

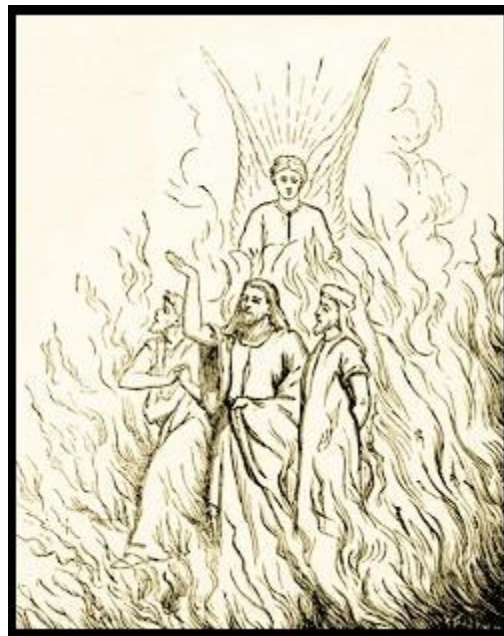
Through the
Bible in a
Year
Weeks 36 to 40

Jeremiah 49 – Zephaniah 3

"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path."
Psalm 119:105

These courses are designed to be used in any calendar year for a small group to read the Bible together. It is based on having 52 meetings in a year so it will work with any year, since all days of the week always occur at least 52 times in a year. Those who attend are expected to read 3 or 4 chapters of the Bible each day (10 chapters every 3 days) for 51 weeks.

During class the reading is minimized so that there is sufficient time to discuss together what has been read. The class may want to consider each having specific topics that they are responsible for noticing and analyzing. For instance, one person may be responsible for noticing all the examples of prayers and another may be looking for God's promises or whatever you decide between you.



<u>Week</u>	<u>Topic</u>
Week 36	-- Jeremiah 49 - Ezekiel 14
Week 37	-- Ezekiel 15 - Ezekiel 37
Week 38	-- Ezekiel 38 - Hosea 1
Week 39	-- Hosea 2 - Amos 7
Week 40	-- Amos 8 - Zephaniah 3

Suggested methodology for each lesson:

1. Fellowship (Save most of this for the end of class)
2. Take prayer requests (Try to keep it from becoming a competition to see who has the most or the worst)
3. Pray (The idea is to leave our troubles with God so we can give Him our full attention.)
4. Read the lesson's scripture aloud from the Bible (or a few verses at a time as you answer the questions.)
5. Answer and *briefly* discuss the "fill in the blank" questions. (Let those who prefer to listen, listen. My answers on the next page are just one opinion; you may have a better answer if it is Scripture based.)
6. On the final "Think & Pray" question everyone should take a few minutes to pray over it and jot down their own thoughts before the discussion. **This will give the Holy Spirit a time to speak.**
7. Discuss your Think & Pray answers. (Never force anyone to share theirs. As with the other questions, my answer is just one more opinion; you may have a better answer.)
8. Discuss any questions or insights anyone has from their reading that week.
9. Close in prayer (It is good to call on others to pray, but try to get their permission first.)
10. Fellowship (Leave this as open ended as possible for the time and place you meet.)

Depending on the number of people, each lesson is expected to take about one hour. Steps 4 thru 7 are about one third of that. If you take longer, let each lesson take more than one meeting. If you take less time, answer "For Further Thought" questions or the reading questions from the previous week.

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Week 36 (Sep 6) -- Jeremiah 49 - Ezekiel 14

Please read these scriptures and answer the associated questions:

[A] Ezekiel 8:2-3 Who lifted him up between heaven and earth? _____

[B] Revelations 1:12-16 What were his eyes like? _____

[C] Do you think Ezekiel and John were talking to the same person? _____

[D] How do we respond to people who tell us they have had similar visions in these latter times?

Joseph Smith (founder of Mormonism)

