessing, 1 Jn 5:3

c. recognizing our imperfection, 1 Jn 3:1-2

3. and to teach His statutes and rules

a. applicable to all Christians, 1 Pet 2:9

b. accomplished in variety of ways, Acts 20:35

i. amazing blessing teaching, Luke 6:38

QUOTE of the WEEK

Secondly, let us behold the mighty arm of God as specially DISPLAYED IN THE PERSON OF CHRIST JESUS; and here will you kindly follow me in the psalm itself, for there you will see that the power of God is displayed in Jesus Christ, in *the choice* of him, and the exaltation of him, to be a Prince and a Saviour. See verse 19: "I have laid help upon one that is mighty; I have exalted one chosen out of the people." Christ is the incarnation of the power of divine grace, in him dwells the power of God to save the sons of men; and yet in what weakness it dwelt. He was a man despised and rejected, lowly and meek, poor, and without worldly honour. His was the weakness of shame and suffering, poverty and dishonour; but the power of God was upon him, and is upon him now. It is a grand thing to know that God by the weakness of man, taking it into connection with his own nature, has routed sin, Satan, death and hell. The battle in the wilderness was between Satan and a man, tempted as we are; but oh, how gloriously that matchless man overthrew the tempter and prevailed. The agony in the garden of Gethsemane was that of a man: it was a man, though God, who sweat great drops of blood, and uttered strong crying and tears, and won the victory by which evil is dethroned; and he that met the powers of evil on the cross, and stood alone and trod the wine-press till there remained not an uncrushed cluster, was a man. It is by his power, even the power of the man of Nazareth, that all the powers of evil have been for ever blasted and withered; so that, though they rebel, it is but a struggling gasp for life. As surely as God sits on his throne, the foot of the seed of the woman shall be upon the serpent's head, to crush it for ever; for mighty as were the hosts of evil, God hath exalted one chosen out of the people, and laid help upon him, that he may eternally vanquish all the hosts of darkness. Strong is thy right hand, O Saviour, for by weakness and suffering and death thou hast overthrown all thy people's foes. [EMPHASIS *in original*]

"The Mighty Arm" from the text, Psalm 89:13
a sermon delivered on September 17th, 1876

by **Charles Haddon Spurgeon**

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This Week's Bible Portions from *Robert Murray McCheyne's "Daily Bread"*

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FAMILY READINGS			PRIVATE READINGS	
2 Samuel 13	2 Cor. 6	17	Ezekiel 20	Psalms 66-67
2 Samuel 14	2 Cor. 7	18	Ezekiel 21	Psalms 68
2 Samuel 15	2 Cor. 8	19	Ezekiel 22	Psalms 69
2 Samuel 16	2 Cor. 9	20	Ezekiel 23	Psalms 70-71
2 Samuel 17	2 Cor. 10	21	Ezekiel 24	Psalms 72
2 Samuel 18	2 Cor. 11	22	Ezekiel 25	Psalms 73
2 Samuel 19	2 Cor. 12	23	Ezekiel 26	Psalms 74
2 Samuel 20	2 Cor. 13	24	Ezekiel 27	Psalms 75-76

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