



CHRONOLOGICAL BIBLE READING

STUDY/ MEDITATION GUIDE

Jan 1 / Genesis 1-3: The word Genesis means origin or creation. Genesis, the first book of the Old Testament, is a book of beginnings. It has been said that every major doctrine has its seed or beginning in Genesis. The book of Genesis is essential to the understanding of all the other books of the Bible. The book Genesis covers a time period of nearly 2500 years, from the Creation to the journey of Israel into Egypt.

Questions:

- How powerful is God's Word?
 - What does God say about His creation? What makes creation good?
 - What are the differences between the way God created people and everything else?
 - What is the end/ purpose of creation? What does God do after creation? Does that have anything to do with God's ultimate purpose for His people? (see Hebrews 4:9-11)
 - How do we participate/ enter into the rest of God?
 - How did the serpent tempt and lie to the woman?
 - What was the danger of the tree of the knowledge of the Good and Evil? (Hint: they knew what was good and evil already... God's Word was good... disobedience was evil) How would the fruit make them like God? (Hint: God DETERMINES what is Good and Evil)
 - How has wanting to decide for ourselves what is Good and Evil been at the heart of sin for all people?
 - What are the indicators of God's grace, even in the curse?
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Jan 2 / Genesis 4-7

Questions:

- Why was Cain's sacrifice rejected?
- How does outward religion lead to cruelty with people?
- How was God's grace demonstrated and His purpose to have and keep His people?
- In Chapter 5, what phrases are constantly repeated? What does this say about the curse and God's purposes?
- What was different about Enoch? Why is this important?
- What was God's purpose in the Ark?
- What was God's attitude toward humanity?
- What gave God the right to flood the earth?
- What phrases indicate that the Flood was not just local, but was global?
- What does this story tell us about the nature and character of God and His attitude toward sin?

Jan 3 / Genesis 8-11

Questions:

- What was the first thing Noah did when he got off the Ark?
 - How was the Earth different after the Flood?
 - What was the nature of the Covenant God made with Noah and his family?
 - How was this the same or different than the Covenant/ commands given to Adam?
 - What was God's sign that He would keep His Covenant?
 - Why do you think Chapter 10 is important? What are some key phrases you see?
 - If everyone spread out and was divided in Chapter 10, what happened to get to Chapter 11?
 - What was one thing that characterized the whole Earth?
 - How was Babel in direct opposition to God's plan and Covenant?
 - Whose line was Abram from and where did he depart?
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Jan 4 / Job 1-5: Job is probably the oldest book in the Bible. It is a story of spiritual realities behind physical experiences and a reality check on the sovereignty of God and His goodness and character. Real hope is found in the character of God... not our circumstances.

Questions:

- Describe Job's character. What does God say about Job?
 - What did Job do continually?
 - What was Satan's accusation about why Job served God?
 - What was Job's reaction to tragedy? What did he say? What did he do?
 - What did Satan say would happen if Job's health was attacked?
 - What was Job's wife's reaction? What did Job say? (Memorize this verse)
 - How intense was the grief and pain in Job's life based on his reactions in chapter 3?
 - What did Eliphaz imply was the reason for Job's problems?
 - What did Eliphaz suggest Job do?
 - What did he imply were Job's troubles?
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Jan 5 / Job 6-9:

Questions:

- What did Job wish? What did he want to understand? Have you asked that question?
- What was Job's condition when he went to bed?
- What was his confession/ what does he ask for pardon?
- What were Bildad's implications about Job's children and Job himself? What does he compare Job's word to?
- What did Job recognize about God and His creation?
- What did Job recognize about trying to justify Himself?
- How did Job view his days on Earth?

Jan 6 / Job 10-13

Questions:

- What made Job's soul weary?
 - How did Job feel like he had been poured out? Have you felt that way? What was your reaction?
 - What is Job full of? Have you felt that way?
 - What keeps us from admitting our confusion and weariness?
 - What was Zophar's accusation? What did he suggest Job do?
 - What did Job think about his advice and his friends?
 - What did they need to learn? Who did Job say could teach them?
 - Who holds the soul and breath of every man? Who holds wisdom? Why do we look in other places?
 - How does Job declare his trust in God?
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Jan 7 / Job 14-16

Questions:

- What example of hope does Job give? How can we train ourselves to think this way and see these things every day?
 - What is Job's hope? What is the change that he is waiting for?
 - What is Eliphaz's accusation? Who has trouble according to him?
 - What kinds of troubles?
 - What did Job say about his friends? What does he say he would do in their position?
 - His friends may scorn him, but why was he hopeful and crying out to God?
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Jan 8 / Job 17-20

Questions:

- What did Job say was waiting for him?
- Why were his eyes dim?
- Have you ever felt this hopeless?
- What does Bildad infer about Job? Why does he want him to stop talking?
- Who did Job say has turned against him?
- How did Job declare his faith in the resurrection?
- What will be his state when he sees God? How is that different than his present state when he says it?
- How does the resurrection change our perspective on tragedy and pain?
- What does Zophar imply about Job?
- What is wrong with his friends and their view of good and evil/ rewards, etc?

Jan 9 / Job 21-23

Questions:

- What did Job think of his friends answers and perspective?
 - What question really bothered Job?
 - How is death the same for all people?
 - What accusation does Eliphaz have this time?
 - What does he think will happen if Job follows his advice?
 - How do we sometimes think too highly of our opinions?
 - Who does Job want to find?
 - What great realization about God's knowledge does Job come to?
 - What does he want more than food?
 - What can God do? If He desires it, can He do it?
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Jan 10 / Job 24-28

Questions:

- Is anything hidden from God? How can people deny this?
 - How does chapter 24 stand against the opinions of Job's friends?
 - How does God's sovereignty shine through?
 - Why don't wrongdoers like daylight?
 - How does God suspend the Earth?
 - How does Job show how unhelpful his friends are?
 - What was Job going to hold fast to?
 - Who can have little/ no hope?
 - What does God bring to light? Where does wisdom come from?
 - What is most precious?
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Jan 11 / Job 29-31

Questions:

- What did Job long for?
- What was Job like before his affliction? How did people regard him?
- Who mocked Job?
- What did Job feel that God had become to him?
- With what did Job make a covenant?
- What are some sins that Job recognized deserved to be punished?
- If these things are true, and if Job was guilty, what should be his punishment?