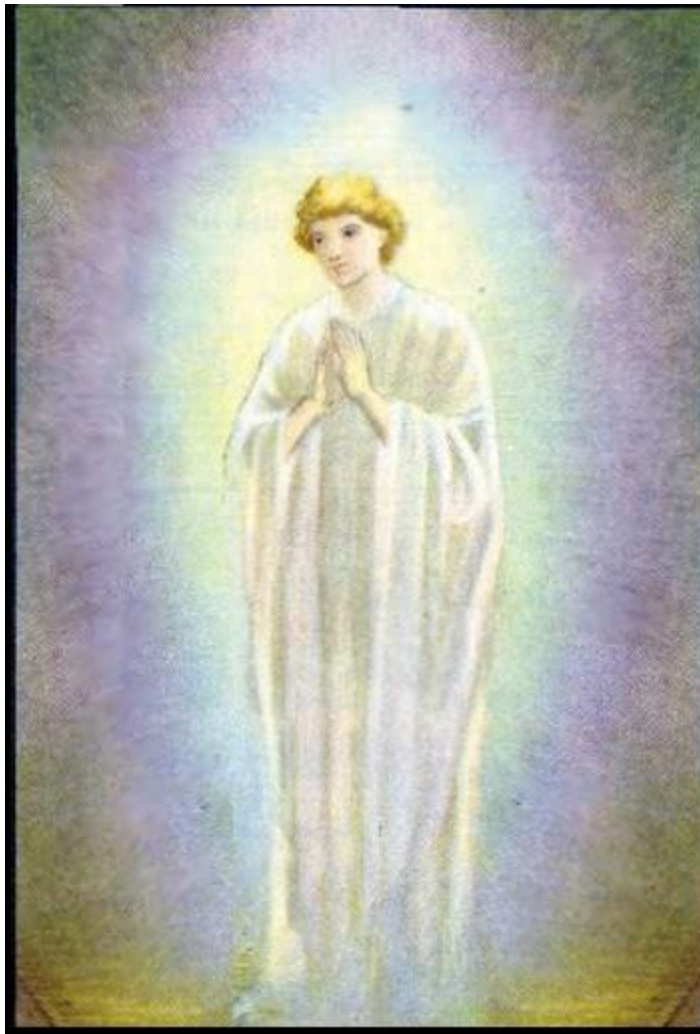
Ellen G. White (founder of Seventh-day Adventist Church)

Mohammed (founder of Islam)

William M. Branham (founder of Oneness Pentecostalism)

Charles Russell (founder of Jehovah's Witnesses)

Think & Pray _____



For further thought:

(x) If you had to pick the most important point from the reading the past week what and why?

(y) How would you summarize the passages we read this past week?

(z) What passage from our reading this past week would you recommend memorizing and why?

Week 37 (Sep 6-12) -- Ezekiel 15 - Ezekiel 37

Sunday -- Ezekiel 15-Ezekiel 17

- (15) Thinking about Ez chapter 15, how can we measure our usefulness to God?
- (16) Compare Romans 6:20-22 with Jeremiah 12:13 and Ezekiel 16:63. What did you learn?
- (17) How would you explain the Parable of Two Eagles and a Vine in Ezekiel 17:1-10?

Monday -- Ezekiel 18-Ezekiel 21

- (18) Why isn't Ezekiel 18:1-32 not a contradiction to Exodus 20:5?
- (19) In Ez 19:1 and 19:14 we are told this chapter is a lamentation. A lament for whom? Why?
- (20) In Ezekiel 20:41-42, 44 who is promised what with what conditions? Is this a promise to us?
- (21) Compare Ezekiel 21:26 with Luke 14:11. What do we learn by making this comparison?

Tuesday -- Ezekiel 22-Ezekiel 24

- (22) Thinking about Ez 22:30 – Who is there to stand in the gap in the wall now?
- (23) In Ezekiel 23 who are Oholah and Oholibah? Why not just call them that instead of aliases?
- (24) Thinking about Ez 24:17 – could you do this? Not grieve? I don't think I could.

Wednesday -- Ezekiel 25-Ezekiel 27

- (25) Read Gen 19:32-38, especially 37 & 38. Think about it as you read Ezekiel 25:1-11. So what?
- (26) Analyze Ezekiel 26:17-18 as Hebrew poetry.
- (27) Thinking of Ez 27 – Tyre was a prosperous port on an island, like Manhattan. Other similarities?

Thursday -- Ezekiel 28-Ezekiel 31

- (28) What does Ezekiel 28:12-16 teach us about Satan?
- (29) Thinking about Ezekiel 29:12-14 – has this happened yet? How do you know? So what?
- (30) Thinking about Ezekiel 30:1-3 – is this something to look forward to? Why?
- (31) In Ezekiel 31:3, the prophet is talking to Egypt about Assyria. Why would He do that?

Friday -- Ezekiel 32-Ezekiel 34

- (32) Compare Ezekiel 32:2 with Romans 12:3. What principle is the same in both passages?
- (33) Compare Ezekiel 33:20 with John 5:28-29. What do we learn by making this comparison?
- (34a) Compare Ezekiel 34:11-16 with Luke 15:3-7, 19:10. Is this a promise?
- (34b) Compare Ez 34:23-24 with John 10:11, Heb 13:20, 1 Pet 2:25. Is this a promise?

Saturday -- Ezekiel 35-Ezekiel 37

- (35) Gen 36:8-9 & Deut 2:12 say Seir = Edom. In Ez 35:1-15 & Ez 25:12-14, why two prophecies?
- (36) Ezekiel 36:25-27 What kind of heart do you have and how do you know? We'll discuss on Sunday.
- (37) In Ezekiel 37:13-14 who is promised what with what conditions? Is this a promise to us?

----- ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON FRONT -----

- [A] Ezekiel 8:2-3 Who lifted him up between heaven and earth? The Spirit
- [B] Revelations 1:12-16 What were his eyes like? A flaming fire
- [C] Do you think Ezekiel and John were talking to the same person? Maybe. The descriptions seem to match though. Certainly both Ezekiel and John were taken up to view heavenly visions.
- [D] 1 John 4:1 "Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world." We used to minister in a behavioral health hospital. One of the guys there told me he was Jesus Christ. I asked him how he knew that. He just shook his head and said I would not believe him. I asked him to try me. He told me an angel of light told him he was Jesus Christ and added again that he knew I would not believe him. I told him I believed every word he said. I told him it was the "angel" that was the liar. He looked puzzled and remained silent. By the next week he was gone from the unit. I don't know what happened to him. (See also 2 Cor 11:3&14; 2 John 1:7, John 16:13, Ex 7:10-11; 1 Tim 4:1, Gal 1:8)

Week 37 (Sep 13) -- Ezekiel 15 - Ezekiel 37

Please read these scriptures and answer the associated questions:

[A] Ezekiel 36:22-23 Why is God taking action? _____

[B] Ezekiel 36:24-25 What will he cleanse? _____

[C] Ezekiel 36:26-28 What kind of heart does He remove? _____

[D] Ezekiel 36:25-27 What kind of heart do you have and how do you know?

Think & Pray _____



**I will
cleanse
you from
all your
filthiness
and from
all your
idols.
Ezekiel 36:25**

For further thought:

(x) If you had to pick the most important point from the reading the past week what and why?

(y) How would you summarize the passages we read this past week?

(z) What passage from our reading this past week would you recommend memorizing and why?

Week 38 (Sep 13-19) -- Ezekiel 38 - Hosea 1

Sunday -- Ezekiel 38-Ezekiel 41

- (38) Who are Gog, Magog, Rosh, Meshech & Tubal mentioned in Ez 38:2 & 39:1?
- (39) In Ezekiel 39:29 who is promised what with what conditions? Is this a promise to us?
- (40) Thinking about Ez 40:1-3 – have you ever had a vision or dream you believed came from God?
- (41) Thinking about Ez chapters 40-42 – why do you the exact measurements were recorded here?

Monday -- Ezekiel 42-Ezekiel 44

- (42) Thinking about Ez chapter 42 – do you have place you go to be alone with God?
- (43) Compare Ez 43:5 with 1 Cor 6:19. Has the Holy Spirit filled your temple?
- (44) Compare Romans 11:16 and Ezekiel 44:30 | Do you give God your first? Why or why not?

Tuesday -- Ezekiel 45-Ezekiel 47

- (45) Does Ez 45:9 mean that God is against taxation? Why or why not?
- (46) Thinking about Ez 46 – imagine what it would be like of our government leaders were Christians.
- (47) Compare Ezekiel 47:1-9 with Revelation 22:2. What do we learn by making this comparison?

Wednesday -- Ezekiel 48-Daniel 3

- (48) Compare Ez 48:35 with Matt 28:20 & Rev 21:1-3. What does this teach us about God's nature?
- (1) Thinking about Dan 1:8 – how careful are you to say grace before meals? (See 1 Cor 10:23-30)
- (2) In Daniel 2:17-18 who is praying about what and what does it teach us about prayer?
- (3) Who was the fourth man in verse Daniel 3:25? Why was there no smell of smoke in verse 27? Do you have faith like theirs in verse 17? In Daniel 3:1-30 could it be talking about God using fire to burn away the bonds that hold us and deliver us from the power of the king of this world? On Sunday we'll discuss the identity of the fourth man.

Thursday -- Daniel 4-Daniel 6

- (4) In Daniel 4:34-37 who is promised what with what conditions? Is this a promise to us?
- (5) Compare the spiritual world views of the queen (Daniel 5:11), the king (Daniel 5:14) and Daniel (Daniel 5: 21-23). Is it fair to say this difference explains Daniel 5:30? Why?
- (6) In Daniel 6:26-27 who is promised what with what conditions? Is this a promise to us?

Friday -- Daniel 7-Daniel 9

- (7) Compare Daniel 7:9-10 with Matthew 28:3. What do we learn by making this comparison?
- (8) Why does Dan 8:27 say there is no explainer when in Dan 8:16 and following Gabriel does explain?
- (9a) In Daniel 9:3-19 who is praying about what and what does it teach us about prayer?
- (9b) Compare Dan 9:25-27 with John 1:41, 4:25, Matt 24:15 & Rev 10:7. Is this fulfilled prophecy?

