

STORYLINE

THE BIBLE IN ONE YEAR

September 2026

Judgment and Restoration: Jeremiah to Malachi, Hebrews to Revelation

September spans the final books of the Old Testament: Jeremiah's prophecies of captivity and the new covenant, Lamentations' deep lament, Ezekiel's visions of judgment and restoration, and the Minor Prophets' final messages. The New Testament concludes with Hebrews' declaration of Christ's priestly work, James' practical wisdom, Peter's encouragement through suffering, John's epistles, Jude's warning, and Revelation's vision of final victory. This month completes the biblical arc from creation to new creation, judgment to restoration.

Day 1: Light to the Nations and the Better Covenant

READ

Old Testament: Isaiah 61-63

New Testament: Hebrews 9:1-28

Psalms: Psalm 83

REFLECT (Observe • Interpret • Apply)

Observe: What does Isaiah promise about the Messiah's anointing? How is Christ's blood superior to animal sacrifices?

Interpret: Why is the Messiah anointed to preach good news to the poor? Why must Christ's blood enter the sanctuary?

Apply: Do you experience the good news of Christ? Do you understand His sacrifice?

EXPLORE (Optional Depth)

Cross-reference: Cross-reference: Isaiah 61:1 with Hebrews 9:24. The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; Christ entered the Most Holy Place to appear for us.

Day 2: God's Compassion and Faith's Witnesses

READ

Old Testament: Isaiah 64-66

New Testament: Hebrews 10:1-39

Psalms: Psalm 84

REFLECT (Observe • Interpret • Apply)

Observe: What does Isaiah ask God to do? What exhortation does Hebrews give about faith?

Interpret: Why does Isaiah plead with God to act? Why must we draw near with assurance?

Apply: Do you plead with God? Are you drawing near with sincerity?

EXPLORE (Optional Depth)

Cross-reference: Cross-reference: Isaiah 64:1 with Hebrews 10:22. Oh that You would rend the heavens and come down; let us draw near with sincere hearts.

Day 3: Jeremiah's Call and Heroes of Faith

READ

Old Testament: Jeremiah 1-3

New Testament: Hebrews 11:1-40

Psalms: Psalm 85

REFLECT (Observe • Interpret • Apply)

Observe: What is Jeremiah's calling and struggle? What does Hebrews teach about the heroes of faith?

Interpret: Why does Jeremiah fear his calling? What made the ancients receive approval?

Apply: Do you answer God's call despite fear? Are you living by faith?

EXPLORE (Optional Depth)

Cross-reference: Cross-reference: Jeremiah 1:8 with Hebrews 11:1. Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you; faith is confidence in what we hope for.

Day 4: Covenant Breaking and Cloud of Witnesses

READ

Old Testament: Jeremiah 4-6

New Testament: Hebrews 12:1-13:25

Psalms: Psalm 86

REFLECT (Observe • Interpret • Apply)

Observe: What does Jeremiah say about the covenant being broken? What does Hebrews say about our witnesses?

Interpret: Why does the covenant break? How should the cloud of witnesses inspire us?

Apply: Are you keeping covenant? How are you inspired by their witness?

EXPLORE (Optional Depth)

Cross-reference: Cross-reference: Jeremiah 3:8 with Hebrews 12:1. Unfaithful Israel receives a bill of divorce; surround ourselves with a cloud of witnesses.

Day 5: Broken Cisterns and Perseverance

READ

Old Testament: Jeremiah 7-9

New Testament: James 1:1-27

Psalms: Psalm 87

REFLECT (Observe • Interpret • Apply)

Observe: What does Jeremiah say about broken cisterns? What does James teach about testing?

Interpret: Why do people forsake God for broken cisterns? Why does testing produce perseverance?

Apply: Are you seeking broken cisterns or God? How are you responding to testing?

EXPLORE (Optional Depth)

Cross-reference: Cross-reference: Jeremiah 2:13 with James 1:2-3. They have abandoned me, the fountain of living water; consider it pure joy when you face trials of many kinds.

