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A New Year to Write On My Heart Every Word

Who is Jesus, and what does it mean to follow him?
Does God keep his promises? Where does courage come from?
Where do we find strength and comfort? Do even the strongest Christians feel despair?
Will God answer our hard questions? Can we trust him while we wait for his justice?

These are some of the questions we will ask, and find answers to, as we write through Mark's gospel, Paul's second letter to the church at Corinth, and the books of Joshua and Habakkuk. Because every word in the Bible is connected by a scarlet thread, we won't be surprised to find connections between these very different books, written in different times and places by very different men.

In each book, we see God's power at work when man's strength is not enough. The woman who had suffered and bled for twelve years had spent all her money and all her strength. When nothing of her was left, the power of Jesus made her well and he sends her away in peace (Mark 5:34). God tells Joshua, "Haven't I commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Don't be afraid. Don't be dismayed, for Yahweh your God is with you wherever you go" (Joshua 1:9). Paul's thorn in the flesh tormented him, but the Lord reminds him, "My power is made perfect in weakness" (2 Corinthians 12:9). And Habakkuk realizes that even when his trees, fields, and flocks came to nothing, "yet I will rejoice in Yahweh. I will be joyful in the God of my salvation!" (Habakkuk 3:17–18).

Each book shows us that even when we cannot see the end, we can always put our faith and trust in the Lord. The desperate father of a tormented, possessed son cries out, "I believe. Help my unbelief!" (Mark 9:24). Israel is defeated at Ai, but God sends them back, saying, "Behold, I have given into your hand the king of Ai, with his people, his city, and his land" (Joshua 8:1). Paul tells the Corinthians that while we are on earth, we groan. We are burdened, our bodies decay, and we are afflicted, yet "we are always confident... for we walk by faith, not by sight" (2 Corinthians 5:6–7). And though it may seem that the wicked are prospering, Habakkuk is reminded that "the righteous will live by his faith" (Habakkuk 2:4).

Each book reminds us to look back and remember God's covenant promises, but to keep moving forward. At the Last Supper, Jesus tells his disciples, "This is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for many" (Mark 14:24). Joshua sets up twelve stones from the Jordan River so that "when your children ask in the future, saying, 'What do you mean by these stones?'" they would remember God's care for his people (Joshua 4:6). Paul calls himself a servant of a new covenant, written "not of the letter but of the Spirit" (2 Corinthians 3:3, 6). And Habakkuk's prayer recalls the plagues and the exodus, asking God, "In wrath, you remember mercy" (Habakkuk 3:2).

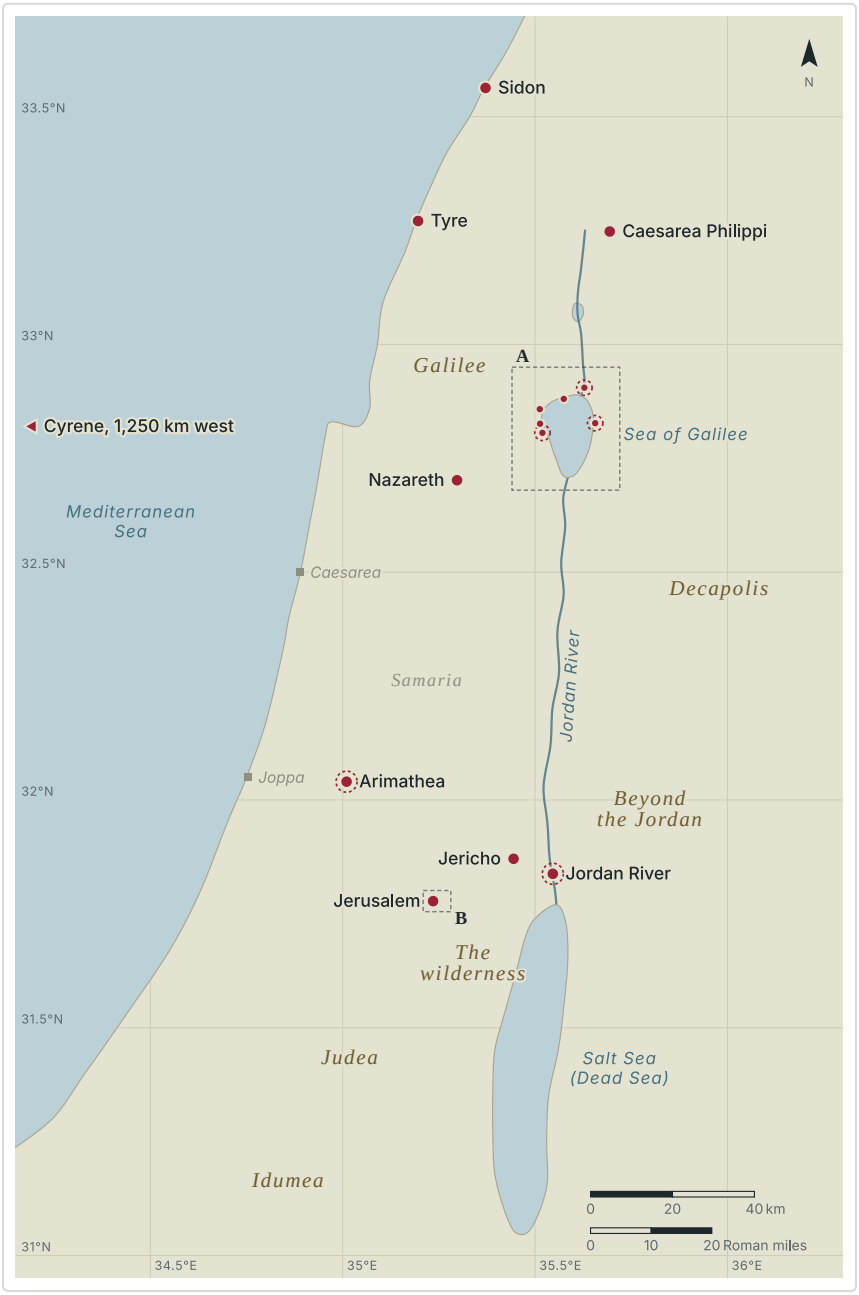
We will begin 2027 with the words, "The beginning of the Good News of Jesus Christ, the Son of God," and end it by writing, "Yahweh, the Lord, is my strength." I find those words to be so faith-building, encouraging and exciting, and I look forward to finding more connections and learning more about the mind, mercy, character, commands and compassion of our God in these books. Not a moment spent copying scripture is wasted. Through writing scripture, we come to know God better. We are fed spiritually, changed, and reshaped. We receive direction from God himself. We learn to tell right from wrong and truth from error. Time in his word helps us resist temptation and gives us peace and hope. It gives us fresh perspective and prepares us to encourage others. It builds our confidence in God and in our ability to face each new day with him beside us. I hope you'll join us in writing these four books and commit to spending a few moments (or more!) each day learning more about God.

-Carla Moore

It shall be, when he sits on the throne of his kingdom, that he shall write himself a copy of this law in a book, out of that which is before the Levitical priests. It shall be with him, and he shall read from it all the days of his life, that he may learn to fear Yahweh his God, to keep all the words of this law and these statutes, to do them; that his heart not be lifted up above his brothers, and that he not turn away from the commandment to the right hand, or to the left, to the end that he may prolong his days in his kingdom, he and his children, in the middle of Israel. Deuteronomy 17:18-20

Places in the Gospel of Mark

Palestine in Jesus' day, c. AD 30. Every place Mark names, from the Jordan to the empty tomb.



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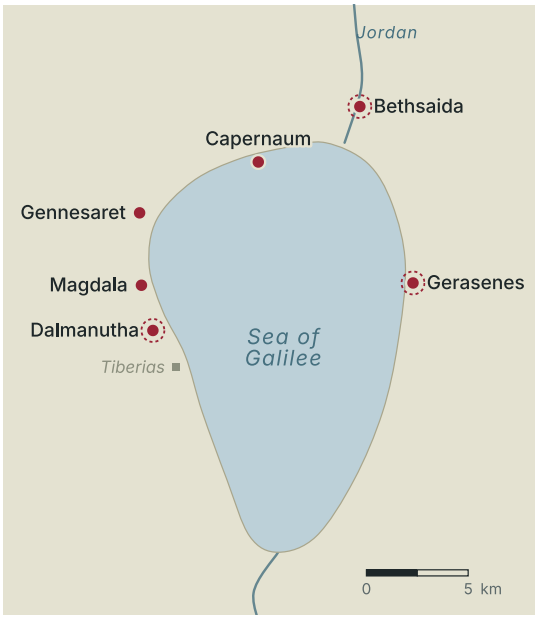

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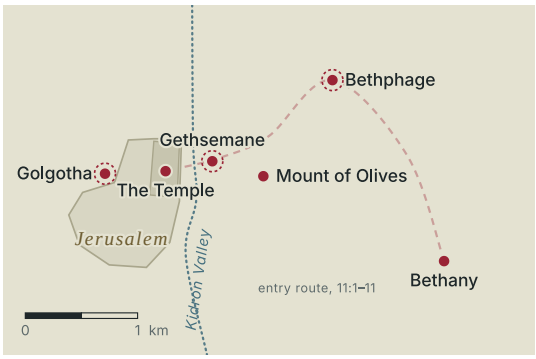

- Named in Mark
- Location uncertain
- Not named in Mark

CHAPTER BY CHAPTER

1 John baptizes in the Jordan, Jesus is tested in the wilderness, and his ministry begins in Capernaum and across Galilee.

2 A paralyzed man is healed at Capernaum; Levi is called beside the sea.

3 Crowds come from Judea, Jerusalem, Idumea, beyond the Jordan, Tyre and Sidon. The Twelve are appointed.

4 Parables taught from a boat; Jesus calms the storm on the sea.

5 The demoniac in the country of the Gerasenes; Jairus's daughter and the woman who touches his cloak.

6 Rejection in his hometown; the feeding of the 5,000; walking on water; landing at Gennesaret.

7 Pharisees from Jerusalem; the Syrophoenician woman near Tyre; a loop through Sidon and the Decapolis.

8 The feeding of the 4,000; Dalmanutha; a blind man at Bethsaida; Peter's confession near Caesarea Philippi.

9 The Transfiguration, then a quiet journey through Galilee back to Capernaum.

10 Into Judea and beyond the Jordan; Bartimaeus healed at Jericho.

11 The entry into Jerusalem from Bethphage and Bethany; the temple cleared.

12 Teaching and debate in the temple courts; the widow's offering.

13 On the Mount of Olives, Jesus speaks of the temple's destruction and the end of the age.

14 The anointing at Bethany, the Last Supper, the arrest in Gethsemane and the trial before the high priest.

15 Trial before Pilate; Simon of Cyrene; the crucifixion at Golgotha; burial by Joseph of Arimathea.

16 The empty tomb: "He is going ahead of you into Galilee."

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The wilderness *Region, location uncertain*

1:3 · 1:4 · 1:12 · 1:13

John preaches in the wilderness, and the Spirit drives Jesus out into it for forty days of testing among the wild animals (1:12–13). Usually understood as the Judean desert that falls from Jerusalem down to the Dead Sea.

Jordan River *River, location uncertain*

1:5 · 1:9

John baptizes crowds from Judea and Jerusalem in the Jordan, and here Jesus is baptized and hears the voice from heaven (1:9–11). Mark gives no exact spot; the marker shows the traditional baptism site east of Jericho.

Judea *Region*

1:5 · 3:7 · 10:1 · 13:14

The southern region around Jerusalem, governed by a Roman prefect in Jesus' day. Crowds come from Judea early on (1:5; 3:7), and Jesus enters it on the road to Jerusalem (10:1).

Jerusalem *City*

1:5 · 3:8 · 3:22 · 7:1 · 10:32 · 10:33 · 11:1 · 11:11 · 11:15 · 11:27 · 15:41

The holy city and the setting of Mark 11–16. Earlier, scribes come down from Jerusalem to oppose Jesus (3:22; 7:1). On the road he predicts what will happen to him there (10:33), then enters the city in 11:1–11.