Saturday -- Daniel 10-Hosea 1

- (10) Compare Daniel 10:6 with Revelation 2:18. What do we learn by making this comparison?
- (11) Compare Daniel 11:31 with Matthew 24:15. What do we learn by making this comparison?
- (12) In Daniel 12:2-3 who is promised what with what conditions? Is this a promise to us?
- (1a) In Hosea 1:7-11 who is promised what with what conditions? Is this a promise to us?
- (1b) Compare Hosea 1:10 with Romans 9:27,28. What do we learn by making this comparison?

----- ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON FRONT -----

- [A] Ezekiel 36:22-23 Why is God acting? For the sake of His holy name
- [B] Ezekiel 36:24-25 What will he cleanse? Filthiness and idols
- [C] Ezekiel 36:26-28 What kind of heart does He remove? A heart of stone
- [D] I believe the Lord is in the process of replacing my heart of stone with one which actually works. He has replaced my cruelty with compassion. He has replaced my regrets and remorse with joy and hope. He has given me with a deep and abiding desire to be a better man than I am.

Week 38 (Sep 20) -- Ezekiel 38 - Hosea 1

Please read these scriptures and answer the associated questions:

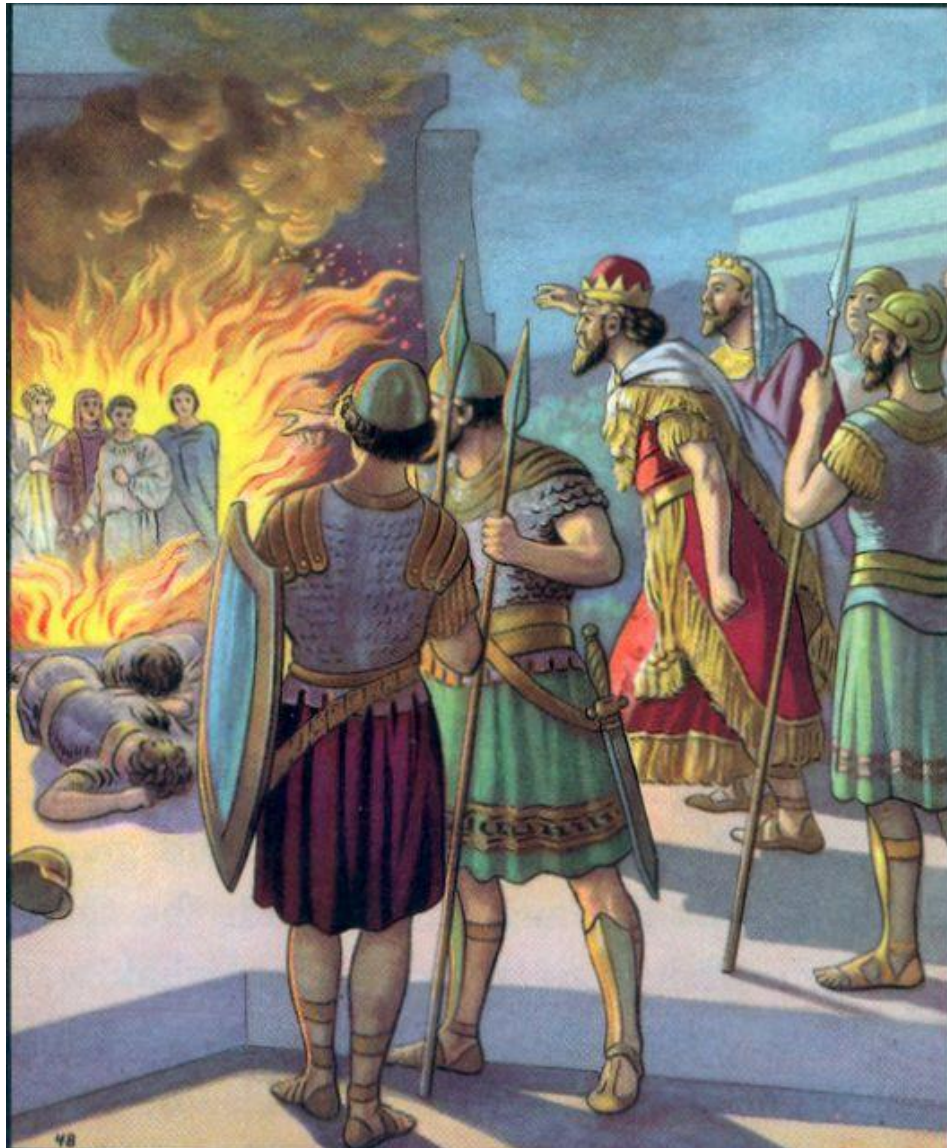
[A] Psalm 34:7 Who rescues those who fear God? _____

[B] Daniel 3:24-28 What does the king call the fourth man? _____

[C] Acts 12:7 What did the angel do to Peter? _____

[D] In Daniel 3:24-25 Nebuchadnezzar sees a fourth man in the furnace. Some people say this was an archangel, others the Holy Spirit, and still others Jesus. What do you think, and why?

