



Our Compassion Child
Mercy—Kenya, AFRICA



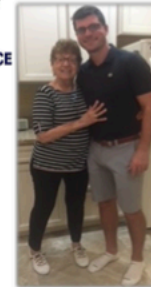
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Humility & Peace



Persecuted
Christ Followers
Around the World

Week #	Day	Date	Bible Reading	For a clarifying step deeper, watch these BibleProject videos using these words in your browser.	Observations/Comments/Questions
	Sunday	11/20/2022		Bible Project Old Testament Overview: Song of Songs	
62		11/21/2022	Ecclesiastes 3-4	Bible Project Ecclesiastes: Wisdom Series - Part 2 Ecclesiastes	
		11/22/2022	Ecclesiastes 5-6		
		11/23/2022	Ecclesiastes 7-8	Bible Project Old Testament Overview: Ecclesiastes	
		11/24/2022	Ecclesiastes 9-10		
		11/25/2022	Ecclesiastes 11-12		
	Sunday	11/27/2022		NO GROW CLASS	
63		11/28/2022	Song of Songs 1-2	Bible Project Old Testament Overview: Song of Songs	
		11/29/2022	Song of Songs 3-4		
		11/30/2022	Song of Songs 5-6		
		12/1/2022	Song of Songs 7-8		
		12/2/2022	Jeremiah 1-2	Bible Project Old Testament Overview: Jeremiah	
	Sunday	12/4/2022		Bible Project Old Testament Overview: Jeremiah	
64		12/5/2022	Jeremiah 1-2		
		12/6/2022	Jeremiah 3-4		
		12/7/2022	Jeremiah 5-6		
		12/8/2022	Jeremiah 7-8		
		12/9/2022	Jeremiah 9-10		
	Sunday	12/11/2022		Bible Project How to Read the Bible Episode 4: The Prophets	
65		12/12/2022	Jeremiah 11-12		
		12/13/2022	Jeremiah 13-14		
		12/14/2022	Jeremiah 15-16		
		12/15/2022	Jeremiah 17-18		
		12/16/2022	Jeremiah 19-20		
	Sunday	12/18/2022		BREAKFAST AND NATIVITY MOVIE—BOTH HOURS	



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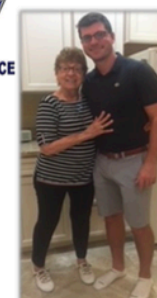
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		12/20/2022	Jeremiah 23-24		
		12/21/2022	Jeremiah 25-26		
		12/22/2022	Jeremiah 27-28		
		12/23/2022	Jeremiah 29-30		
		12/25/2022		No GROW CLASS—Christmas Day	
67		12/26/2022	Jeremiah 31-32		
		12/27/2022	Jeremiah 33-34		
		12/28/2022	Jeremiah 35-36		
		12/29/2022	Jeremiah 37-38		
		12/30/2022	Jeremiah 39-40		
		1/1/2023		NO GROW CLASS—New Year's Day	
68		1/2/2023	Jeremiah 41-42		
		1/3/2023	Jeremiah 43-44		
		1/4/2023	Jeremiah 45-46		
		1/5/2023	Jeremiah 47-48		
		1/6/2023	Jeremiah 49-50		
		1/8/2023		Bible Project Old Testament Overview: Lamentations	
69		1/9/2023	Jeremiah 51-52		
		1/10/2023	Lamentations 1-2	Bible Project Overview: Lamentations	
		1/11/2023	Lamentations 3 & 4	Bible Project Faithful - Character of God Series	
		1/12/2023	Lamentations 5 & Psalm 84		
		1/13/2023	Ezekiel 1-2	Bible Project Overview: Ezekiel	
		1/15/2023		Bible Project Old Testament Overview: Ezekiel	



JEREMIAH

MESSANGER of GOD'S JUSTICE and GRACE



1 JEREMIAH'S CALLING

1-24 ACCUSATION & WARNING FOR ISRAEL

CORE IDEA:

ISRAEL HAS BROKEN THE COVENANT

WORSHIP OF OTHER GODS
IDOLATRY AS ADULTERY

ACCUSATION OF ISRAEL'S LEADERS
PRIESTS, KINGS, PROPHETS

RAMPANT SOCIAL INJUSTICE
WIDOWS, ORPHANS, IMMIGRANTS

7 JEREMIAH'S TEMPLE SERMON

INSIDE - JERUSALEM - OUTSIDE

1-24

GOB

"I APPOINT YOU AS A PROPHET
TO ISRAEL AND THE NATIONS.
TO UPROOT AND TEAR DOWN,
TO PLANT AND BUILD UP."
(1:10)

JUDGMENT

HOPE

26-45 JUDGMENT & HOPE FOR ISRAEL

25

BABYLON WILL DESTROY
JERUSALEM &
EXILE ISRAEL FOR
70 YEARS!