Nazareth *Town*

1:9 · 1:24 · 10:47 · 14:67 · 16:6

Jesus' hometown in Galilee. He comes from here to be baptized (1:9), and he is called "Jesus of Nazareth" by a demon, by blind Bartimaeus, by the high priest's servant girl and by the young man at the empty tomb. The unnamed "hometown" where he is rejected (6:1–6) is usually taken to be Nazareth.

Galilee *Region*

1:9 · 1:14 · 1:28 · 1:39 · 3:7 · 6:21 · 9:30 · 14:28 · 15:41 · 16:7

The northern region ruled by Herod Antipas and the setting for most of Mark 1–9. The Gospel ends by pointing back here: "he is going ahead of you into Galilee; there you will see him" (16:7).

Sea of Galilee *Lake*

1:16 · 2:13 · 3:7 · 4:1 · 4:35–41 · 5:1 · 5:21 · 6:45–52 · 7:31

Mark usually calls it simply "the sea." Jesus calls fishermen on its shore (1:16–20), teaches the crowds from a boat (4:1), calms a storm (4:35–41) and walks on the water (6:45–52). The lake is about 21 km long and 12 km wide.

Capernaum *Town*

1:21 · 2:1 · 9:33

A fishing town on the north shore and Jesus' base in Galilee. He teaches in its synagogue and heals Simon's mother-in-law (1:21–31), and a paralyzed man is lowered through a roof to him "at home" here (2:1–12).

Idumea *Region*

3:8

The land south of Judea and the ancestral home of Herod's family. Mark 3:8 is the only mention of Idumea in the New Testament, a sign of how far Jesus' reputation had already spread.

Beyond the Jordan *Region, also Perea*

3:8 · 10:1

The land east of the Jordan, called Perea by Josephus. Crowds come from here (3:8), and Jesus travels through it on his way south to Judea (10:1).

Tyre *City*

3:8 · 7:24 · 7:31

A Phoenician port outside Jewish territory. People come from around Tyre and Sidon to hear Jesus (3:8). In the region of Tyre a Syrophoenician woman asks him to heal her daughter (7:24–30).

Sidon *City*

3:8 · 7:31

A Phoenician port about 35 km north of Tyre. In 7:31 Jesus takes a long loop from Tyre north through Sidon, then back to the Sea of Galilee through the Decapolis.

Country of the Gerasenes *District, location uncertain*

5:1

On the east shore Jesus frees a man possessed by "Legion," and the herd of pigs rushes into the sea (5:1–20). Manuscripts differ (Gerasenes, Gadarenes, Gergesenes). The marker shows Kursi, the traditional site, where the hills meet the shore.

Decapolis *Region*

5:20 · 7:31

A league of Greek-speaking cities, mostly east of the Jordan. The healed demoniac tells his story throughout the Decapolis (5:20), and Jesus passes through it on his return from Tyre (7:31).

Bethsaida *Town, location uncertain*

6:45 · 8:22

Jesus sends the disciples ahead by boat to Bethsaida (6:45), and later heals a blind man here in two stages (8:22–26). Two candidate sites lie near where the Jordan enters the lake: et-Tell and el-Araj.

Gennesaret *Plain*

6:53

A fertile plain on the northwest shore. The boat lands here after Jesus walks on the water, and people carry the sick on mats to wherever he is (6:53–56).

Dalmanutha *District, location uncertain*

8:10

After feeding the 4,000, Jesus sails to "the district of Dalmanutha" (8:10). The name appears nowhere else. Many place it near Magdala, and some manuscripts read "Magdala" or "Magadan."

Caesarea Philippi *City*

8:27

A city at the springs of the Jordan below Mount Hermon, rebuilt by Herod's son Philip. On the way to its villages Peter declares, "You are the Messiah" (8:27–30). It is the northernmost point of Jesus' travels in Mark.

Jericho *Town*

10:46

An oasis city near the Jordan and the last stop before the climb to Jerusalem, about 25 km away and 1,000 m higher. As Jesus leaves, blind Bartimaeus calls out to him and receives his sight (10:46–52).

Bethphage *Village, location uncertain*

11:1

A village on the Mount of Olives. From near here Jesus sends two disciples to fetch a colt for his entry into Jerusalem (11:1–7).

Bethany *Village*

11:1 · 11:11 · 11:12 · 14:3

A village about 3 km east of Jerusalem where Jesus stays during his last week (11:11). In the house of Simon the leper, a woman anoints him with costly nard (14:3–9).

Mount of Olives *Hill*

11:1 · 13:3 · 14:26

The ridge east of the city across the Kidron Valley. Jesus sits here "opposite the temple" to speak about the end of the age (13:3), and the disciples come here after the Last Supper (14:26).

The Temple *Site*

11:11 · 11:15–17 · 11:27 · 12:35 · 12:41 · 13:1–2 · 14:49 · 14:58 · 15:29 · 15:38

Herod's rebuilt temple on its vast platform. Jesus drives out the traders (11:15–17), teaches and debates in its courts through chapter 12, watches a widow give two small coins (12:41–44) and predicts its fall (13:1–2). At his death the temple curtain is torn in two (15:38).

Gethsemane *Garden, location uncertain*

14:32

A place at the foot of the Mount of Olives; the name means "oil press." Jesus prays here and is arrested (14:32–50). The marker shows the traditional site.

Cyrene *City, off the map*

15:21

Simon of Cyrene, "the father of Alexander and Rufus," is forced to carry Jesus' cross (15:21). Cyrene was a Greek city in North Africa, in modern Libya, about 1,250 km west of Jerusalem.

Golgotha *Site, location uncertain*

15:22

"The place of the skull," just outside the city wall, where Jesus is crucified (15:22–41). The marker shows the traditional site, now inside the Church of the Holy Sepulchre.

Magdala *Town*

15:40 · 15:47 · 16:1 · 16:9

Not named as a place, but Mary Magdalene ("of Magdala") watches the crucifixion, sees where Jesus is buried and finds the tomb empty. Magdala was a fishing town on the west shore.

Arimathea *Town, location uncertain*

15:43

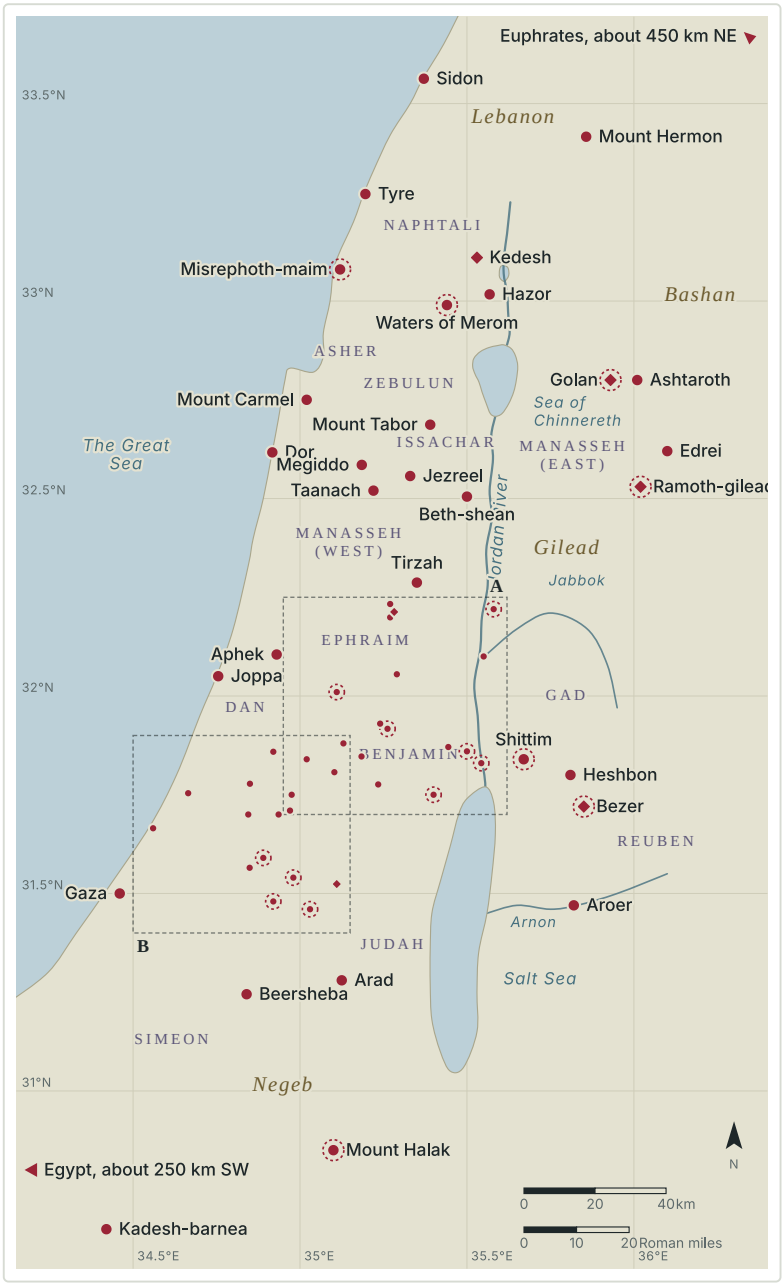
Hometown of Joseph, a council member who asks Pilate for Jesus' body and lays it in a rock-cut tomb (15:42–46). Usually identified with Ramathaim (modern Rantis), about 35 km northwest of Jerusalem.

Unnamed settings *not plotted*

Jesus' hometown (6:1), the high mountain of the Transfiguration (9:2), the upper room (14:15), the high priest's courtyard (14:54) and Pilate's praetorium (15:16).

Places in the Book of Joshua

The land of Canaan at the time of Joshua. The places Joshua names, from the camp at Shittim to the covenant at Shechem.



A Jordan crossing and central hills



B Southern campaign and Philistia



● Named in Joshua ◉ Location uncertain ◆ City of refuge (ch. 20) DAN Tribal allotment (approx.)

CHAPTER BY CHAPTER

1 Joshua is commissioned to lead Israel across the Jordan.
2 Spies from Shittim are hidden by Rahab in Jericho.
3 The Jordan stops at Adam and Israel crosses on dry ground.
4 Twelve memorial stones are set up at Gilgal.
5 Circumcision and Passover at Gilgal.
6 The walls of Jericho fall.
7 Defeat at Ai; Achan judged in the Valley of Achor.
8 Ai taken by ambush; the law read at Ebal and Gerizim.
9 The Gibeonites trick Israel into a treaty.
10 The sun stands still at Gibeon; the southern campaign.
11 Northern kings routed at Merom; Hazor burned.
12 A roll of the kings defeated east and west of the Jordan.
13 Land still to take; Reuben, Gad and east Manasseh settle.
14 Caleb is given Hebron.
15 Judah's boundaries and towns; Othniel takes Debir.
16 The inheritance of Ephraim.
17 West Manasseh; the daughters of Zelophehad.
18 The tent set up at Shiloh; Benjamin's lot.
19 Lots for six tribes; Joshua receives Timnath-serah.
20 Six cities of refuge are named.
21 Forty-eight towns are given to the Levites.
22 The eastern tribes go home and build an altar by the Jordan.
23 Joshua's farewell charge to Israel's leaders.
24 Covenant at Shechem; Joshua buried at Timnath-serah.

Index of places

In order of first mention. Dashed-ring places on the map have debated locations. Tribal names are placed approximately; the boundaries in Joshua 13–19 are not drawn. Joshua lists hundreds of towns in chapters 13–21; this map shows those in the narrative and the best-known towns from the lists.

Jordan River *River, location uncertain*

1:2 · 1:11 · 3:1–17 · 4:1–24 · 22:10–11 · 23:4

The waters stop upstream while the priests stand in the river with the ark, and Israel crosses opposite Jericho (3:14–17). The marker shows the traditional crossing area.

Lebanon *Region*

1:4 · 9:1 · 11:17 · 12:7 · 13:5–6

The northern mountains, named as a limit of the promised land (1:4) and as land still to be taken (13:5–6).

Euphrates River *Off the map*

1:4 · 24:2–3 · 24:14–15

The land would reach "to the great river, the river Euphrates" (1:4). Israel's ancestors once lived beyond it (24:2–3).

The Great Sea *Sea*

1:4 · 9:1 · 15:12 · 15:47 · 23:4

The Mediterranean, the western limit of the land (1:4) and Judah's western boundary (15:12).