Think & Pray _____



For further thought:

(x) If you had to pick the most important point from the reading the past week what and why?

(y) How would you summarize the passages we read this past week?

(z) What passage from our reading this past week would you recommend memorizing and why?

Week 39 (Sep 20-26) -- Hosea 2 - Amos 7

Sunday -- Hosea 2-Hosea 4

- (2) Compare Hosea 2:23 with Romans 9:25-26. Is this a promise?
- (3) How do you think Hosea felt after God's command in Hosea 3:1?
- (4) Compare the world of today with the Israelites described in Hosea 4:1-3. So what?

Monday -- Hosea 5-Hosea 7

- (5) Thinking about Hosea 5:15 – how bad did it have to get before you surrendered to the Lord?
- (6) Compare Hosea 6:6-7 with Matt 9:13, Mark 12:33, Luke 6:31 & Col 3:12. Is this a promise? We'll discuss more about Hosea 6:6 on Sunday.
- (7) Thinking of Hosea 7:15 – have you ever taught or mentored someone who later turned against you?

Tuesday -- Hosea 8-Hosea 11

- (8) Hosea 8:7 is a metaphor, but for what?
- (9) Compare Hosea 8:13; 9:4 with Ps 51:17; Matt 9:13, Rom 12:1-2 & Jer 7:22-23. So what?
- (10) Compare Hosea 10:8 with Luke 23:30.
- (11) In Hosea 11:4-9 who is promised what with what conditions? Is this a promise to us?

Wednesday -- Hosea 12-Hosea 14

- (12) Thinking of Hosea 12:6 – do you obey this command? Why or why not?
- (13) Compare Hosea 13:14 with 1 Corinthians 15:55. Is this a promise to us?
- (14) In Hosea 14:9 who is promised what with what conditions? Is this a promise to us?

Thursday -- Joel 1-Joel 3

- (1a) According to Joel 1:3 who is responsible for informing the next generation about the mighty acts of God? In your opinion, how good of a job are we doing with that?
- (1b) Joel 1:20 says, "Even the wild animals cry out to you." Does this mean that animals pray?
- (2a) Compare Joel 2:11-13 with Matthew 5:7. Is this a promise? To who under what conditions?
- (2b) In Joel 2:21 the people are instructed to be happy and fearless, but the deliverance from calamity is still in the future. God seems to expect us to be happy about what He has promised to do before it is done. (See also Philippians 4:4) How are you doing with that? Why?
- (3) Some say that Joel 3:16 contradicts Joel 2:25. "The Lord will be a refuge for His people" vs. "My great army that I sent against you." How would you answer this? (Hint Joel 2:13)

Friday -- Amos 1-Amos 4

- (1) The phrase "For three transgressions of X and for four, I will not revoke punishment" is repeated in Amos 1:3, 6, 9, 11, & 13. It is like us saying "three or four" meaning "a few." Why not be exact?
- (2a) Compare Numbers 6:1-21 with Amos 2:11-12. Why shouldn't Israel force Nazirites to drink wine?
- (2b) Compare Amos 2:4 with 1 John 1:5-10. The common theme is people being led astray by their own lies. First they lie, then they believe their own lies, and finally they do not believe God. True?
- (3) In Amos 3:7-8 who is promised what with what conditions? Is this a promise to us?
- (4) What does "cleanness of teeth" in Amos 4:6 mean? Starvation will keep your teeth clean.

Saturday -- Amos 5-Amos 7

- (5) In Amos 5:6 if they do not repent and seek the Lord, He will break forth like what?
- (6) In Amos 6:1 & 6:4 is it the rest and security that are objectionable or how they achieved it?
- (7) In Amos 7:14-15 he describes God's call. Have you ever been called by God to do something?

----- ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON FRONT -----

[A] Psalm 34:7 Who rescues those who fear God? The angel of the Lord

[B] Daniel 3:24-28 What does king call the 4th man? son of the gods (v. 25) an angel (v. 28)

[C] Acts 12:7 What did the angel do to Peter? Struck him, woke him and rescued him

[D] The Bible says, The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear Him, and delivereth them (Psa. 34:7). The pagan king said, the fourth (man) is like the (or a) son of God (Dan. 3:25); and he went on to say, (God) hath sent His angel (vs. 28). The word "angel" means one who is dispatched as a deputy, a messenger, or as an ambassador. God sent His angel to deliver the apostle Peter (Acts 12:7). I don't agree with people who take this "angel" to be the Lord Jesus Christ. I think "the fourth man" was an angel but if you want to think otherwise it won't do any harm, will it?