Day 6: Lament and Friendship with the World

READ

Old Testament: Jeremiah 10-12

New Testament: James 2:1-3:18

Psalms: Psalm 88

REFLECT (Observe • Interpret • Apply)

Observe: What does Jeremiah lament? What does James teach about partiality and faith?

Interpret: Why does Jeremiah lament despite God's truth? Why does faith without works die?

Apply: Do you lament injustice? Are your works demonstrating faith?

EXPLORE (Optional Depth)

Cross-reference: Cross-reference: Jeremiah 12:1 with James 2:26. Why do the wicked prosper? Faith without works is dead.

Day 7: Figs and Taming the Tongue

READ

Old Testament: Jeremiah 13-15

New Testament: James 4:1-5:20

Psalm: Psalm 89

REFLECT (Observe • Interpret • Apply)

Observe: What vision does Jeremiah have of figs? What warning does James give about the tongue?

Interpret: What do the good and bad figs represent? How powerful is the tongue?

Apply: How do you distinguish good from bad fruit? How are you controlling your tongue?

EXPLORE (Optional Depth)

Cross-reference: Cross-reference: Jeremiah 24:2 with James 3:8. Figs very good or very bad; no one can tame the tongue—it is full of deadly poison.

Day 8: Siege and Suffering Through Christ

READ

Old Testament: Jeremiah 16-18

New Testament: 1 Peter 1:1-25

Psalm: Psalm 90

REFLECT (Observe • Interpret • Apply)

Observe: What judgment does Jeremiah declare? What does Peter say about suffering?

Interpret: Why does God use siege as judgment? How can suffering lead to glory?

Apply: How do you see God's judgment? How are you understanding your sufferings?

EXPLORE (Optional Depth)

Cross-reference: Cross-reference: Jeremiah 21:4 with 1 Peter 1:7. I will turn back your weapons; your faith is precious and proved genuine through trials.

Day 9: Potter and the Stone

READ

Old Testament: Jeremiah 19-21

New Testament: 1 Peter 2:1-3:22

Psalm: Psalm 91

REFLECT (Observe • Interpret • Apply)

Observe: What does the potter's house reveal? Why does Peter speak of the cornerstone?

Interpret: Why does God use the potter imagery? Who is the cornerstone?

Apply: Are you in God's hands as clay? Do you see Christ as the cornerstone?

EXPLORE (Optional Depth)

Cross-reference: Cross-reference: Jeremiah 18:6 with 1 Peter 2:4. The clay is in the potter's hand; Christ is the living Stone rejected by humans but precious to God.

Day 10: False Prophets and Standing Fast

READ

Old Testament: Jeremiah 22-24

New Testament: 1 Peter 4:1-5:14

Psalm: Psalm 92

REFLECT (Observe • Interpret • Apply)

Observe: What does Jeremiah say about false prophets? What does Peter urge about suffering?

Interpret: Why do false prophets gain followers? Why should we rejoice in suffering?

Apply: How are you discerning truth from falsehood? Are you prepared for suffering?

EXPLORE (Optional Depth)

Cross-reference: Cross-reference: Jeremiah 23:22 with 1 Peter 4:13. True prophets stand in God's council; rejoice that you participate in Christ's sufferings.

Day 11: Babylonian Captivity and False Teachers

READ

Old Testament: Jeremiah 25-27

New Testament: 2 Peter 1:1-3:18

Psalm: Psalm 93

REFLECT (Observe • Interpret • Apply)

Observe: What does Jeremiah prophesy about Babylon? What does Peter warn about false teachers?

Interpret: Why does God use Babylon as His instrument? Why are false teachers destructive?

Apply: How do you understand God's use of worldly powers? How do you avoid deception?

EXPLORE (Optional Depth)

Cross-reference: Cross-reference: Jeremiah 27:6 with 2 Peter 2:1. I have given all the lands to Nebuchadnezzar; false prophets will secretly introduce destructive heresies.

Day 12: Desolation and Living in Light

READ

Old Testament: Jeremiah 28-30

New Testament: 1 John 1:1-3:24

Psalm: Psalm 94

REFLECT (Observe • Interpret • Apply)

Observe: What does Jeremiah promise after desolation? What does John teach about living in light?