Reuben *Tribe*

1:12 · 4:12 · 13:15–23 · 22:1–34

East of the Dead Sea, from the Arnon north to Heshbon.

Gad *Tribe*

1:12 · 4:12 · 13:24–28 · 22:1–34

East of the Jordan in Gilead, north to the Sea of Chinnereth.

Manasseh (east) *Tribe*

1:12 · 4:12 · 13:29–31 · 17:5–6 · 22:1–34

The eastern half-tribe received Bashan and northern Gilead.

Shittim *Camp, location uncertain*

2:1 · 3:1

Israel's last camp east of the Jordan, on the plains of Moab. The spies set out from here (2:1). Possibly Tell el-Hammam.

Jericho *City*

2:1–3 · 5:13 · 6:1–27 · 8:2 · 10:1 · 10:28 · 12:9 · 16:1 · 18:12 · 18:21 · 24:11

A walled oasis city where Rahab hides the spies (ch. 2). Its walls fall after Israel marches around it for seven days (ch. 6).

Egypt *Off the map*

2:10 · 5:4–6 · 9:9 · 13:3 · 15:4 · 24:4–7 · 24:14 · 24:17 · 24:32

The exodus is recalled throughout (5:4–6; 24:4–7). Joseph's bones, brought up from Egypt, are buried at Shechem (24:32).

Adam *Town*

3:16

The town where the Jordan's waters stand up in a heap while Israel crosses (3:16). Identified with Tell ed-Damiyeh.

Zarethan *Town, location uncertain*

3:16

Named with Adam as the point upstream where the waters stopped (3:16). Tell es-Sa'idiyeh is one proposal.

The Salt Sea *Lake*

3:16 · 12:3 · 15:2 · 15:5 · 18:19

The Dead Sea. The water flowing down to it is cut off at the crossing (3:16). It forms Judah's eastern boundary (15:5).

Gilgal *Camp, location uncertain*

4:19–20 · 5:9–10 · 9:6 · 10:6–9 · 10:15 · 10:43 · 14:6

Israel's first camp west of the Jordan and base during the conquest. Twelve stones from the river are set up here (4:20). Exact site unknown.

Judah *Tribe*

7:1 · 7:16–18 · 14:6 · 15:1–63 · 18:5

The largest allotment, from the Dead Sea to the Mediterranean and south to Kadesh-barnea.

Ai *City, location uncertain*

7:2–5 · 8:1–29 · 9:3 · 10:1–2 · 12:9

Israel is routed here after Achan's sin (7:2–5), then takes the city by ambush (ch. 8). Often identified with et-Tell; Khirbet el-Maqatir is an alternative.

Bethel *Town*

7:2 · 8:9 · 8:12 · 8:17 · 12:16 · 16:1–2 · 18:13 · 18:22

A town just west of Ai, near the ambush (8:9). Later on the boundary of Ephraim and Benjamin (16:1–2; 18:13).

Valley of Achor *Valley, location uncertain*

7:24–26 · 15:7

Where Achan and his household are stoned (7:24–26). Later a point on Judah's northern boundary (15:7).

Mount Ebal *Mountain*

8:30 · 8:33

Joshua builds an altar here and writes a copy of the law on stones (8:30–32).

Mount Gerizim *Mountain*

8:33

Half of Israel stands in front of Gerizim and half in front of Ebal for the reading of the law (8:33–35).

Gibeon *City*

9:3 · 9:17 · 10:1–14 · 11:19 · 18:25 · 21:17

Its people trick Israel into a treaty (ch. 9). When five kings attack it, Joshua defends it and the sun stands still (10:1–14).

Bashan *Region*

9:10 · 12:4–5 · 13:11–12 · 13:30–31 · 17:1 · 17:5 · 20:8 · 21:6 · 22:7

The kingdom of Og east of the Sea of Chinnereth, given to the eastern half of Manasseh (13:30).

Ashtaroth *City*

9:10 · 12:4 · 13:12 · 13:31

A royal city of Og, king of Bashan (12:4). Given to the eastern half of Manasseh (13:31).

Kiriath-jearim *Town*

9:17 · 15:9 · 15:60 · 18:14–15 · 18:28

One of the four Gibeonite towns (9:17), later on the Judah–Benjamin boundary (15:9; 18:14).

Jerusalem *City*

10:1–5 · 10:23 · 12:10 · 15:8 · 15:63 · 18:16 · 18:28

Its king, Adoni-zedek, leads the alliance against Gibeon (10:1–5). Judah cannot drive out the Jebusites living there (15:63).

Hebron *City, also Kiriath-arba, city of refuge*

10:3 · 10:36–39 · 11:21 · 12:10 · 14:13–15 · 15:13 · 15:54 · 20:7 · 21:11–13

Taken in the southern campaign (10:36–37), then given to Caleb (14:13–15). A city of refuge (20:7).

Jarmuth *City*

10:3 · 10:5 · 10:23 · 12:11 · 15:35

One of the five Amorite cities that attack Gibeon (10:3–5). Identified with Tel Yarmut.

Lachish *City*

10:3 · 10:5 · 10:23 · 10:31–35 · 12:11 · 15:39

A major walled city, taken on the second day of siege (10:31–33).

Eglon *City, location uncertain*

10:3 · 10:5 · 10:23 · 10:34–37 · 12:12 · 15:39

Another of the five allied cities, taken after Lachish (10:34–35). Tell 'Aitun is often proposed.

Beth-horon *Town*

10:10–11 · 16:3 · 16:5 · 18:13–14 · 21:22

The pass down which Joshua chases the Amorite kings while hailstones fall (10:10–11).

Azekah *Town*

10:10–11 · 15:35

The Amorites are pursued as far as Azekah and Makkedah (10:10).

Makkedah *Town, location uncertain*

10:10 · 10:16–29 · 12:16 · 15:41

The five kings hide in a cave here and are executed (10:16–27). Location uncertain.

Aijalon *Valley*

10:12 · 19:42 · 21:24

"Moon, stand still over the Valley of Aijalon" (10:12).

Libnah *Town, location uncertain*

10:29–32 · 12:15 · 15:42 · 21:13

Taken after Makkedah (10:29–30); later a Levitical town (21:13). Tel Burna is a common proposal.

Gezer *City*

10:33 · 12:12 · 16:3 · 16:10 · 21:21

Its king comes to help Lachish and is defeated (10:33). Ephraim does not drive out its Canaanites (16:10).

Debir *City, also Kiriath-sepher, location uncertain*

10:38–39 · 11:21 · 12:13 · 15:15–17 · 21:15

Othniel captures it and wins Caleb's daughter Achsah (15:15–17). Usually identified with Khirbet Rabud.

The Negeb *Region*

10:40 · 11:16 · 12:8 · 15:19 · 15:21

The dry south, part of the land Joshua conquered (10:40) and of Judah's allotment (15:21).

Kadesh-barnea *Oasis*

10:41 · 14:6–7 · 15:3

The southern limit of Joshua's campaigns (10:41). Caleb recalls being sent from here as a spy (14:6–7).

Gaza *City*

10:41 · 11:22 · 13:3 · 15:47

A coastal city at the edge of the conquered land (10:41) and one of the five Philistine cities (13:3).

Hazor *City*

11:1 · 11:10–13 · 12:19 · 19:36

"The head of all those kingdoms" (11:10). Its king Jabin leads the northern alliance, and Joshua burns the city.

Dor *Town*

11:2 · 12:23 · 17:11

A coastal town whose king joins the northern alliance (11:2). Assigned to Manasseh (17:11).

Sea of Chinnereth *Lake*

11:2 · 12:3 · 13:27 · 19:35

The lake later called the Sea of Galilee, a boundary of Sihon's land and of Gad (12:3; 13:27).

Mount Hermon *Mountain*

11:3 · 11:17 · 12:1 · 12:5 · 13:5 · 13:11

The northern limit of the conquered land (11:17; 12:1), about 2,800 m high.

Waters of Merom *Spring, location uncertain*

11:5 · 11:7

Joshua surprises the northern kings here and routs them (11:5–7). Often placed near Mount Meron.

Sidon *City*

11:8 · 13:6 · 19:28

The northern kings flee as far as "Great Sidon" (11:8).

Misrephoth-maim *Place, location uncertain*

11:8 · 13:6

A place on the coast to which the northern kings are chased (11:8). Location uncertain.

Mount Halak *Mountain, location uncertain*

11:17 · 12:7

"The bare mountain that rises toward Seir," the southern limit of the conquest (11:17). Location uncertain.

Gath *City*

11:22 · 13:3

A Philistine city where some Anakim survive (11:22). Identified with Tell es-Safi.

Ashdod *City*

11:22 · 13:3 · 15:46–47

A Philistine city where some Anakim survive (11:22; 13:3).

Gilead *Region*

12:2 · 12:5 · 13:11 · 13:25 · 13:31 · 17:1 · 17:5–6 · 22:9 · 22:13 · 22:15 · 22:32

The hill country east of the Jordan, shared by Gad and Manasseh. The eastern tribes return here in chapter 22.

Heshbon *City*

12:2 · 12:5 · 13:10 · 13:17 · 13:21 · 13:26 · 21:39

Capital of Sihon, king of the Amorites (12:2). Given to Reuben, then to the Levites (13:17; 21:39).

Aroer *Town*

12:2 · 13:9 · 13:16

On the edge of the Arnon gorge, the southern limit of Sihon's kingdom and of Reuben's land (12:2; 13:16).

Edrei *City*

12:4 · 13:12 · 13:31

The other royal city of Og, king of Bashan (12:4).

Arad *Town*

12:14

A town in the Negeb whose king is in the list of the defeated (12:14).

Aphek *Town*

12:18

A city in the Sharon plain whose king is defeated (12:18).

Megiddo *City*

12:21 · 17:11

Its king is among the defeated (12:21), but Manasseh cannot drive out its Canaanites (17:11–12).

Taanach *Town*

12:21 · 17:11 · 21:25

A town near Megiddo, in the list of defeated kings (12:21). Later a Levitical town (21:25).

Kedesh *Town, city of refuge*

12:22 · 19:37 · 20:7 · 21:32

Kedesh in Galilee, in the hill country of Naphtali. A city of refuge and Levitical town (20:7; 21:32).

Mount Carmel *Mountain*

12:22 · 19:26

The ridge on the edge of Asher (19:26). Jokneam "in Carmel" is in the list of kings (12:22).

Tirzah *City*

12:24

The last city in the list of defeated kings (12:24). Identified with Tell el-Far'ah North.

Ashkelon *City*

13:3

One of the five Philistine cities still unconquered in Joshua's old age (13:3).

Ekron *City*

13:3 · 15:11 · 15:45–46 · 19:43

One of the five Philistine cities (13:3), at the corner of Judah's northern boundary (15:11).

Ephraim *Tribe*

14:4 · 16:5–10 · 17:15 · 19:50 · 24:30

The central hill country north of Benjamin.

Beth-shemesh *Town*

15:10 · 21:16

A town on Judah's northern boundary (15:10), later given to the Levites (21:16).

Beersheba *Town*

15:28 · 19:2

A town in the far south of Judah, later allotted to Simeon (15:28; 19:2).

Manasseh (west) *Tribe*

17:1–13 · 17:14–18

North of Ephraim, from the Jordan to the sea.

Shechem *City, city of refuge*

17:7 · 20:7 · 21:21 · 24:1 · 24:25 · 24:32

A city between Ebal and Gerizim and a city of refuge (20:7). Joshua renews the covenant here (ch. 24), and Joseph's bones are buried here (24:32).

Beth-shean *City*

17:11 · 17:16

A Canaanite stronghold with iron chariots that Manasseh fails to take (17:11, 16).

Jezreel *Town*

17:16 · 19:18

The town and valley where the Canaanites have iron chariots (17:16). Allotted to Issachar (19:18).

Shiloh *Town*

18:1 · 18:8–10 · 19:51 · 21:2 · 22:9 · 22:12

The tent of meeting is set up here (18:1), and the remaining land is divided by lot (18:8–10; 19:51).

Benjamin *Tribe*

18:11–28 · 21:4

A small territory between Judah and Ephraim, including Jericho, Bethel, Gibeon and Jerusalem.

Simeon *Tribe*

19:1–9 · 21:4

Towns inside Judah's southern territory, around Beersheba.