Week 39 (Sep 27) -- Hosea 2 - Amos 7

Please read these scriptures and answer the associated questions:

[A] Hosea 6:6 What is better than sacrifice? _____

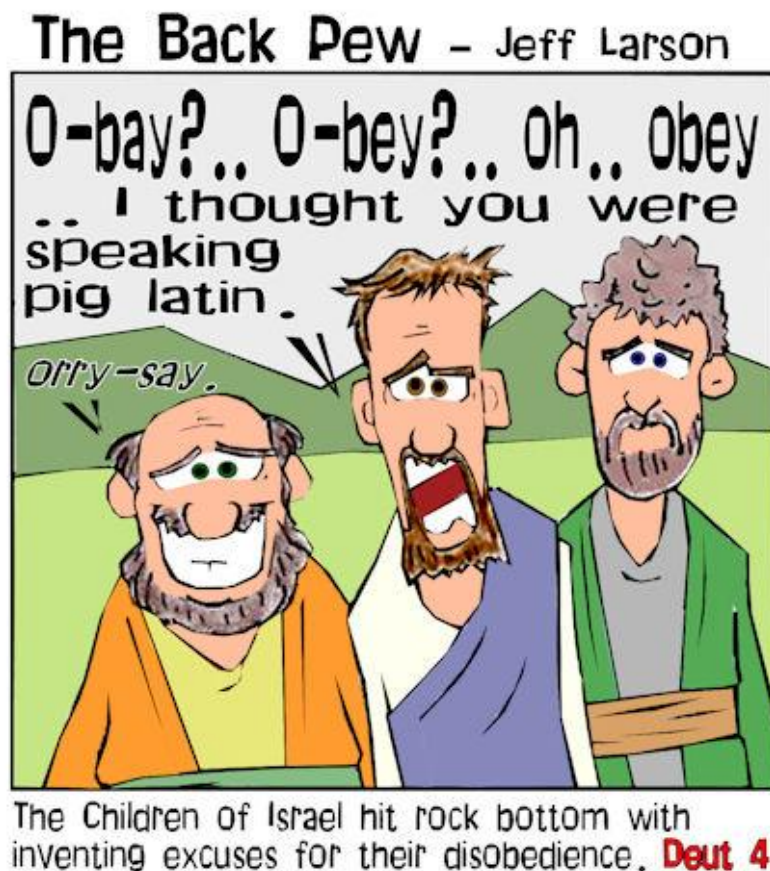
[B] Psalm 51:16-17 What are the sacrifices of God? _____

[C] Jer 7:22-23 What did God speak of when He brought them out of Egypt? _____

[D] 1 Samuel 15:22 What is better than sacrifice? _____

[E] In the Old Testament days to atone for their sins and show their love for God they brought sacrifices to the temple. We no longer have a temple so how can we atone and show our love?

Think & Pray _____



For further thought:

- (w) Dressing in uncomfortable clothes (sackcloth was rough and itchy) and fasting (going without food as a religious activity) is mentioned in Joel 1. Do you think these are things we should do today as God's people? Why or why not?
- (x) If you had to pick the most important point from the reading the past week what and why?
- (y) How would you summarize the passages we read this past week?
- (z) What passage from our reading this past week would you recommend memorizing and why?

Week 40 (Sep 27 - Oct 3) -- Amos 8 - Zephaniah 3

Sunday -- Amos 8-Obadiah 1

- (8a) What prophecy in Amos 8:9 is fulfilled in Matthew 27:45
(8b) Do you see any similarity between Amos 8:11 and what is happening in the world today?
(9) Compare Amos 9:11-15 with Acts 15:16-17. What do we learn by making this comparison?
(1) In Obadiah 1:15-21 who is promised what with what conditions? Is this a promise to us?

Monday -- Jonah 1-Jonah 4

- (1a) Nahum 3:1-5 describes Nineveh (Nah 2:8). Could this explain why Jonah did not want to go to Nineveh?
(1b) If you were one of the people mentioned in Chapter 1, (Jonah, sailors, or people of Nineveh,) which one are you most like? "None of them," might be your answer, but whatever your answer, why? More on Sunday.
(2) In Jonah 2:4 and 2:9 Jonah makes promises. Do you think these kinds of prayers work? Why?
(3) Doesn't the last sentence of Jonah 3:10, "And He (God) did not do it," mean that Jonah was a false prophet?
(Hint: Deuteronomy 13:1-5)
(4) God asks Jonah "Should I not care about ..." In 4:11 Jonah's answer is not shown. How do you think Jonah answered the question, and why do you think that? What is the right answer and why?

Tuesday -- Micah 1-Micah 3

- (1a) Thinking about Micah 1:2-7; Have you ever had to deliver bad news to someone? How did you feel?
(1b) In chapter 1 is Micah saying there is no hope or condemning false hopes based on the wrong things?
(2a) How many of the things Micah preaches against in chapter 2 have you done?
(2b) Thinking about Micah 2:11 – what lies are you most likely to believe?
(3a) In Micah 3:8 Micah is filled with the Holy Spirit, power, courage and justice for what purpose?
(3b) Thinking about Micah 3:11--What makes you willing to bend the rules?