Interpret: Why does restoration follow desolation? Why must we live as God is light?

Apply: Do you trust God's promise to restore? Are you walking in light?

EXPLORE (Optional Depth)

Cross-reference: Cross-reference: Jeremiah 30:3 with 1 John 1:5. I will restore the fortunes of My people; if we walk in the light, we have fellowship with one another.

Day 13: New Covenant and Eternal Life

READ

Old Testament: Jeremiah 31-33

New Testament: 1 John 4:1-5:21

Psalm: Psalm 95

REFLECT (Observe • Interpret • Apply)

Observe: What is the new covenant God promises? What does John teach about eternal life?

Interpret: Why is the new covenant written on hearts? How do we know we have eternal life?

Apply: Do you understand the new covenant? How are you confident in eternal life?

EXPLORE (Optional Depth)

Cross-reference: Cross-reference: Jeremiah 31:33 with 1 John 5:11. I will write My law on their hearts; God has given us eternal life and this life is in His Son.

Day 14: Judah's Fall and Remain in Him

READ

Old Testament: Jeremiah 34-36

New Testament: 2 John 1:1-3 John 1:14

Psalm: Psalm 96

REFLECT (Observe • Interpret • Apply)

Observe: What leads to Judah's downfall? What does John urge believers to do?

Interpret: Why does Jerusalem fall despite warnings? Why is remaining in Christ essential?

Apply: How are you heeding God's warnings? Are you remaining in Christ?

EXPLORE (Optional Depth)

Cross-reference: Cross-reference: Jeremiah 37:10 with 2 John 1:9. Jerusalem will fall to Babylon; anyone who goes too far and does not continue in Christ's teaching has no God.

Day 15: Jeremiah Imprisoned and Fighting Evil

READ

Old Testament: Jeremiah 37-39

New Testament: Jude 1:1-25

Psalms: Psalm 97

REFLECT (Observe • Interpret • Apply)

Observe: What happens to Jeremiah? What does Jude warn about ungodly people?

Interpret: Why is the prophet imprisoned? Why must we contend for the faith?

Apply: How do you endure persecution? Are you contending for faith?

EXPLORE (Optional Depth)

Cross-reference: Cross-reference: Jeremiah 38:6 with Jude 1:3. Jeremiah is put in a cistern; contend for the faith entrusted to the saints.

Day 16: Jerusalem's Fall and the First Seal

READ

Old Testament: Jeremiah 40-42

New Testament: Revelation 1:1-6:17

Psalms: Psalm 98

REFLECT (Observe • Interpret • Apply)

Observe: What is the state of Jerusalem after the fall? What does John see in his Revelation?

Interpret: Why does hope remain despite desolation? What is the significance of the seals?

Apply: How do you maintain hope in desolation? Do you understand God's plan?

EXPLORE (Optional Depth)

Cross-reference: Cross-reference: Jeremiah 40:11-12 with Revelation 1:5. The exiles gather in the land; Jesus is the faithful witness and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

Day 17: Lamentations and the Trumpet Judgments

READ

Old Testament: Lamentations 1-3

New Testament: Revelation 7:1-11:19

Psalm: Psalm 99

REFLECT (Observe • Interpret • Apply)

Observe: What is the cry of Lamentations? What do the trumpet judgments reveal?

Interpret: Why does the writer lament yet hold hope? What is God's purpose in judgment?

Apply: Are you allowing lament in your faith? How do you understand God's plan?

EXPLORE (Optional Depth)

Cross-reference: Cross-reference: Lamentations 3:22-23 with Revelation 8:2. His compassions are new every morning; the seven angels stood before God, about to sound their trumpets.

Day 18: Hope in Suffering and the Woman and Dragon

READ

Old Testament: Lamentations 4-5

New Testament: Revelation 12:1-14:20

Psalm: Psalm 100

REFLECT (Observe • Interpret • Apply)

Observe: How does Lamentations end? What vision does John see of the woman?

Interpret: Why does Lamentations move from despair to hope? What does the woman represent?

Apply: How are you finding hope? How do you understand spiritual warfare?