Zebulun *Tribe*

19:10–16

Lower Galilee, north of the Jezreel Valley.

Issachar *Tribe*

19:17–23

The Jezreel Valley and the land around Mount Tabor.

Mount Tabor *Mountain*

19:22

A landmark on the boundary of Issachar (19:22).

Asher *Tribe*

19:24–31

The coast from Carmel north toward Sidon.

Tyre *City*

19:29

"The fortified city of Tyre" is a point on Asher's boundary (19:29).

Naphtali *Tribe*

19:32–39 · 20:7

Upper Galilee, west of the upper Jordan and the Sea of Chinnereth.

Dan *Tribe*

19:40–48 · 21:5

Low country west of Benjamin toward Joppa. Dan later takes Leshem in the far north (19:47).

Joppa *Town*

19:46

A coastal town on the border of Dan's territory (19:46).

Timnath-serah *Town, location uncertain*

19:50 · 24:30

The town Joshua asks for and rebuilds (19:50), and where he is buried (24:30). Usually identified with Khirbet Tibnah.

Bezer *Town, city of refuge, location uncertain*

20:8 · 21:36

A city of refuge on the plateau of Reuben (20:8). Location uncertain.

Ramoth-gilead *City, city of refuge, location uncertain*

20:8 · 21:38

A city of refuge in Gad (20:8). Often placed at Tell er-Rumeith.

Golan *Town, city of refuge, location uncertain*

20:8 · 21:27

A city of refuge in Bashan for the eastern half of Manasseh (20:8). Location uncertain.

Places in 2 Corinthians

Paul writes from Macedonia to the church in Corinth, about AD 55–56. The map shows every place the letter names, with the journeys behind it.



KEY

- ● City named in 2 Corinthians
- *Achaia* Province named in the letter
- ■ Not named in the letter (background)
- Paul goes from Asia to Macedonia (2:12–13; 7:5)
- Titus between Corinth and Macedonia (7:6–7; 8:16–17), route assumed
- The collection for Judea (1:16; chs. 8–9), route assumed

The letter gives places, not paths; routes follow likely roads and sea lanes. Coastlines from Natural Earth (public domain).

THE STORY BEHIND THE LETTER

About AD 34–37	Paul escapes Damascus in a basket (11:32–33).
About AD 50–52	Paul founds the church at Corinth (Acts 18).
About AD 53–55	From Ephesus he writes 1 Corinthians.
Then	A painful visit (2:1) and a tearful letter (2:3–4).
Then	Trouble in Asia (1:8); on to Troas and Macedonia, where Titus brings good news (2:12–13; 7:5–7).
About AD 55–56	Paul writes 2 Corinthians from Macedonia, then visits Corinth a third time (13:1; Acts 20:2–3).

Dates are approximate.

Index of places

2 Corinthians names seven places. Each is listed here in order of first mention, followed by places in the background of the letter.

NAMED IN 2 CORINTHIANS

Corinth *City*

1:1 · 1:23

The church Paul founded (Acts 18:1–11) and the letter's destination. Paul explains that he stayed away to spare them: "I did not come again to Corinth" (1:23).

Achaia *Roman province*

1:1 · 9:2 · 11:10

The province of southern Greece, governed from Corinth. The letter is addressed to "all the saints throughout Achaia" (1:1), whose readiness to give Paul has boasted about (9:2).

Asia *Roman province*

1:8

Paul describes the affliction he suffered in Asia, so severe that he "despaired of life itself" (1:8–9). The province's leading city was Ephesus.

Macedonia *Roman province*

1:16 · 2:13 · 7:5 · 8:1 · 9:2 · 9:4 · 11:9

Where Paul is writing. He found no rest there until Titus arrived with good news (7:5–7). The Macedonian churches gave generously out of deep poverty (8:1–5) and had supported Paul while he was in Corinth (11:9).

Judea *Roman province*

1:16

Paul had planned to be sent on from Corinth to Judea (1:16). The collection in chapters 8–9 is for the believers there.

Troas *City*

2:12

A port in Asia where "a door was opened" for the gospel (2:12). Without Titus there, Paul could not rest and went on to Macedonia (2:13).

Damascus *City*

11:32

Years earlier, the governor under King Aretas of Nabatea guarded the city to seize Paul, and he escaped by being let down through a window in a basket (11:32–33; Acts 9:23–25).

Not plotted

3:7–16; 11:25–27; 12:2–4

Paul recalls Moses and Israel (3:7–16), his shipwrecks and journeys (11:25–27) and being caught up to "the third heaven" and "Paradise" (12:2–4). None of these names a place on the map.

IN THE BACKGROUND

Ephesus

Leading city of Asia, where Paul spent about three years and wrote 1 Corinthians (1 Cor 16:8). The affliction of 1:8 probably happened in or near it.

Philippi

One of the Macedonian churches; 2 Corinthians may have been written here.

Thessalonica

Capital of Macedonia and another of its churches.

Athens

A city of Achaia; Paul came to Corinth from Athens (Acts 18:1).

Jerusalem

The church in Judea that received the collection (Rom 15:25–26).

Tarsus

Paul's hometown (Acts 22:3).

Antioch

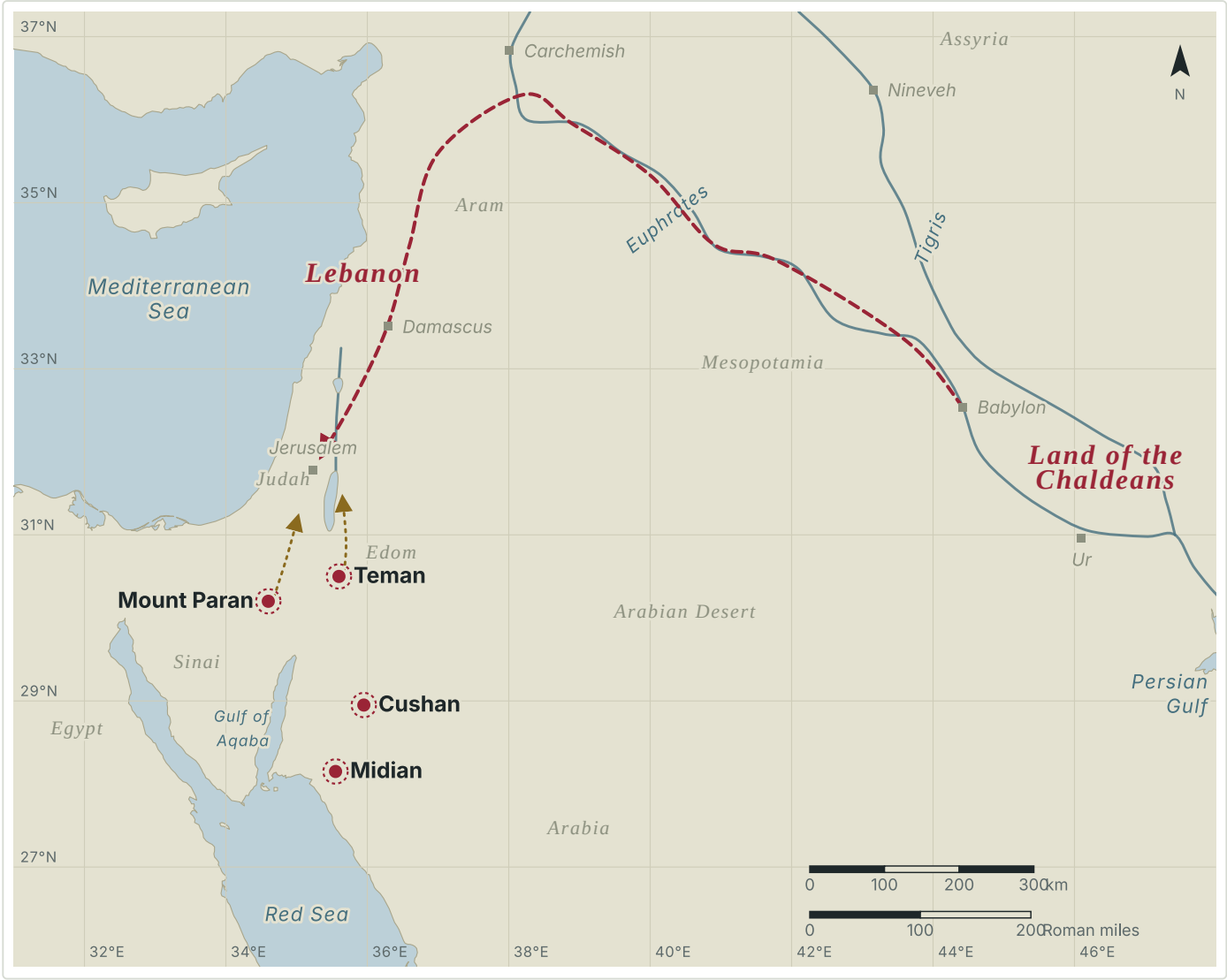
The church in Syria that sent Paul out (Acts 13:1–3).

CHAPTER BY CHAPTER

1 The God of all comfort; trouble in Asia; why Paul changed his plans.
2 The painful letter; forgiving the offender; waiting at Troas.
3 Ministers of a new covenant; the veil removed.
4 Treasure in clay jars.
5 A heavenly dwelling; the ministry of reconciliation.
6 Hardships of ministry; a call to be holy.
7 Titus arrives in Macedonia; grief that leads to repentance.
8 The generosity of the Macedonians; Titus sent to Corinth.
9 God loves a cheerful giver.
10 Paul answers those who call him weak in person.
11 The "super-apostles"; Paul's sufferings; escape from Damascus.
12 Visions and the thorn in the flesh.
13 Warnings before the third visit; closing blessing.

Places in Habakkuk

Judah on the eve of the Babylonian conquest, about 610–597 BC. Habakkuk names a people from the east and, in his closing prayer, the southern lands God comes from.



KEY

- Place named in Habakkuk
- Location uncertain
- *Lebanon* — Region named in Habakkuk
- Not named in Habakkuk (background)
- The Chaldean advance (1:6–10), route assumed
- God comes from the south (3:3–7)

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THE WORLD OF HABAKKUK

626 BC	Nabopolassar founds the Neo-Babylonian (Chaldean) empire.
612 BC	Nineveh falls to the Babylonians and Medes.
609 BC	King Josiah of Judah is killed at Megiddo.
605 BC	Babylon defeats Egypt at Carchemish; Nebuchadnezzar becomes king.
597 BC	Jerusalem surrenders; King Jehoiachin is taken to Babylon.
587/586 BC	Jerusalem and the temple are destroyed.

Index of places

Habakkuk names only six places, in chapters 1–3. Each is listed here in order of first mention, followed by places in the background of the book.

NAMED IN HABAKKUK

The Chaldeans *People and land*

1:6

God says he is “rousing the Chaldeans, that fierce and impetuous nation” (1:6), the Neo-Babylonian empire of southern Mesopotamia. They answer Habakkuk’s first complaint and prompt his second (1:12–17). The five woes of 2:6–19 are aimed at them.

Lebanon *Region*

2:17

“The violence done to Lebanon will overwhelm you” (2:17), probably the felling of Lebanon’s cedar forests by conquering armies.

Teman *Region in Edom, location uncertain*

3:3

“God came from Teman” (3:3). A district or town of Edom, south-east of the Dead Sea, used in poetry for the southern lands where God first appeared to Israel. Exact location uncertain.

Mount Paran *Mountain, location uncertain*

3:3

“The Holy One from Mount Paran” (3:3). Linked with the wilderness of Paran between Sinai and Edom, where Israel wandered (Num 10:12; Deut 33:2). The peak itself is unknown.

Cushan *People or region, location uncertain*

3:7

“I saw the tents of Cushan in distress” (3:7). Named only here, in parallel with Midian, so probably a people or district near Midian. The marker is approximate.

Midian *Region, location uncertain*

3:7

The land east of the Gulf of Aqaba in north-west Arabia. Its tent curtains tremble as God passes by (3:7).

Unnamed waters *Not plotted*

3:8–15

The rivers and sea God rides against in the prayer of chapter 3 are poetic images, likely recalling the exodus and the Jordan crossing. They are not named, so they are not mapped.

IN THE BACKGROUND

Jerusalem

Habakkuk’s prophecy is set in Judah. “The LORD is in his holy temple” (2:20) points to the temple in Jerusalem.