BABYLON = CUP OF
GOD'S JUST ANGER

GOD WILL DESTROY
HIS OWN TEMPLE
BY SENDING AN
ENEMY FROM
THE NORTH!

BABYLON

ISRAEL (26-45)

NATIONS (46-51)

26-27 JEREMIAH REJECTED BY ISRAEL'S LEADERS

30-33 HOPE FOR ISRAEL'S FUTURE

AFTER EXILE, GOD WILL
RENEW THE COVENANT AND
TRANSFORM ISRAEL'S HEARTS.
(DEUTERONOMY 30)



JEREMIAH

"I WILL PLACE MY
TORAH INSIDE THEM,
AND WRITE IT ON
THEIR HEARTS."
(31:33)

RETURN TO
THE LAND!

MESSIAH!

ALL NATIONS ACKNOWLEDGE
ISRAEL'S GOD!

34-45 SIEGE
& DESTRUCTION
OF JERUSALEM

EGYPT

46-51

JUDGMENT & HOPE FOR THE NATIONS

HAZOR
DAMASCUS
JERUSALEM
PHILISTIA
EGYPT

AMMON
MOAB
EDOM

46-49

GOD WILL
USE BABYLON
TO JUDGE
THE NATIONS
AROUND ISRAEL

50-51 GOD WILL
JUDGE BABYLON

GENESIS 11

BABYLON =
ARCHETYPE OF
REBELLIOUS NATIONS

52

DESTRUCTION & EXILE (FROM 2KINGS 25)

...BUT HOPE FOR
DAVID'S LINE

...PROMISE OF HOPE

FULFILLMENT OF JUDGMENT...

...PROMISE OF HOPE

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1:1 THE WORDS OF COHELET, SON OF DAVID, KING OF JERUSALEM

HEBREW: ONE WHO GATHERS PEOPLE

"TEACHER"

DIFFERENT VIEWS ON AUTHORSHIP

- KING SOLOMON?
- ANOTHER DESCENDANT OF DAVID?
- ISRAELITE TEACHER USING A SOLOMON-LIKE PERSONA

KEY POINT: THE TEACHER IS DIFFERENT THAN THE AUTHOR



ECCLIESIASTES

"HEVEL, HEVEL, EVERYTHING IS UTTERLY HEVEL"

HEBREW: VAPOR, SMOKE → USED 38 TIMES

1 TEMPORARY, FLEETING 2 ENIGMA, PARADOX

BEAUTY GOODNESS JUSTICE

THE AUTHOR'S BASIC GOAL

TO LET THE TEACHER DECONSTRUCT ALL THE WAYS WE FIND MEANING & PURPOSE APART FROM GOD



1:1 INTRODUCTION TO THE TEACHER

1:3-11 TIME

1:2

TIME WILL EVENTUALLY ERASE YOU, ME, AND ALL WE CARE ABOUT

THE TEACHER (1:3 - 12:7)

CAREER

- WEALTH
- CAREER
- STATUS
- PLEASURE

STRESS AGE LEAVE IT BEHIND

PLEASURE

MONDAY ALWAYS COMES

HEVEL
NO GUARANTEES
ENIGMA

WISDOM FEAR OF THE LORD (SEE 9:13-18)

HOW DO YOU LIVE LIFE IN THE MIDST OF HEVEL?

ACCEPT THAT ALL OF LIFE IS OUT OF YOUR CONTROL

THE GIFT OF GOD

- FRIENDSHIP
- FAMILY
- GOOD MEAL
- SUNNY DAY

11:7-12:7 DEATH

12:8

WISE FOOLISH RICH POOR

GONNA DIE

THE GREAT EQUALIZER

12:9-14 CONCLUSION & EVALUATION OF THE TEACHER

TEACHER'S WORDS WISDOM

"OF THE MAKING OF BOOKS THERE IS NO END"

THE CONCLUSION: FEAR GOD AND KEEP HIS COMMANDS - THIS IS THE WHOLE DUTY OF HUMANS: FOR GOD WILL BRING EVERY DEED INTO JUDGMENT. EVERY HIDDEN THING, WHETHER GOOD OR EVIL (12:13-14)

THE AUTHOR (1:1, 12:9-14)

1:1 "THE SONG OF SONGS, WHICH IS OF SOLOMON..."

HEBREW IDIOM:
"HOLY OF HOLIES"
"KING OF KINGS"
THE GREATEST SONG

AUTHOR?