EXPLORE (Optional Depth)

Cross-reference: Cross-reference: Lamentations 5:21 with Revelation 12:1. Restore us to Yourself, O Lord; a woman clothed with the sun is pursued by the dragon.

Day 19: Ezekiel's Call and the Beast

READ

Old Testament: Ezekiel 1-3

New Testament: Revelation 15:1-17:18

Psalms: Psalm 101

REFLECT (Observe • Interpret • Apply)

Observe: What vision does Ezekiel see? What does the beast represent?

Interpret: Why is Ezekiel's vision so overwhelming? What is the significance of the number?

Apply: Have you encountered God's overwhelming glory? Do you understand evil's deception?

EXPLORE (Optional Depth)

Cross-reference: Cross-reference: Ezekiel 1:28 with Revelation 17:8. I fell facedown and heard a voice speaking; the beast that you saw once was, now is not, and will come again.

Day 20: Watchman and Babylon's Fall

READ

Old Testament: Ezekiel 4-6

New Testament: Revelation 18:1-19:21

Psalms: Psalm 102

REFLECT (Observe • Interpret • Apply)

Observe: What is Ezekiel's responsibility as a watchman? What happens to Babylon?

Interpret: Why is the watchman accountable for others? What is Babylon's end?

Apply: Are you accepting responsibility to warn? Do you see worldly systems falling?

EXPLORE (Optional Depth)

Cross-reference: Cross-reference: Ezekiel 3:17 with Revelation 18:2. Son of man, I have made you a watchman; Fallen, fallen is Babylon the Great.

Day 21: Idolatry and the Millennial Kingdom

READ

Old Testament: Ezekiel 7-9

New Testament: Revelation 20:1-21:27

Psalms: Psalm 103

REFLECT (Observe • Interpret • Apply)

Observe: How does Ezekiel condemn idolatry? What does John see for the future?

Interpret: Why is idolatry so destructive? What is the vision of the new heavens?

Apply: What idols might you be serving? How does the vision of renewal inspire you?

EXPLORE (Optional Depth)

Cross-reference: Cross-reference: Ezekiel 8:12 with Revelation 20:4. They think the Lord does not see us; those who did not worship the beast reign with Christ.

Day 22: The Glory Departs and New Jerusalem

READ

Old Testament: Ezekiel 10-12

New Testament: Revelation 22:1-21

Psalms: Psalm 104

REFLECT (Observe • Interpret • Apply)

Observe: How does God's glory depart from the temple? What is the description of New Jerusalem?

Interpret: Why must God's glory depart? What is this city's significance?

Apply: Do you mourn over spiritual darkness? Are you longing for the new Jerusalem?

EXPLORE (Optional Depth)

Cross-reference: Cross-reference: Ezekiel 10:4 with Revelation 22:4. The temple is filled with the glory of God; His servants will see His face.

Day 23: Restoration and Eternal Glory

READ

Old Testament: Ezekiel 13-15

New Testament: Revelation 22:1-21

Psalms: Psalm 105

REFLECT (Observe • Interpret • Apply)

Observe: What does Ezekiel promise about restoration? What is John's final vision?

Interpret: Why is restoration promised? What is the promise of eternal glory?

Apply: Do you trust restoration? How does the vision inspire your faith?

EXPLORE (Optional Depth)

Cross-reference: Cross-reference: Ezekiel 14:11 with Revelation 22:14. I will restore their fortunes; blessed are those who have washed their robes for access to the tree of life.

Day 24: Shepherds and Promised Return

READ

Old Testament: Ezekiel 16-18

New Testament: Obadiah 1:1-Nahum 1:15

Psalms: Psalm 106

REFLECT (Observe • Interpret • Apply)

Observe: How does Ezekiel condemn bad shepherds? What do the minor prophets declare?

Interpret: Why are shepherds responsible? What is promised through the prophets?

Apply: Are you a good shepherd if you lead? How do you trust the promises?

EXPLORE (Optional Depth)

Cross-reference: Cross-reference: Ezekiel 34:2 with Obadiah 1:15. Woe to the shepherds; the day of the Lord is near; all nations will drink in the name of the Lord.