Babylon

Capital of the Chaldean (Neo-Babylonian) empire under Nabopolassar and Nebuchadnezzar.

Ur

An ancient city in the land of the Chaldeans, remembered as Abraham’s first home (Gen 11:31).

Nineveh

The Assyrian capital, destroyed in 612 BC by the Babylonians and Medes.

Carchemish

Where Nebuchadnezzar defeated Egypt in 605 BC (Jer 46:2), opening the way to Judah.

Damascus

The main city of Aram, on the road from the Euphrates to Judah.

CHAPTER BY CHAPTER

1. Habakkuk asks why God tolerates injustice; God answers that he is raising up the Chaldeans; Habakkuk protests again.
2. Habakkuk waits at his watchpost; “the righteous live by their faith” (2:4); five woes against the oppressor.
3. Habakkuk’s prayer: God comes from Teman and Paran; “yet I will rejoice in the LORD” (3:18).

Suggestions for Writing Scripture

1. **Just do it: write every day.** Yes, even on holidays and trips. Write even when you can't study thoroughly. Like eating, it's nourishing!
2. **Always keep the surrounding context in mind.**
3. **Don't be a perfectionist.** I can't emphasize this enough. Some people enjoy elaborate color schemes, but don't force yourself into one, and don't get upset if you have to cross something out. If you miss a day (or ten), please don't give up. Read the passages you missed and pick back up where you are. Our purpose is to learn, not to make attractive pages or impress anyone. A beautiful page is great, but it isn't the priority. This study is for you and your benefit. Prepare your heart, as Ezra did, to seek the law of the Lord and to do it (Ezra 7:10).
4. **Look for repeated words and key phrases** throughout each chapter and book. Ask yourself every day: *What do these passages teach me about God?*
5. **Try to identify people when they are mentioned.** *Who's Who in the Bible* by Philip Comfort and Walter A. Elwell is helpful!
6. **Track locations on the included maps** whenever you can. It will help you see the story more fully.
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8. **Use whichever translation you prefer.** You don't have to write from the World English Bible. The text in this book is just a guide. The Bible wasn't originally written in English, and every translation has its issues, so use online tools to learn the meaning of the original Hebrew and Greek words. This is important!
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What do these passages teach me about God?

January 1

Mark 1:1–5 — 1 The beginning of the Good News of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. **2** As it is written in the prophets, “Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way before you: **3** the voice of one crying in the wilderness, ‘Make ready the way of the Lord! Make his paths straight!’ ” **4** John came baptizing in the wilderness and preaching the baptism of repentance for forgiveness of sins. **5** All the country of Judea and all those of Jerusalem went out to him. They were baptized by him in the Jordan river, confessing their sins.

What do these passages teach me about God?

January 2

Mark 1:6–10 — 6 John was clothed with camel's hair and a leather belt around his waist. He ate locusts and wild honey. **7** He preached, saying, "After me comes he who is mightier than I, the thong of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and loosen. **8** I baptized you in water, but he will baptize you in the Holy Spirit." **9** In those days, Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee, and was baptized by John in the Jordan. **10** Immediately coming up from the water, he saw the heavens parting and the Spirit descending on him like a dove.

What do these passages teach me about God?

January 3

Mark 1:11–15 — 11 A voice came out of the sky, “You are my beloved Son, in whom
I am well pleased.” **12** Immediately the Spirit drove him out into the wilderness. **13** He
was there in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan. He was with the wild
animals; and the angels were serving him. **14** Now after John was taken into custody,
Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the Good News of God’s Kingdom, **15** and
saying, “The time is fulfilled, and God’s Kingdom is at hand! Repent, and believe in
the Good News.”

What do these passages teach me about God?

January 4

Mark 1:16–20 — 16 Passing along by the sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew, the brother of Simon, casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. **17** Jesus said to them, “Come after me, and I will make you into fishers for men.” **18** Immediately they left their nets, and followed him. **19** Going on a little further from there, he saw James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, who were also in the boat mending the nets. **20** Immediately he called them, and they left their father, Zebedee, in the boat with the hired servants, and went after him.

What do these passages teach me about God?

January 5

Mark 1:21–25 — 21 They went into Capernaum, and immediately on the Sabbath day he entered into the synagogue and taught. **22** They were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as having authority, and not as the scribes. **23** Immediately there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, **24** saying, “Ha! What do we have to do with you, Jesus, you Nazarene? Have you come to destroy us? I know you who you are: the Holy One of God!” **25** Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be quiet, and come out of him!”

What do these passages teach me about God?

January 6

Mark 1:26–29 — 26 The unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. **27** They were all amazed, so that they questioned among themselves, saying, “What is this? A new teaching? For with authority he commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him!” **28** The report of him went out immediately everywhere into all the region of Galilee and its surrounding area. **29** Immediately, when they had come out of the synagogue, they came into the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John.

What do these passages teach me about God?

January 7

Mark 1:30–33 — 30 Now Simon's wife's mother lay sick with a fever, and immediately they told him about her. **31** He came and took her by the hand and raised her up. The fever left her immediately, and she served them. **32** At evening, when the sun had set, they brought to him all who were sick and those who were possessed by demons. **33** All the city was gathered together at the door.

What do these passages teach me about God?

January 8

Mark 1:34–37 — 34 He healed many who were sick with various diseases and cast out many demons. He didn't allow the demons to speak, because they knew him. **35** Early in the morning, while it was still dark, he rose up and went out, and departed into a deserted place, and prayed there. **36** Simon and those who were with him searched for him. **37** They found him and told him, "Everyone is looking for you."

What do these passages teach me about God?

January 9

Mark 1:38–41 — 38 He said to them, “Let’s go elsewhere into the next towns, that I may preach there also, because I came out for this reason.” **39** He went into their synagogues throughout all Galilee, preaching and casting out demons. **40** A leper came to him, begging him, kneeling down to him, and saying to him, “If you want to, you can make me clean.” **41** Being moved with compassion, he stretched out his hand, and touched him, and said to him, “I want to. Be made clean.”

What do these passages teach me about God?

January 10

Mark 1:42–45 — 42 When he had said this, immediately the leprosy departed from him and he was made clean. **43** He strictly warned him and immediately sent him out, **44** and said to him, “See that you say nothing to anybody, but go show yourself to the priest and offer for your cleansing the things which Moses commanded, for a testimony to them.” **45** But he went out, and began to proclaim it much, and to spread about the matter, so that Jesus could no more openly enter into a city, but was outside in desert places. People came to him from everywhere.

What do these passages teach me about God?

January 11

Mark 2:1–5 — 1 When he entered again into Capernaum after some days, it was heard that he was at home. **2** Immediately many were gathered together, so that there was no more room, not even around the door; and he spoke the word to them. **3** Four people came, carrying a paralytic to him. **4** When they could not come near to him for the crowd, they removed the roof where he was. When they had broken it up, they let down the mat that the paralytic was lying on. **5** Jesus, seeing their faith, said to the paralytic, “Son, your sins are forgiven you.”

What do these passages teach me about God?

January 12

Mark 2:6–10 — 6 But there were some of the scribes sitting there and reasoning in their hearts, **7** “Why does this man speak blasphemies like that? Who can forgive sins but God alone?” **8** Immediately Jesus, perceiving in his spirit that they so reasoned within themselves, said to them, “Why do you reason these things in your hearts? **9** Which is easier, to tell the paralytic, ‘Your sins are forgiven;’ or to say, ‘Arise, and take up your bed, and walk?’ **10** But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins”—he said to the paralytic—

What do these passages teach me about God?

January 13

Mark 2:11–15 — 11 “I tell you, arise, take up your mat, and go to your house.” **12** He arose, and immediately took up the mat and went out in front of them all, so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, “We never saw anything like this!” **13** He went out again by the seaside. All the multitude came to him, and he taught them. **14** As he passed by, he saw Levi the son of Alphaeus sitting at the tax office. He said to him, “Follow me.” And he arose and followed him. **15** He was reclining at the table in his house, and many tax collectors and sinners sat down with Jesus and his disciples, for there were many, and they followed him.

What do these passages teach me about God?

January 14

Mark 2:16–20 — 16 The scribes and the Pharisees, when they saw that he was eating with the sinners and tax collectors, said to his disciples, “Why is it that he eats and drinks with tax collectors and sinners?” **17** When Jesus heard it, he said to them, “Those who are healthy have no need for a physician, but those who are sick. I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.” **18** John’s disciples and the Pharisees were fasting, and they came and asked him, “Why do John’s disciples and the disciples of the Pharisees fast, but your disciples don’t fast?” **19** Jesus said to them, “Can the groomsmen fast while the bridegroom is with them? As long as they have the bridegroom with them, they can’t fast. **20** But the days will come when the bridegroom will be taken away from them, and then they will fast in that day.

What do these passages teach me about God?

January 15

Mark 2:21–24 — 21 No one sews a piece of unshrunk cloth on an old garment, or
else the patch shrinks and the new tears away from the old, and a worse hole is
made. **22** No one puts new wine into old wineskins; or else the new wine will burst the
skins, and the wine pours out, and the skins will be destroyed; but they put new wine
into fresh wineskins.” **23** He was going on the Sabbath day through the grain fields;
and his disciples began, as they went, to pluck the ears of grain. **24** The Pharisees
said to him, “Behold, why do they do that which is not lawful on the Sabbath day?”

What do these passages teach me about God?

January 16

Mark 2:25–28 — 25 He said to them, “Did you never read what David did when he had need and was hungry—he, and those who were with him? **26** How he entered into God’s house at the time of Abiathar the high priest, and ate the show bread, which is not lawful to eat except for the priests, and gave also to those who were with him?” **27** He said to them, “The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath. **28** Therefore the Son of Man is lord even of the Sabbath.”

What do these passages teach me about God?

January 17

Mark 3:1–5 — **1** He entered again into the synagogue, and there was a man there whose hand was withered. **2** They watched him, whether he would heal him on the Sabbath day, that they might accuse him. **3** He said to the man whose hand was withered, “Stand up.” **4** He said to them, “Is it lawful on the Sabbath day to do good or to do harm? To save a life or to kill?” But they were silent. **5** When he had looked around at them with anger, being grieved at the hardening of their hearts, he said to the man, “Stretch out your hand.” He stretched it out, and his hand was restored as healthy as the other.

What do these passages teach me about God?

January 18

Mark 3:6–10 — 6 The Pharisees went out, and immediately conspired with the Herodians against him, how they might destroy him. **7** Jesus withdrew to the sea with his disciples; and a great multitude followed him from Galilee, from Judea, **8** from Jerusalem, from Idumaea, beyond the Jordan, and those from around Tyre and Sidon. A great multitude, hearing what great things he did, came to him. **9** He spoke to his disciples that a little boat should stay near him because of the crowd, so that they wouldn't press on him. **10** For he had healed many, so that as many as had diseases pressed on him that they might touch him.

What do these passages teach me about God?

January 19

Mark 3:11–15 — 11 The unclean spirits, whenever they saw him, fell down before
him and cried, “You are the Son of God!” **12** He sternly warned them that they should
not make him known. **13** He went up into the mountain and called to himself those
whom he wanted, and they went to him. **14** He appointed twelve, that they might be
with him, and that he might send them out to preach **15** and to have authority to heal
sicknesses and to cast out demons:

What do these passages teach me about God?

January 20

Mark 3:16–19 — 16 Simon (to whom he gave the name Peter); **17** James the son of Zebedee; and John, the brother of James, (whom he called Boanerges, which means, Sons of Thunder); **18** Andrew; Philip; Bartholomew; Matthew; Thomas; James, the son of Alphaeus; Thaddaeus; Simon the Zealot; **19** and Judas Iscariot, who also betrayed him. Then he came into a house.

What do these passages teach me about God?

January 21

Mark 3:20–23 — 20 The multitude came together again, so that they could not so much as eat bread. **21** When his friends heard it, they went out to seize him; for they said, “He is insane.” **22** The scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, “He has Beelzebul,” and, “By the prince of the demons he casts out the demons.” **23** He summoned them and said to them in parables, “How can Satan cast out Satan?

What do these passages teach me about God?