MAYBE

- ✓ HIS NAME BEGINS THE BOOK.

MAYBE NOT

- ✓ MAIN VOICE IS A WOMAN.
- ✓ MAN'S VOICE ISN'T SOLOMON.
- ✓ SOLOMON'S MENTIONED, BUT NEVER SPEAKS.
- ✓ SOLOMON HAD 700+ WIVES! (SEE 1 KINGS 11:1-3, 11:17)

"OF SOLOMON" =
IN THE WISDOM TRADITION OF SOLOMON

SOLOMON WAS KNOWN FOR WISDOM, POETRY, AND A LOVE OF LEARNING. (SEE 1 KINGS 4:29-34)

POEMS THAT EXPLORE *JOYE* AND *DESIRE*

the Song of Songs

1:2-7 INTRODUCTION



THEME ONE

INTENSE DESIRE: SEEKING AND FINDING

SEPARATE, SEEKING

FINDING, EMBRACING



THEME TWO

REMEMBER:
HEBREW METAPHORS ARE NOT PRIMARILY VISUAL!

THE JOY OF PHYSICAL ATTRACTION

YOUR EYES ARE LIKE DOVES...
YOUR HAIR, LIKE A FLOCK OF GOATS...
YOUR TEETH, LIKE LAMBS...
YOUR NECK IS A TOWER...
YOUR LIPS DRIP HONEY...



8:6-14 LOVE CONCLUSION

LOVE ...IS AS STRONG AS DEATH,
ITS PASSIONS ARE AS SEVERE AS THE GRAVE,
ITS FLAMES ARE OF FIRE, A DIVINE FLAME.
MANY WATERS CANNOT EXTINGUISH LOVE,
RIVERS CANNOT SWEEP IT AWAY.
IF ONE WERE TO GIVE ALL THE WEALTH
OF ONE'S HOUSE FOR LOVE,
HE WOULD BE UTTERLY SCORNE. (8:6-7)

THE POWER AND INTENSITY OF LOVE?
(BEAUTIFUL & LIFE-GIVING ... OR ... DANGEROUS & DESTRUCTIVE)

THE HUMAN LONGING TO KNOW AND BE KNOWN

TRANSCENDENT, MYSTERIOUS, AND A GIFT FROM GOD



WHAT IS LOVE POETRY DOING IN THE BIBLE?

THREE MAIN INTERPRETATIONS THROUGH HISTORY:

- 1 JEWISH TRADITION**
AN ALLEGORY OF ISRAEL AND GOD
- 2 CHRISTIAN TRADITION**
AN ALLEGORY OF THE CHURCH AND CHRIST
(SEE EPHESIANS 5:25-33)
- 3 COLLECTION OF ANCIENT POETRY**
THAT REFLECTS ON THE DIVINE GIFT OF LOVE

*THE DISCOVERY OF ANCIENT EGYPTIAN AND BABYLONIAN LOVE POETRY, PART OF ISRAEL'S CULTURAL ENVIRONMENT

A KEY FEATURE
GARDEN IMAGERY ECHOES *the Garden of Eden* (GENESIS 1-2)

MAN AND WOMAN NAKED AND VULNERABLE, YET UNIFIED AND SAFE
VISION OF A RELATIONSHIP UNTAINTED BY SIN
THE SONG HOLDS OUT HOPE...

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LAMENTATIONS

DESIGN OF THE FIVE POEMS:

ACROSTIC="ALPHABET POEM"

1. א (=A) 4. ד (=D) ...
2. ב (=B) 21. ש (=S)
3. ג (=G) 22. ט (=T)

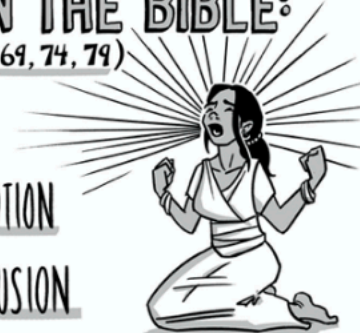
ORDERED & LINEAR STRUCTURE

DISORDERED & PAINFUL CONFUSED GRIEF

LAMENT POEMS IN THE BIBLE:

(SEE PSALMS 10, 63, 69, 74, 79)

- A FORM OF PROTEST
- A WAY TO PROCESS EMOTION
- A PLACE TO VOICE CONFUSION



LAMENT POEMS RESTORE A SACRED DIGNITY TO HUMAN SUFFERING

1 LADY ZION'S GRIEF & SHAME



2 THE FALL OF JERUSALEM & GOD'S WRATH



3 THE SUFFERING ONE



4 THE SIEGE OF JERUSALEM



5 COMMUNAL PRAYER FOR GOD'S MERCY

