

Grace Episcopal Church

Read the Bible in a Year – **Bible in Time** – Chronological Bible

Reflection Class: **Sunday, 20 September 2015**; 9:10 am – 9:40 am, Grace Parish Hall.

Thoughts, Reflections, Insights, Questions of readings to date: Days 256 -262

Prayer:

Gracious Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church. Fill it with all truth, in all truth with all peace. Where it is corrupt, purify it; where it is in error, direct it; where in anything it is amiss, reform it. Where it is right, strengthen it; where it is in want, provide for it; where it is divided, reunite it; for the sake of Jesus Christ your Son our Savior. Amen.

Mission St Clare | Book of Common Prayer | Daily Office Prayers

Readings

Day 256 | Sunday | September 13 | Zechariah 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 | **Zechariah** - new king for Israel; God will restore his people; watch for evil rulers; Jerusalem will be delivered; their sin will be cleansed; though the people may be scattered the Lord will rule the earth. All life and things will be holy.

Day 257 | Monday | September 14 | Ezra 6, 4; Esther 1, 2, 3, 4 | **Ezra** - Temple dedication and built according to the command of God; celebrated with joy; Passover; **Esther** - Xerxes party - queen deposed; search for new queen; Haman plot against the Jews; Esther will sacrifice herself for the people if need be.

Day 258 | Tuesday | September 15 | Esther 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 | Esther request the king's presence at a banquet; Haman plots to kill Mordecai; Haman is exposed for his hatred of the Jewish people; Mordecai was executed; King gives Esther Mordecai's estate as reparations for his treatment of Esther's people; King gave the Jewish people the right to defend themselves; celebration of Purim; Xerxes and Mordecai are great.

Day 259 | Wednesday | September 16 | Ezra 4, 7, 8 | Ezra the Scribe - Letter to the Artaxerxes - they are rebuilding Jerusalem and the Temple; King says do NOT rebuild; King to Ezra rebuild the Temple and here is the funding; Ezra praises the Lord; listing of returning Exiles; Ezra's journey back and religious

Day 260 | Thursday | September 17 | Ezra 9, 10; Nehemiah 1, 2 | Esra - ashamed of the people with their foreign wives and practices; he pleads to God for forgiveness; people confess their sin; listing of the wrong doers; **Nehemiah** - mourning the exiles and the lack of building the broken wall; granted safe passage from king and queen; inspects the wall and begins the rebuilding project; asked what he was doing, Nehemiah said he was obeying God.

Day 261 | Friday | September 18 | Nehemiah 3, 4, 5, 6 | Various parts of the wall of Jerusalem are rebuilt by priests and others; gates first = Sheep, Fish, Jeshanah, Valley, Dung, Fountain, Horse; plots from others to kill the workers and stop construction; half built and the other half stood guard; people begin to complain and worry about eating and mortgaging their future; Nehemiah defends the oppressed; more people oppose; despite all things the walls were complete in 52 days; Nehemiah posts guards on the gates.

Day 262 | Saturday | September 19 | Nehemiah 7, 8 | Nehemiah, the governor, conducts a census of the people now living in Jerusalem - he says there are 42,360. Ezra the priest and teacher of the Law takes the Law out and reads to the people, they bowed down and worshiped the Lord. Levites helped in this instruction; Nehemiah declares a celebration with joy.

Prayer –

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