January 22

Mark 3:24–27 — 24 If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. **25** If a house is divided against itself, that house cannot stand. **26** If Satan has risen up against himself, and is divided, he can't stand, but has an end. **27** But no one can enter into the house of the strong man to plunder unless he first binds the strong man; then he will plunder his house.

What do these passages teach me about God?

January 23

Mark 3:28–31 — 28 “Most certainly I tell you, all sins of the descendants of man will be forgiven, including their blasphemies with which they may blaspheme; **29** but whoever may blaspheme against the Holy Spirit never has forgiveness, but is subject to eternal condemnation.”**30** —because they said, “He has an unclean spirit.” **31** His mother and his brothers came, and standing outside, they sent to him, calling him.

What do these passages teach me about God?

January 24

Mark 3:32–35 — 32 A multitude was sitting around him, and they told him, “Behold, your mother, your brothers, and your sisters are outside looking for you.” **33** He answered them, “Who are my mother and my brothers?” **34** Looking around at those who sat around him, he said, “Behold, my mother and my brothers! **35** For whoever does the will of God is my brother, my sister, and mother.”

What do these passages teach me about God?

January 25

Mark 4:1–5 — 1 Again he began to teach by the seaside. A great multitude was gathered to him, so that he entered into a boat in the sea and sat down. All the multitude were on the land by the sea. **2** He taught them many things in parables, and told them in his teaching, **3** “Listen! Behold, the farmer went out to sow. **4** As he sowed, some seed fell by the road, and the birds came and devoured it. **5** Others fell on the rocky ground, where it had little soil, and immediately it sprang up, because it had no depth of soil.

What do these passages teach me about God?

January 26

Mark 4:6–10 — 6 When the sun had risen, it was scorched; and because it had no root, it withered away. **7** Others fell among the thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it, and it yielded no fruit. **8** Others fell into the good ground and yielded fruit, growing up and increasing. Some produced thirty times, some sixty times, and some one hundred times as much." **9** He said, "Whoever has ears to hear, let him hear." **10** When he was alone, those who were around him with the twelve asked him about the parables.

What do these passages teach me about God?

January 27

Mark 4:11–15 — 11 He said to them, “To you is given the mystery of God’s Kingdom, but to those who are outside, all things are done in parables, **12** that ‘seeing they may see and not perceive, and hearing they may hear and not understand, lest perhaps they should turn again, and their sins should be forgiven them.’ ” **13** He said to them, “Don’t you understand this parable? How will you understand all of the parables? **14** The farmer sows the word. **15** The ones by the road are the ones where the word is sown; and when they have heard, immediately Satan comes and takes away the word which has been sown in them.

What do these passages teach me about God?

January 28

Mark 4:16–20 — 16 These in the same way are those who are sown on the rocky places, who, when they have heard the word, immediately receive it with joy. **17** They have no root in themselves, but are short-lived. When oppression or persecution arises because of the word, immediately they stumble. **18** Others are those who are sown among the thorns. These are those who have heard the word, **19** and the cares of this age, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the lusts of other things entering in choke the word, and it becomes unfruitful. **20** Those which were sown on the good ground are those who hear the word, accept it, and bear fruit, some thirty times, some sixty times, and some one hundred times.”

What do these passages teach me about God?

January 29

Mark 4:21–25 — 21 He said to them, “Is a lamp brought to be put under a basket or under a bed? Isn’t it put on a stand? **22** For there is nothing hidden except that it should be made known, neither was anything made secret but that it should come to light. **23** If any man has ears to hear, let him hear.” **24** He said to them, “Take heed what you hear. With whatever measure you measure, it will be measured to you; and more will be given to you who hear. **25** For whoever has, to him more will be given; and he who doesn’t have, even that which he has will be taken away from him.”

What do these passages teach me about God?

January 30

Mark 4:26–29 — 26 He said, “God’s Kingdom is as if a man should cast seed on the earth, **27** and should sleep and rise night and day, and the seed should spring up and grow, though he doesn’t know how. **28** For the earth bears fruit by itself: first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. **29** But when the fruit is ripe, immediately he puts in the sickle, because the harvest has come.”

What do these passages teach me about God?

January 31

Mark 4:30–33 — 30 He said, “How will we liken God’s Kingdom? Or with what parable will we illustrate it? **31** It’s like a grain of mustard seed, which, when it is sown in the earth, though it is less than all the seeds that are on the earth, **32** yet when it is sown, grows up and becomes greater than all the herbs, and puts out great branches, so that the birds of the sky can lodge under its shadow.” **33** With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it.

What do these passages teach me about God?

February 1

Mark 4:34–37 — 34 Without a parable he didn't speak to them; but privately to his own disciples he explained everything. **35** On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, "Let's go over to the other side." **36** Leaving the multitude, they took him with them, even as he was, in the boat. Other small boats were also with him. **37** A big wind storm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so much that the boat was already filled.

What do these passages teach me about God?

February 2

Mark 4:38–41 — 38 He himself was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and asked him, “Teacher, don’t you care that we are dying?” **39** He awoke and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, “Peace! Be still!” The wind ceased and there was a great calm. **40** He said to them, “Why are you so afraid? How is it that you have no faith?” **41** They were greatly afraid and said to one another, “Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?”

What do these passages teach me about God?

February 3

Mark 5:1–5 — 1 They came to the other side of the sea, into the country of the Gadarenes. **2** When he had come out of the boat, immediately a man with an unclean spirit met him out of the tombs. **3** He lived in the tombs. Nobody could bind him any more, not even with chains, **4** because he had been often bound with fetters and chains, and the chains had been torn apart by him, and the fetters broken in pieces. Nobody had the strength to tame him. **5** Always, night and day, in the tombs and in the mountains, he was crying out, and cutting himself with stones.

What do these passages teach me about God?

February 4

Mark 5:6–10 — 6 When he saw Jesus from afar, he ran and bowed down to him, **7** and crying out with a loud voice, he said, “What have I to do with you, Jesus, you Son of the Most High God? I adjure you by God, don’t torment me.” **8** For he said to him, “Come out of the man, you unclean spirit!” **9** He asked him, “What is your name?” He said to him, “My name is Legion, for we are many.” **10** He begged him much that he would not send them away out of the country.

What do these passages teach me about God?

February 5

Mark 5:11–15 — 11 Now on the mountainside there was a great herd of pigs
feeding. **12** All the demons begged him, saying, “Send us into the pigs, that we may
enter into them.” **13** At once Jesus gave them permission. The unclean spirits came
out and entered into the pigs. The herd of about two thousand rushed down the steep
bank into the sea, and they were drowned in the sea. **14** Those who fed the pigs fled,
and told it in the city and in the country. The people came to see what it was that had
happened. **15** They came to Jesus, and saw him who had been possessed by
demons sitting, clothed, and in his right mind, even him who had the legion; and they
were afraid.

What do these passages teach me about God?

February 6

Mark 5:16–20 — 16 Those who saw it declared to them what happened to him who was possessed by demons, and about the pigs. **17** They began to beg him to depart from their region. **18** As he was entering into the boat, he who had been possessed by demons begged him that he might be with him. **19** He didn't allow him, but said to him, "Go to your house, to your friends, and tell them what great things the Lord has done for you and how he had mercy on you." **20** He went his way, and began to proclaim in Decapolis how Jesus had done great things for him, and everyone marveled.

What do these passages teach me about God?

February 7

Mark 5:21–25 — 21 When Jesus had crossed back over in the boat to the other side, a great multitude was gathered to him; and he was by the sea. **22** Behold, one of the rulers of the synagogue, Jairus by name, came; and seeing him, he fell at his feet **23** and begged him much, saying, “My little daughter is at the point of death. Please come and lay your hands on her, that she may be made healthy, and live.” **24** He went with him, and a great multitude followed him, and they pressed upon him on all sides. **25** A certain woman who had a discharge of blood for twelve years,

What do these passages teach me about God?

February 8

Mark 5:26–30 — 26 and had suffered many things by many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and was no better, but rather grew worse, **27** having heard the things concerning Jesus, came up behind him in the crowd and touched his clothes. **28** For she said, “If I just touch his clothes, I will be made well.” **29** Immediately the flow of her blood was dried up, and she felt in her body that she was healed of her affliction. **30** Immediately Jesus, perceiving in himself that the power had gone out from him, turned around in the crowd and asked, “Who touched my clothes?”

What do these passages teach me about God?

February 9

Mark 5:31–35 — 31 His disciples said to him, “You see the multitude pressing against you, and you say, ‘Who touched me?’ ” **32** He looked around to see her who had done this thing. **33** But the woman, fearing and trembling, knowing what had been done to her, came and fell down before him, and told him all the truth. **34** He said to her, “Daughter, your faith has made you well. Go in peace, and be cured of your disease.” **35** While he was still speaking, people came from the synagogue ruler’s house, saying, “Your daughter is dead. Why bother the Teacher any more?”

What do these passages teach me about God?

February 10

Mark 5:36–39 — 36 But Jesus, when he heard the message spoken, immediately said to the ruler of the synagogue, “Don’t be afraid, only believe.” **37** He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John the brother of James. **38** He came to the synagogue ruler’s house, and he saw an uproar, weeping, and great wailing. **39** When he had entered in, he said to them, “Why do you make an uproar and weep? The child is not dead, but is asleep.”

What do these passages teach me about God?

February 11

Mark 5:40–43 — 40 They ridiculed him. But he, having put them all out, took the father of the child, her mother, and those who were with him, and went in where the child was lying. **41** Taking the child by the hand, he said to her, “Talitha cumi!” which means, being interpreted, “Girl, I tell you, get up!” **42** Immediately the girl rose up and walked, for she was twelve years old. They were amazed with great amazement. **43** He strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and commanded that something should be given to her to eat.

What do these passages teach me about God?

February 12

Mark 6:1–5 — 1 He went out from there. He came into his own country, and his disciples followed him. **2** When the Sabbath had come, he began to teach in the synagogue, and many hearing him were astonished, saying, “Where did this man get these things?” and, “What is the wisdom that is given to this man, that such mighty works come about by his hands? **3** Isn’t this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James, Joses, Judah, and Simon? Aren’t his sisters here with us?” So they were offended at him. **4** Jesus said to them, “A prophet is not without honor, except in his own country, and among his own relatives, and in his own house.” **5** He could do no mighty work there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and healed them.

What do these passages teach me about God?

February 13

Mark 6:6–10 — 6 He marveled because of their unbelief. He went around the villages teaching. **7** He called to himself the twelve, and began to send them out two by two; and he gave them authority over the unclean spirits. **8** He commanded them that they should take nothing for their journey, except a staff only: no bread, no wallet, no money in their purse, **9** but to wear sandals, and not put on two tunics. **10** He said to them, “Wherever you enter into a house, stay there until you depart from there.

What do these passages teach me about God?

February 14

Mark 6:11–15 — 11 Whoever will not receive you nor hear you, as you depart from there, shake off the dust that is under your feet for a testimony against them. Assuredly, I tell you, it will be more tolerable for Sodom and Gomorrah in the day of judgment than for that city!” **12** They went out and preached that people should repent. **13** They cast out many demons, and anointed many with oil who were sick and healed them. **14** King Herod heard this, for his name had become known, and he said, “John the Baptizer has risen from the dead, and therefore these powers are at work in him.” **15** But others said, “He is Elijah.” Others said, “He is a prophet, or like one of the prophets.”

What do these passages teach me about God?

February 15

Mark 6:16–20 — 16 But Herod, when he heard this, said, “This is John, whom I beheaded. He has risen from the dead.” **17** For Herod himself had sent out and arrested John and bound him in prison for the sake of Herodias, his brother Philip’s wife, for he had married her. **18** For John had said to Herod, “It is not lawful for you to have your brother’s wife.” **19** Herodias set herself against him and desired to kill him, but she couldn’t, **20** for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and kept him safe. When he heard him, he did many things, and he heard him gladly.

What do these passages teach me about God?

February 16

Mark 6:21–25 — 21 Then a convenient day came when Herod on his birthday made a supper for his nobles, the high officers, and the chief men of Galilee. **22** When the daughter of Herodias herself came in and danced, she pleased Herod and those sitting with him. The king said to the young lady, “Ask me whatever you want, and I will give it to you.” **23** He swore to her, “Whatever you ask of me, I will give you, up to half of my kingdom.” **24** She went out and said to her mother, “What shall I ask?” She said, “The head of John the Baptizer.” **25** She came in immediately with haste to the king and requested, “I want you to give me right now the head of John the Baptizer on a platter.”