Day 25: New Heart and Restoration Hope

READ

Old Testament: Ezekiel 19-21

New Testament: Nahum 2:1-Habakkuk 3:19

Psalms: Psalm 107

REFLECT (Observe • Interpret • Apply)

Observe: What does Ezekiel promise about a new heart? What does Nahum say about God's justice?

Interpret: How will God give a new heart? Why is God's patience followed by justice?

Apply: Are you receiving a new heart? How do you trust God's justice?

EXPLORE (Optional Depth)

Cross-reference: Cross-reference: Ezekiel 36:26 with Habakkuk 3:18. I will give you a new heart; yet I will rejoice in the Lord and be joyful in God my Savior.

Day 26: Vision of Dry Bones and Living Faith

READ

Old Testament: Ezekiel 22-24

New Testament: Zephaniah 1:1-3:20

Psalms: Psalm 108

REFLECT (Observe • Interpret • Apply)

Observe: What does the valley of dry bones represent? What does Zephaniah promise?

Interpret: Why is resurrection through the Spirit the vision? What is the outcome for Israel?

Apply: Do you see resurrection hope? How is restoration promised?

EXPLORE (Optional Depth)

Cross-reference: Cross-reference: Ezekiel 37:10 with Zephaniah 3:17. The bones come alive; the Lord your God is in your midst, mighty to save.

Day 27: Siege Prophecy and Haggai's Building

READ

Old Testament: Ezekiel 25-27

New Testament: Haggai 1:1-2:23

Psalms: Psalm 109

REFLECT (Observe • Interpret • Apply)

Observe: How does Ezekiel prophesy judgment on surrounding nations? What does Haggai call Israel to rebuild?

Interpret: Why does God judge neighboring nations? Why is rebuilding the temple important?

Apply: How do you see God's judgment on worldly powers? Are you building spiritually?

EXPLORE (Optional Depth)

Cross-reference: Cross-reference: Ezekiel 26:3 with Haggai 2:9. Tyre will be destroyed; the latter glory of the temple will be greater than the former.

Day 28: Gog and Magog and Zechariah's Visions

READ

Old Testament: Ezekiel 28-30

New Testament: Zechariah 1:1-3:10

Psalms: Psalm 110

REFLECT (Observe • Interpret • Apply)

Observe: What does Ezekiel warn about Gog and Magog? What does Zechariah see in his visions?

Interpret: What is the significance of Gog and Magog? Why are Zechariah's visions about restoration?

Apply: How do you understand prophetic future events? Are you seeing God's restoration?

EXPLORE (Optional Depth)

Cross-reference: Cross-reference: Ezekiel 38:3 with Zechariah 1:3. I am against you, O Gog; return to Me and I will return to you.

Day 29: New Temple and Joshua's Cleansing

READ

Old Testament: Ezekiel 31-33

New Testament: Zechariah 4:1-8:23

Psalms: Psalm 111

REFLECT (Observe • Interpret • Apply)

Observe: What does Ezekiel describe about the new temple? What does Zechariah see about Joshua's cleansing?

Interpret: Why is the new temple so significant? What does the cleansing represent?

Apply: How are you preparing for a new temple in Christ? Are you being cleansed?

EXPLORE (Optional Depth)

Cross-reference: Cross-reference: Ezekiel 37:26 with Zechariah 3:4. I will make a covenant of peace with them; your iniquity is taken away.

Day 30: Restoration Complete and Malachi's Final Word

READ

Old Testament: Ezekiel 34-36

New Testament: Zechariah 9:1-14:21, Malachi 1:1-4:6

Psalms: Psalm 112

REFLECT (Observe • Interpret • Apply)

Observe: What final restoration does Ezekiel promise? What is Malachi's final message?

Interpret: Why does restoration include God dwelling in the midst? Why does the OT end with both warning and promise?

Apply: Do you believe in complete restoration? Are you prepared for the messenger to come?

EXPLORE (Optional Depth)

Cross-reference: Cross-reference: Ezekiel 48:35 with Malachi 4:5-6. The city is called "The Lord is There"; I will send the prophet Elijah before the great and dreadful day of the Lord.