

COVER TO COVER

THE BIBLE IN 10 MINUTES, 5 DAYS PER WEEK



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We created this plan to capture the **highlights** of Scripture over the 22 weeks of the “Cover to Cover” sermon series. While this plan will not cover everything, it will give you a holistic perspective on the story of the Bible and what that means for your life today. Week 16 of the plan is below. We will update this plan each week so please check back weekly.

WEEK 16

Welcome to week sixteen of the “Cover to Cover” Bible reading plan. Last week, we looked at the fall of Israel and Judah and God’s people being carried off to captivity. This week, we will take a look at the books of Lamentations and Ezekiel, and how God was at work during this season of his people’s history.

DAY 1 After Jerusalem was conquered, most of its inhabitants were exiled to Babylon. However, those who remained behind expressed their grief and sorrow over the destruction of their homeland and the suffering they experienced by writing songs. These songs are contained in the book of Lamentations. Chapters 1-3 of Lamentations illustrate a journey from deep sorrow and despair over the destruction of Jerusalem to a glimmer of hope based on God’s enduring mercy and faithfulness. Today, **read Lamentations 1-3**.

DAY 2 Chapters 4 and 5 of Lamentations continue the themes of suffering and desolation seen in the earlier chapters. They also introduce a strong element of communal lament and a hopeful plea for God’s mercy and restoration. Today, **read Lamentations 4-5**.

DAY 3 God called the prophet Ezekiel five years into exile to speak to his people, both in Babylon and Judea. Chapters 1 and 2 of Ezekiel contain his prophetic calling and vision of God’s glory, establishing the foundation for Ezekiel’s ministry. Today, **read Ezekiel 1-2**.

DAY 4 Chapters 3 and 4 describe Ezekiel’s role as a prophet and watchman. He is tasked with conveying God’s messages through both words and symbolic actions to warn the Israelites of their forthcoming judgment. Today, **read Ezekiel 3-4**.

DAY 5 In Ezekiel Chapter 40, the prophet Ezekiel receives a detailed vision of the future temple. This vision takes place in the twenty-fifth year of the exile, on the tenth day of the first month, fourteen years after Jerusalem’s fall. The future temple represents the restoration and renewal of Israel’s worship and its relationship with God. The specific measurements and design elements symbolize God’s order, holiness, and the importance of following His precise instructions for worship. Today, **read Ezekiel 40**.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What is something that caught your attention from this week's sermon?
2. What does it mean to have bold faith? Can you think of someone in your life that is a person of bold faith?
3. In the Book of Daniel, we see the pressures of Babylonian captivity. When is a time in your life you felt like you were being pressured to conform to a certain way or lifestyle?
4. Pastor Adam talked about three qualities of people of bold faith: person of worship, person of prayer, and person in mission. Which of the three do you currently excel in the most and which could you give more attention to in your daily life?
5. How this week can you have bold faith in all circumstances?

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