What do these passages teach me about God?

February 17

Mark 6:26–30 — 26 The king was exceedingly sorry, but for the sake of his oaths and of his dinner guests, he didn't wish to refuse her. **27** Immediately the king sent out a soldier of his guard and commanded to bring John's head; and he went and beheaded him in the prison, **28** and brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the young lady; and the young lady gave it to her mother. **29** When his disciples heard this, they came and took up his corpse and laid it in a tomb. **30** The apostles gathered themselves together to Jesus, and they told him all things, whatever they had done, and whatever they had taught.

What do these passages teach me about God?

February 18

Mark 6:31–35 — 31 He said to them, “Come away into a deserted place, and rest awhile.” For there were many coming and going, and they had no leisure so much as to eat. **32** They went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. **33** They saw them going, and many recognized him and ran there on foot from all the cities. They arrived before them and came together to him. **34** Jesus came out, saw a great multitude, and he had compassion on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things. **35** When it was late in the day, his disciples came to him and said, “This place is deserted, and it is late in the day.

What do these passages teach me about God?

February 19

Mark 6:36–40 — 36 Send them away, that they may go into the surrounding country and villages and buy themselves bread, for they have nothing to eat.” **37** But he answered them, “You give them something to eat.” They asked him, “Shall we go and buy two hundred denarii worth of bread and give them something to eat?” **38** He said to them, “How many loaves do you have? Go see.” When they knew, they said, “Five, and two fish.” **39** He commanded them that everyone should sit down in groups on the green grass. **40** They sat down in ranks, by hundreds and by fifties.

What do these passages teach me about God?

February 20

Mark 6:41–44 — 41 He took the five loaves and the two fish; and looking up to heaven, he blessed and broke the loaves, and he gave to his disciples to set before them, and he divided the two fish among them all. **42** They all ate and were filled. **43** They took up twelve baskets full of broken pieces and also of the fish. **44** Those who ate the loaves were five thousand men.

What do these passages teach me about God?

February 21

Mark 6:45–48 — 45 Immediately he made his disciples get into the boat and go ahead to the other side, to Bethsaida, while he himself sent the multitude away. **46** After he had taken leave of them, he went up the mountain to pray. **47** When evening had come, the boat was in the middle of the sea, and he was alone on the land. **48** Seeing them distressed in rowing, for the wind was contrary to them, about the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea; and he would have passed by them,

What do these passages teach me about God?

February 22

Mark 6:49–52 — 49 but they, when they saw him walking on the sea, supposed that it was a ghost, and cried out; **50** for they all saw him and were troubled. But he immediately spoke with them and said to them, “Cheer up! It is I! Don’t be afraid.” **51** He got into the boat with them; and the wind ceased, and they were very amazed among themselves, and marveled; **52** for they hadn’t understood about the loaves, but their hearts were hardened.

What do these passages teach me about God?

February 23

Mark 6:53–56 — 53 When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored to the shore. **54** When they had come out of the boat, immediately the people recognized him, **55** and ran around that whole region, and began to bring those who were sick on their mats to where they heard he was. **56** Wherever he entered—into villages, or into cities, or into the country—they laid the sick in the marketplaces and begged him that they might just touch the fringe of his garment; and as many as touched him were made well.

What do these passages teach me about God?

February 24

Mark 7:1–5 — 1 Then the Pharisees and some of the scribes gathered together to him, having come from Jerusalem. **2** Now when they saw some of his disciples eating bread with defiled, that is unwashed, hands, they found fault. **3** (For the Pharisees and all the Jews don't eat unless they wash their hands and forearms, holding to the tradition of the elders. **4** They don't eat when they come from the marketplace unless they bathe themselves, and there are many other things which they have received to hold to: washings of cups, pitchers, bronze vessels, and couches.) **5** The Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why don't your disciples walk according to the tradition of the elders, but eat their bread with unwashed hands?"

What do these passages teach me about God?

February 25

Mark 7:6–10 — 6 He answered them, “Well did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites,
as it is written, ‘This people honors me with their lips, but their heart is far from me. **7**
They worship me in vain, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.’ **8** “For
you set aside the commandment of God, and hold tightly to the tradition of men—the
washing of pitchers and cups, and you do many other such things.” **9** He said to
them, “Full well do you reject the commandment of God, that you may keep your
tradition. **10** For Moses said, ‘Honor your father and your mother;’ and, ‘He who
speaks evil of father or mother, let him be put to death.’

What do these passages teach me about God?

February 26

Mark 7:11–15 — 11 But you say, ‘If a man tells his father or his mother, “Whatever
profit you might have received from me is Corban,” ’ ” that is to say, given to God, **12**
“then you no longer allow him to do anything for his father or his mother, **13** making
void the word of God by your tradition which you have handed down. You do many
things like this.” **14** He called all the multitude to himself and said to them, “Hear me,
all of you, and understand. **15** There is nothing from outside of the man that going into
him can defile him; but the things which proceed out of the man are those that defile
the man.

What do these passages teach me about God?

February 27

Mark 7:16–20 — 16 If anyone has ears to hear, let him hear!” **17** When he had entered into a house away from the multitude, his disciples asked him about the parable. **18** He said to them, “Are you also without understanding? Don’t you perceive that whatever goes into the man from outside can’t defile him, **19** because it doesn’t go into his heart, but into his stomach, then into the latrine, making all foods clean?” **20** He said, “That which proceeds out of the man, that defiles the man.

What do these passages teach me about God?

February 28

Mark 7:21–25 — 21 For from within, out of the hearts of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, sexual sins, murders, thefts, **22** covetings, wickedness, deceit, lustful desires, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, and foolishness. **23** All these evil things come from within and defile the man." **24** From there he arose and went away into the borders of Tyre and Sidon. He entered into a house and didn't want anyone to know it, but he couldn't escape notice. **25** For a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit, having heard of him, came and fell down at his feet.

What do these passages teach me about God?

March 1

Mark 7:26–29 — 26 Now the woman was a Greek, a Syrophoenician by race. She begged him that he would cast the demon out of her daughter. **27** But Jesus said to her, “Let the children be filled first, for it is not appropriate to take the children’s bread and throw it to the dogs.” **28** But she answered him, “Yes, Lord. Yet even the dogs under the table eat the children’s crumbs.” **29** He said to her, “For this saying, go your way. The demon has gone out of your daughter.”

What do these passages teach me about God?

March 2

Mark 7:30–33 — 30 She went away to her house, and found the child having been laid on the bed, with the demon gone out. **31** Again he departed from the borders of Tyre and Sidon, and came to the sea of Galilee through the middle of the region of Decapolis. **32** They brought to him one who was deaf and had an impediment in his speech. They begged him to lay his hand on him. **33** He took him aside from the multitude privately and put his fingers into his ears; and he spat and touched his tongue.

What do these passages teach me about God?

March 3

Mark 7:34–37 — 34 Looking up to heaven, he sighed, and said to him, “Ephphatha!” that is, “Be opened!” **35** Immediately his ears were opened, and the impediment of his tongue was released, and he spoke clearly. **36** He commanded them that they should tell no one, but the more he commanded them, so much the more widely they proclaimed it. **37** They were astonished beyond measure, saying, “He has done all things well. He makes even the deaf hear and the mute speak!”

What do these passages teach me about God?

March 4

Mark 8:1–5 — 1 In those days, when there was a very great multitude, and they had nothing to eat, Jesus called his disciples to himself and said to them, **2** “I have compassion on the multitude, because they have stayed with me now three days and have nothing to eat. **3** If I send them away fasting to their home, they will faint on the way, for some of them have come a long way.” **4** His disciples answered him, “From where could one satisfy these people with bread here in a deserted place?” **5** He asked them, “How many loaves do you have?” They said, “Seven.”

What do these passages teach me about God?

March 5

Mark 8:6–10 — 6 He commanded the multitude to sit down on the ground, and he took the seven loaves. Having given thanks, he broke them and gave them to his disciples to serve, and they served the multitude. **7** They also had a few small fish. Having blessed them, he said to serve these also. **8** They ate and were filled. They took up seven baskets of broken pieces that were left over. **9** Those who had eaten were about four thousand. Then he sent them away. **10** Immediately he entered into the boat with his disciples and came into the region of Dalmanutha.

What do these passages teach me about God?

March 6

Mark 8:11–15 — 11 The Pharisees came out and began to question him, seeking from him a sign from heaven and testing him. **12** He sighed deeply in his spirit and said, “Why does this generation seek a sign? Most certainly I tell you, no sign will be given to this generation.” **13** He left them, and again entering into the boat, departed to the other side. **14** They forgot to take bread; and they didn’t have more than one loaf in the boat with them. **15** He warned them, saying, “Take heed: beware of the yeast of the Pharisees and the yeast of Herod.”

What do these passages teach me about God?

March 7

Mark 8:16–20 — 16 They reasoned with one another, saying, “It’s because we have no bread.” **17** Jesus, perceiving it, said to them, “Why do you reason that it’s because you have no bread? Don’t you perceive yet or understand? Is your heart still hardened? **18** Having eyes, don’t you see? Having ears, don’t you hear? Don’t you remember? **19** When I broke the five loaves among the five thousand, how many baskets full of broken pieces did you take up?” They told him, “Twelve.” **20** “When the seven loaves fed the four thousand, how many baskets full of broken pieces did you take up?” They told him, “Seven.”

What do these passages teach me about God?

March 8

Mark 8:21–25 — 21 He asked them, “Don’t you understand yet?” **22** He came to Bethsaida. They brought a blind man to him and begged him to touch him. **23** He took hold of the blind man by the hand, and brought him out of the village. When he had spat on his eyes, and laid his hands on him, he asked him if he saw anything. **24** He looked up, and said, “I see men, but I see them like walking trees.” **25** Then again he laid his hands on his eyes. He looked intently, and was restored, and saw everyone clearly.

What do these passages teach me about God?

March 9

Mark 8:26–30 — 26 He sent him away to his house, saying, “Don’t enter into the village, nor tell anyone in the village.” **27** Jesus went out, with his disciples, into the villages of Caesarea Philippi. On the way he asked his disciples, “Who do men say that I am?” **28** They told him, “John the Baptizer, and others say Elijah, but others, one of the prophets.” **29** He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered, “You are the Christ.” **30** He commanded them that they should tell no one about him.

What do these passages teach me about God?

March 10

Mark 8:31–34 — 31 He began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. **32** He spoke to them openly. Peter took him and began to rebuke him. **33** But he, turning around and seeing his disciples, rebuked Peter, and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you have in mind not the things of God, but the things of men.” **34** He called the multitude to himself with his disciples and said to them, “Whoever wants to come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.

What do these passages teach me about God?

March 11

Mark 8:35–38 — 35 For whoever wants to save his life will lose it; and whoever will lose his life for my sake and the sake of the Good News will save it. **36** For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? **37** For what will a man give in exchange for his life? **38** For whoever will be ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man also will be ashamed of him when he comes in his Father's glory with the holy angels."

What do these passages teach me about God?

March 12

Mark 9:1–5 — 1 He said to them, “Most certainly I tell you, there are some standing here who will in no way taste death until they see God’s Kingdom come with power.” **2** After six days Jesus took with him Peter, James, and John, and brought them up onto a high mountain privately by themselves, and he was changed into another form in front of them. **3** His clothing became glistening, exceedingly white, like snow, such as no launderer on earth can whiten them. **4** Elijah and Moses appeared to them, and they were talking with Jesus. **5** Peter answered Jesus, “Rabbi, it is good for us to be here. Let’s make three tents: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.”

What do these passages teach me about God?

March 13

Mark 9:6–10 — 6 For he didn't know what to say, for they were very afraid. **7** A cloud came, overshadowing them, and a voice came out of the cloud, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." **8** Suddenly looking around, they saw no one with them any more, except Jesus only. **9** As they were coming down from the mountain, he commanded them that they should tell no one what things they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. **10** They kept this saying to themselves, questioning what the "rising from the dead" meant.

What do these passages teach me about God?