Wednesday -- Micah 4-Micah 6

- (4) Micah 4:2 Does this mean in the last days that everyone in the world will go to Jerusalem?
(5) Compare Micah 5:2-5 with Matthew 2:6. Is this a promise or a prophecy?
(6a) Describe the characters in the court room drama in Micah 6:1-5. Where would you be in the scene?
(6b) Thinking about Micah 6:8: Do you ever try to replace obedience to the voice of the Holy Spirit with religious observances, like church attendance and tithing? How does that work for you?

Thursday -- Micah 7-Nahum 3

- (7) Compare Micah 7:3 with 2 Corinthians 6:7. What is the difference in the hands? So what?
(1a) Compare Nahum 1:2 with Nahum 1:7. How can both of these different descriptions of God be true?
(1b) In Nahum 1:2-13 who is promised what with what conditions? Is this a promise to us?
(2) Compare Nah 2:13 with Matt 7:23. What do you hope God will say to you? On what do you base this hope?
(3a) In Nahum 3:1 it says that Nineveh is full of lies. How can a city be full of lies?
(3b) Could Nahum 3:19 apply to Satan as well as Nineveh? Why or why not?

Friday -- Habakkuk 1-Habakkuk 3

- (1) Habakkuk 1:2. Do you ever feel like God is not listening? When? What do you do about it?
(2a) Thinking about Habakkuk 2:2-3 Why does God tell the prophet to write down what He is saying?
(2b) Compare Habakkuk 2:10-12 with Luke 19:37-40. How are they the same? How are they different?
(3) Read Habakkuk 3:17-18. Is this true of you? Why or why not? (Also compare with Matt 21:18-20)

Saturday -- Zephaniah 1-Zephaniah 3

- (1a) Thinking about Zephaniah 1:5. Children were sacrificed by fire to Milcom the the national god of the Ammonites. How is that different than abortions performed for the sake of convenience?
(1b) How can you be sure Zephaniah 1:6 is not referring to you?
(2) Thinking about Zephaniah 2:1 – Clearly Zephaniah wanted Judah to repent before the coming calamity. However, what does the phrase "without shame" mean in this context?
(3) Thinking about Zephaniah 3:7 – What are you eager to do? Is your thought life thankful and prayerful or full of fantasies of a "better life" for yourself?

----- ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON FRONT -----

- [A] Hosea 6:6 What is better than sacrifice? Loyalty (See also Hosea 8:13, 9:4)
[B] Psalm 51:16-17 What are the sacrifices of God? A broken spirit (See also Ps 34:18)
[C] Jer 7:22-23 What did God speak of when He brought them out of Egypt? Obedience (Ex 15:26)
[D] 1 Samuel 15:22 What is better than sacrifice? Obedience (See Dt 6:3, Ex 19:5-6, Jer 11:4)
[E] True repentance and obedience (See also Micah 6:6-8 & Hebrews 10:4-10)

Week 40 (Oct 4) -- Amos 8 - Zephaniah 3

Please read these scriptures and answer the associated questions:

[A] Jonah 1:5-8 What were the men doing? _____

[B] Jonah 1:9 Who was Jonah's God? _____

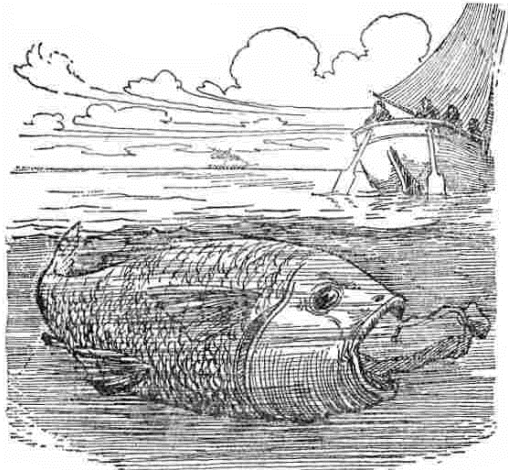
[C] Jonah 1:10 How did the sailor's feel about Jonah's answer? _____

[D] In Jonah 1:5-10 there is an interesting contrast. The sailors knew Jonah was fleeing from his god, but it did not occur to them to worry about it until they found out Who Jonah's God was. What do you think that says about what the sailors really believed? Why?

Think & Pray _____



"Pick me up and throw me into the sea. Then the sea will become calm for you, for I know that on account of me this great storm has come upon you."



