



Reading Our Bible Together in 2020

A Community in Exile

A few weeks ago, Matt Greer began the announcements by saying, “In this particular time ... we feel sometimes like we’re a community in exile...” Well, we always have been, and always for the same few reasons: new opportunities; ostracism; spiritual renewal; the necessities of our profession; or escape from pursuit, persecution, or conditions. This study will visit with some of the individuals and communities that went before us in the faith, both as exiles and as refugees.

Nov. 16	Genesis 3:1-24	Adam and Eve
Nov. 17	Genesis 4:1-16	Cain
Nov. 18	Genesis 12:1-10, 13:1-12	Abraham and Sarah
Nov. 19	Genesis 13:14-18, 15:13-18	
Nov. 20	Genesis 16:1-15, 21:9-13	Hagar and Ishmael
Nov. 23	Luke 1:57-80	John in the wilderness
Nov. 24	Luke 3:1-9; Isaiah 40:1-5	
Nov. 25	Mark 1:9-12; Matthew 4:1-4	Jesus in the wilderness
Nov. 26	Matthew 4:5-11	
Nov. 27	Genesis 37:12-20	Joseph
Nov. 30	Genesis 37:21-30	Joseph
Dec. 1	Genesis 41:56-57, 42:1-3	Famine: the children of Israel in Goshen
Dec. 2	Genesis 43:1-5	
Dec. 3	Genesis 45:1-10	
Dec. 4	Mark 5:1-10	Legion
Dec. 7	Mark 5:11-20	Legion
Dec. 8	Ruth 1:1-7	Famine and Foreigners: Elimelech, Naomi, & Ruth
Dec. 9	Ruth 1:8-19a	
Dec. 10	Genesis 27:41 – 28:5	Jacob
Dec. 11	Genesis 29:1-9	
Dec. 14	Genesis 31:1-7, 14-18	Jacob
Dec. 15	1 Samuel 21:1-6	David
Dec. 16	1 Samuel 21:10-15	
Dec. 17	1 Samuel 22:1-5	
Dec. 18	1 Samuel 23:6-15a	

Dec. 21	1 Samuel 23:19-29	David
Dec. 22	2 Samuel 13:28-39	Absalom
Dec. 23	2 Samuel 15:13-23	David
Dec. 24	2 Samuel 15:30-37	
Dec. 25	Leviticus 13:1-3, 45-46	Lepers
Dec. 28	2 Kings 7:1-4, 15:1-5	Lepers
Dec. 29	Luke 17:11-19	
Dec. 30	Matthew 8:1-4	
Dec. 31	1 Kings 16:29 – 17:9	Elijah
Jan. 1	1 Kings 18:1-15	
Jan. 4	1 Kings 18:36 – 19:4	Elijah
Jan. 5	1 Kings 19:5-21	
Jan. 6	2 Kings 17:1-23	Exile and Assimilation: The Lost Tribes of Israel
Jan. 7	2 Kings 24:8-20	Exile and Consolidation: The Jews in Babylon
Jan. 8	Jeremiah 39:1-14	Jeremiah
Jan. 11	Jeremiah 42:7-22	Jeremiah
Jan. 12	Jeremiah 43:1-13	
Jan. 13	Galatians 1:10 – 2:1	
Jan. 14	Acts 16:16-24, 35-40	Paul
Jan. 15	Acts 25:13-19; 2 Timothy 1:8-12; Philemon 1:1-2, 8-10, 23; Ephesians 4:1-3	
Jan. 18	Luke 5:27-35, 19:1-10	Tax collectors
Jan. 19	Esther 2:5-10, 15-20	Esther
Jan. 20	Esther 4:1-17	
Jan. 21	James 1:1-18	Those in the Diaspora – and that’s us!
Jan. 22	1 Peter 1:1-12, 2:11-12, 5:8-11	

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