

**BLESSED IN 2019**  
**01/06/19**

The word BLESS comes from the ancient Hebrew...and is in the Old Testament in 2 words:

- **BARUCH / BARAK** – (*A verb describing an action*) – which meant “**To Kneel, or Bend**”
- **ASHAR** – (*An adjective describing the person.*) – Translated as “**Straight**” or “**Happy**”

PSALM 1:1-3

<sup>1</sup> BLESSED is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked or stand in the way of sinners or sit in the seat of mockers. <sup>2</sup> But his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night. <sup>3</sup> He is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither. Whatever he does prospers.

ASHAR – (adjective) – ancient pictograph:

- **RESH – Head** – To be above or to rule
- **SHIN – Teeth, Fire** – To apply pressure; to press for benefit
  - **This combination literally means** \_\_\_\_\_
  - (*And this concept eventually came to be connected with ROPE...or TO TIE CORDS.*)
- **ALEF – An Ox** – described concepts: Strength; to lead; to influence

JOEL 2:12-14

<sup>12</sup> “Even now,” declares the LORD, “return to me with all your heart, with fasting and weeping and mourning.” <sup>13</sup> Rend your heart and not your garments. Return to the LORD your God, for he is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love, and he relents from sending calamity. <sup>14</sup> Who knows? He may turn and have pity and leave behind a blessing – grain offerings and drink offerings for the Lord your God.

- **Return – SHUWB** – to come back, to turn back, to re-enter
- **Rend your heart** – The custom was to tear your clothing regarding a death or calamity

**THE LORD’S BLESSING WAS GOING TO INCLUDE:**

\_\_\_\_\_ – 2:19, *I am sending you grain, new wine and oil, enough to satisfy you fully*

\_\_\_\_\_ – 2:25, *I will repay you for the years the locusts have eaten*

\_\_\_\_\_ – 2:28, *I will pour out my Spirit on all people*

\_\_\_\_\_ – 2:32, *And everyone who calls on the name of the LORD will be saved*

## **SPRING READING PLAN (January to Easter Weekend)**

- JAN. 7 - MATTHEW 1
- Jan. 8 - Matthew 2
- Jan. 9 - Matthew 3
- Jan. 10 - Matthew 4
- Jan. 11 - Matthew 5
- Jan. 12 - Matthew 6
  
- Jan. 14 - Matthew 7
- Jan. 15 - Matthew 8
- Jan. 16 - Matthew 9
- Jan. 17 - Matthew 10
- Jan. 18 - Matthew 11
- Jan. 19 - Matthew 12
  
- Jan. 21 - Matthew 13
- Jan. 22 - Matthew 14
- Jan. 23 - Matthew 15
- Jan. 24 - Matthew 16
- Jan. 25 - Matthew 17
- Jan. 26 - Matthew 18
  
- Jan. 28 - Matthew 19
- Jan. 29 - Matthew 20
- Jan. 30 - Matthew 21
- Jan. 31 - Matthew 22
- FEB. 1 - Matthew 23
- Feb. 2 - Matthew 24
  
- Feb. 4 - Matthew 25
- Feb. 5 - Matthew 26
- Feb. 6 - Matthew 27
- Feb. 7 - Matthew 28
- Feb. 8 - MARK 1
- Feb. 9 - Mark 2
  
- Feb. 11 - Mark 3
- Feb. 12 - Mark 4
- Feb. 13 - Mark 5
- Feb. 14 - Mark 6
- Feb. 15 - Mark 7
- Feb. 16 - Mark 8
  
- Feb. 18 - Mark 9
- Feb. 19 - Mark 10
- Feb. 20 - Mark 11
- Feb. 21 - Mark 12
- Feb. 22 - Mark 13
- Feb. 23 - Mark 14
  
- Feb. 25 - Mark 15
- Feb. 26 - Mark 16
- Feb. 27 - LUKE 1
- Feb. 28 - Luke 2
- MAR. 1 - Luke 3
- Mar. 2 - Luke 4
  
- Mar. 4 - Luke 5
- Mar. 5 - Luke 6
- Mar. 6 - Luke 7
- Mar. 7 - Luke 8
- Mar. 8 - Luke 9
- Mar. 9 - Luke 10
  
- Mar. 11 - Luke 11
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- Mar. 20 - Luke 19
- Mar. 21 - Luke 20
- Mar. 22 - Luke 21
- Mar. 23 - Luke 22
  
- Mar. 25 - Luke 23
- Mar. 26 - Luke 24
- Mar. 27 - JOHN 1
- Mar. 28 - John 2
- Mar. 29 - John 3
- Mar. 30 - John 4
  
- APR. 1 - John 5
- Apr. 2 - John 6
- Apr. 3 - John 7
- Apr. 4 - John 8
- Apr. 5 - John 9
- Apr. 6 - John 10
  
- Apr. 8 - John 11
- Apr. 9 - John 12
- Apr. 10 - John 13
- Apr. 11 - John 14
- Apr. 12 - John 15
- Apr. 13 - John 16
  
- Apr. 15 - John 17
- Apr. 16 - John 18
- Apr. 17 - John 19
- Apr. 18 - John 20
- Apr. 19 - John 21
- Apr. 20/21  
EASTER WEEKEND