For further thought:

- (u) Thinking about Micah 5:15: Which is more important to you? Obeying God or making a success of yourself? Really? How do you know? Thinking about Micah 6:8 Do you ever try to replace obedience to the voice of the Holy Spirit with religious observances, like church attendance and tithing? How does that work for you?
- (v) Why would Habakkuk praise God in the last three verses of chapter 3 after describing His terrible wrath?
- (w) Zephaniah 3:13-15 implies that one reason people lie is fear. Do you ever lie for other reasons?
- (x) If you had to pick the most important point from the reading the past week what and why?
- (y) How would you summarize the passages we read this past week?
- (z) What passage from our reading this past week would you recommend memorizing and why?

Week 41 (Oct 4-10) -- Haggai 1 - Matthew 4

Sunday -- Haggai 1-Zechariah 2

(1) In Haggai 1:5-11 it is made clear that the poor circumstances they found themselves in were a result of disobedience to God. What is your 1st reaction to poor circumstances? Blame others or what?

(2) Compare Haggai 2:5-9 with Isaiah 13:13 & Heb 12:26. Is this a promise?

On Sunday we will discuss the appearance of the temple mentioned in Haggai 1:9 and 2:9.

(1) Compare Zechariah 1:3 with James 4:8 and 2 Chronicles 15:2. Is this a promise to us?

(2) In Zechariah 2:4-13 who is promised what with what conditions? Is this a promise to us?

Monday -- Zechariah 3-Zechariah 5

(3) Compare Zech 3:8 with Jeremiah 23:5; John 15:1 & Rev 5:5. What do we learn?

(4) In Zechariah 4:6 who is promised what with what conditions? Is this a promise to us?

(5) Zech 5:2 says the scroll was 15 by 30 feet in size. (billboard size) Why is this detail included?

Tuesday -- Zechariah 6-Zechariah 8

(6) Compare Zech 6:12-13 with Heb 7:11-28; Heb 8:1-2. What does this teach us about God's nature?

(7) Read Zechariah 7:9-12. What four commandments and four responses of His people are listed?

(8) Zechariah 8:6 asks the question, "Will it also be too difficult in My sight?" What problems do you have that are too difficult for God? So ... ? (New American Standard Version best here.)

Wednesday -- Zechariah 9-Zechariah 12

(9) Compare Zechariah 9:9 with Matt 21:1-11; Mark 11:1-7; Luke 19:29-35; & John 12:14. So what?

(10) Thinking about Zech 10:12 – where does your strength come from? In whose name do you walk?

(11) Compare Zechariah 11:12-13 with Matthew 26:15; 27:3-10; & Luke 22:5. What do we learn?

(12) Compare Zechariah 12:10 with John 19:34-37; Isaiah 53:5 & Rev 1:7. What do we learn?

Thursday -- Zechariah 13-Malachi 1

(13) Compare Zech 13:7 with Mtt 26:31; John 16:32 & Mark 14:27-28. What did you learn?

(14) In Zechariah 14:4-9 who is promised what with what conditions? Is this a promise to us?

(15) Compare Zechariah 15:16-19, Deut 16:13-17 and John 7. What do we learn?

(1) Compare Malachi 1:13-14 with 1 Peter 1:19. What do we learn by making this comparison?

Friday -- Malachi 2-Malachi 4

(2) Thinking about Malachi 2:13-14 – what broken relationships in your past might be hindering prayer?

(3) Compare Malachi 3:1 with Matthew 11:7-11 & Mark 1:2-3. What do we learn?

(4a) Compare Malachi 4:2-3 with 2 Pt 1:19; Eph 5:14; John 8:12; Luke 1:78; Rv 22:16; Rv 2:28. So?

(4b) Compare Malachi 4:5 with Matthew 17:10-11. What do we learn by making this comparison?

Saturday -- Matthew 1-Matthew 4

(1) Mat 1:18-25 & Luk 1:26-38 say that Jesus was born of a virgin. Why is this important? (See Is 7:14)

(2a) Matthew 2:2: Have you ever seen a birth announcement while looking at the night sky?

(2b) Matt 2:23 Where in the Old Testament does it say, "He shall be called a Nazarene."? (Jn 1:45-46)

(3) Compare Matthew 3:16-17 with Isaiah 11:2 and Psalm 2:2, 7. What do we learn?

(4) What does Matthew 4:1-11 teach us about Satan?

----- ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON FRONT -----

[A] Jonah 1:5-8 What were the men doing? Praying to their gods and tossing extra weight overboard

[B] Jonah 1:9 Who was Jonah's God? The Lord God of heaven who made the sea and land

[C] Jonah 1:10 How did the sailor's feel about Jonah's answer? Extremely frightened

[D] I think like most "unbelievers" today, the sailors really knew the truth. God is real. It is obvious from His creation. The mighty miracles of God; done on behalf of His people, starting with the total humiliation of the world power, Egypt, at the Exodus; were not hidden. They were well known. The sailor's probably knew about all that. They traveled about and heard all kinds of stuff. Do people respect the God you believe in? If they don't, perhaps it is because they are having trouble seeing that He has made any difference in your life.