March 14

Mark 9:11–15 — 11 They asked him, saying, “Why do the scribes say that Elijah must come first?” **12** He said to them, “Elijah indeed comes first, and restores all things. How is it written about the Son of Man, that he should suffer many things and be despised? **13** But I tell you that Elijah has come, and they have also done to him whatever they wanted to, even as it is written about him.” **14** Coming to the disciples, he saw a great multitude around them, and scribes questioning them. **15** Immediately all the multitude, when they saw him, were greatly amazed, and running to him, greeted him.

What do these passages teach me about God?

March 15

Mark 9:16–20 — 16 He asked the scribes, “What are you asking them?” **17** One of the multitude answered, “Teacher, I brought to you my son, who has a mute spirit; **18** and wherever it seizes him, it throws him down; and he foams at the mouth, grinds his teeth, and becomes rigid. I asked your disciples to cast it out, and they weren’t able.” **19** He answered him, “Unbelieving generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I bear with you? Bring him to me.” **20** They brought him to him, and when he saw him, immediately the spirit convulsed him and he fell on the ground, wallowing and foaming at the mouth.

What do these passages teach me about God?

March 16

Mark 9:21–25 — 21 He asked his father, “How long has it been since this has been happening to him?” He said, “From childhood. **22** Often it has cast him both into the fire and into the water to destroy him. But if you can do anything, have compassion on us and help us.” **23** Jesus said to him, “If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes.” **24** Immediately the father of the child cried out with tears, “I believe. Help my unbelief!” **25** When Jesus saw that a multitude came running together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to him, “You mute and deaf spirit, I command you, come out of him, and never enter him again!”

What do these passages teach me about God?

March 17

Mark 9:26–30 — 26 After crying out and convulsing him greatly, it came out of him. The boy became like one dead, so much that most of them said, “He is dead.” **27** But Jesus took him by the hand and raised him up; and he arose. **28** When he had come into the house, his disciples asked him privately, “Why couldn’t we cast it out?” **29** He said to them, “This kind can come out by nothing but by prayer and fasting.” **30** They went out from there and passed through Galilee. He didn’t want anyone to know it,

What do these passages teach me about God?

March 18

Mark 9:31–34 — 31 for he was teaching his disciples, and said to them, “The Son of Man is being handed over to the hands of men, and they will kill him; and when he is killed, on the third day he will rise again.” **32** But they didn’t understand the saying, and were afraid to ask him. **33** He came to Capernaum, and when he was in the house he asked them, “What were you arguing among yourselves on the way?” **34** But they were silent, for they had disputed with one another on the way about who was the greatest.

What do these passages teach me about God?

March 19

Mark 9:35–38 — 35 He sat down and called the twelve; and he said to them, “If any man wants to be first, he shall be last of all, and servant of all.” **36** He took a little child and set him in the middle of them. Taking him in his arms, he said to them, **37** “Whoever receives one such little child in my name receives me; and whoever receives me, doesn’t receive me, but him who sent me.” **38** John said to him, “Teacher, we saw someone who doesn’t follow us casting out demons in your name; and we forbade him, because he doesn’t follow us.”

What do these passages teach me about God?

March 20

Mark 9:39–42 — 39 But Jesus said, “Don’t forbid him, for there is no one who will do a mighty work in my name and be able quickly to speak evil of me. **40** For whoever is not against us is on our side. **41** For whoever will give you a cup of water to drink in my name because you are Christ’s, most certainly I tell you, he will in no way lose his reward. **42** “Whoever will cause one of these little ones who believe in me to stumble, it would be better for him if he were thrown into the sea with a millstone hung around his neck.

What do these passages teach me about God?

March 21

Mark 9:43–46 — 43 If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off. It is better for you
to enter into life maimed, rather than having your two hands to go into Gehenna, into
the unquenchable fire, **44** ‘where their worm doesn’t die, and the fire is not quenched.’
45 If your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off. It is better for you to enter into life
lame, rather than having your two feet to be cast into Gehenna, into the fire that will
never be quenched— **46** ‘where their worm doesn’t die, and the fire is not quenched.’

What do these passages teach me about God?

March 22

Mark 9:47–50 — 47 If your eye causes you to stumble, throw it out. It is better for you to enter into God's Kingdom with one eye, rather than having two eyes to be cast into the Gehenna of fire, **48** 'where their worm doesn't die, and the fire is not quenched.' **49** For everyone will be salted with fire, and every sacrifice will be seasoned with salt. **50** Salt is good, but if the salt has lost its saltiness, with what will you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."

What do these passages teach me about God?

March 23

Mark 10:1–5 — 1 He arose from there and came into the borders of Judea and beyond the Jordan. Multitudes came together to him again. As he usually did, he was again teaching them. **2** Pharisees came to him testing him, and asked him, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?” **3** He answered, “What did Moses command you?” **4** They said, “Moses allowed a certificate of divorce to be written, and to divorce her.” **5** But Jesus said to them, “For your hardness of heart, he wrote you this commandment.

What do these passages teach me about God?

March 24

Mark 10:6–10 — 6 But from the beginning of the creation, God made them male and female. **7** For this cause a man will leave his father and mother, and will join to his wife, **8** and the two will become one flesh, so that they are no longer two, but one flesh. **9** What therefore God has joined together, let no man separate.” **10** In the house, his disciples asked him again about the same matter.

What do these passages teach me about God?

March 25

Mark 10:11–15 — 11 He said to them, “Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her. **12** If a woman herself divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.” **13** They were bringing to him little children, that he should touch them, but the disciples rebuked those who were bringing them. **14** But when Jesus saw it, he was moved with indignation and said to them, “Allow the little children to come to me! Don’t forbid them, for God’s Kingdom belongs to such as these. **15** Most certainly I tell you, whoever will not receive God’s Kingdom like a little child, he will in no way enter into it.”

What do these passages teach me about God?

March 26

Mark 10:16–20 — 16 He took them in his arms and blessed them, laying his hands on them. **17** As he was going out into the way, one ran to him, knelt before him, and asked him, “Good Teacher, what shall I do that I may inherit eternal life?” **18** Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good except one—God. **19** You know the commandments: ‘Do not murder,’ ‘Do not commit adultery,’ ‘Do not steal,’ ‘Do not give false testimony,’ ‘Do not defraud,’ ‘Honor your father and mother.’ ” **20** He said to him, “Teacher, I have observed all these things from my youth.”

What do these passages teach me about God?

March 27

Mark 10:21–25 — 21 Jesus looking at him loved him, and said to him, “One thing you lack. Go, sell whatever you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me, taking up the cross.” **22** But his face fell at that saying, and he went away sorrowful, for he was one who had great possessions. **23** Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How difficult it is for those who have riches to enter into God’s Kingdom!” **24** The disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus answered again, “Children, how hard it is for those who trust in riches to enter into God’s Kingdom! **25** It is easier for a camel to go through a needle’s eye than for a rich man to enter into God’s Kingdom.”

What do these passages teach me about God?

March 28

Mark 10:26–30 — 26 They were exceedingly astonished, saying to him, “Then who can be saved?” **27** Jesus, looking at them, said, “With men it is impossible, but not with God, for all things are possible with God.” **28** Peter began to tell him, “Behold, we have left all and have followed you.” **29** Jesus said, “Most certainly I tell you, there is no one who has left house, or brothers, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or land, for my sake, and for the sake of the Good News, **30** but he will receive one hundred times more now in this time: houses, brothers, sisters, mothers, children, and land, with persecutions; and in the age to come eternal life.

What do these passages teach me about God?

March 29

Mark 10:31–35 — 31 But many who are first will be last, and the last first.” **32** They were on the way, going up to Jerusalem; and Jesus was going in front of them, and they were amazed; and those who followed were afraid. He again took the twelve, and began to tell them the things that were going to happen to him. **33** “Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem. The Son of Man will be delivered to the chief priests and the scribes. They will condemn him to death, and will deliver him to the Gentiles. **34** They will mock him, spit on him, scourge him, and kill him. On the third day he will rise again.” **35** James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came near to him, saying, “Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we will ask.”

What do these passages teach me about God?

March 30

Mark 10:36–40 — 36 He said to them, “What do you want me to do for you?” **37** They said to him, “Grant to us that we may sit, one at your right hand and one at your left hand, in your glory.” **38** But Jesus said to them, “You don’t know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, and to be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?” **39** They said to him, “We are able.” Jesus said to them, “You shall indeed drink the cup that I drink, and you shall be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with; **40** but to sit at my right hand and at my left hand is not mine to give, but for whom it has been prepared.”

What do these passages teach me about God?

March 31

Mark 10:41–44 — 41 When the ten heard it, they began to be indignant toward James and John. **42** Jesus summoned them and said to them, “You know that they who are recognized as rulers over the nations lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. **43** But it shall not be so among you, but whoever wants to become great among you shall be your servant. **44** Whoever of you wants to become first among you shall be bondservant of all.

What do these passages teach me about God?

April 1

Mark 10:45–48 — 45 For the Son of Man also came not to be served but to serve,
and to give his life as a ransom for many.” **46** They came to Jericho. As he went out
from Jericho with his disciples and a great multitude, the son of Timaeus, Bartimaeus,
a blind beggar, was sitting by the road. **47** When he heard that it was Jesus the
Nazarene, he began to cry out and say, “Jesus, you son of David, have mercy on
me!” **48** Many rebuked him, that he should be quiet, but he cried out much more, “You
son of David, have mercy on me!”

What do these passages teach me about God?

April 2

Mark 10:49–52 — 49 Jesus stood still and said, “Call him.” They called the blind man, saying to him, “Cheer up! Get up. He is calling you!” **50** He, casting away his cloak, sprang up, and came to Jesus. **51** Jesus asked him, “What do you want me to do for you?” The blind man said to him, “Rabboni, that I may see again.” **52** Jesus said to him, “Go your way. Your faith has made you well.” Immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus on the way.

What do these passages teach me about God?

April 3

Mark 11:1–5 — 1 When they came near to Jerusalem, to Bethsphage and Bethany,
at the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples **2** and said to them, “Go your way
into the village that is opposite you. Immediately as you enter into it, you will find a
young donkey tied, on which no one has sat. Untie him and bring him. **3** If anyone
asks you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ say, ‘The Lord needs him;’ and immediately he
will send him back here.” **4** They went away, and found a young donkey tied at the
door outside in the open street, and they untied him. **5** Some of those who stood
there asked them, “What are you doing, untying the young donkey?”

What do these passages teach me about God?

April 4

Mark 11:6–10 — 6 They said to them just as Jesus had said, and they let them go. **7** They brought the young donkey to Jesus and threw their garments on it, and Jesus sat on it. **8** Many spread their garments on the way, and others were cutting down branches from the trees and spreading them on the road. **9** Those who went in front and those who followed cried out, “Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! **10** Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is coming in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!”

What do these passages teach me about God?

April 5

Mark 11:11–15 — 11 Jesus entered into the temple in Jerusalem. When he had looked around at everything, it being now evening, he went out to Bethany with the twelve. **12** The next day, when they had come out from Bethany, he was hungry. **13** Seeing a fig tree afar off having leaves, he came to see if perhaps he might find anything on it. When he came to it, he found nothing but leaves, for it was not the season for figs. **14** Jesus told it, “May no one ever eat fruit from you again!” and his disciples heard it. **15** They came to Jerusalem, and Jesus entered into the temple and began to throw out those who sold and those who bought in the temple, and overthrew the money changers’ tables and the seats of those who sold the doves.

What do these passages teach me about God?

April 6

Mark 11:16–20 — 16 He would not allow anyone to carry a container through the temple. **17** He taught, saying to them, “Isn’t it written, ‘My house will be called a house of prayer for all the nations?’ But you have made it a den of robbers!” **18** The chief priests and the scribes heard it, and sought how they might destroy him. For they feared him, because all the multitude was astonished at his teaching. **19** When evening came, he went out of the city. **20** As they passed by in the morning, they saw the fig tree withered away from the roots.

What do these passages teach me about God?

April 7

Mark 11:21–25 — 21 Peter, remembering, said to him, “Rabbi, look! The fig tree which you cursed has withered away.” **22** Jesus answered them, “Have faith in God. **23** For most certainly I tell you, whoever may tell this mountain, ‘Be taken up and cast into the sea,’ and doesn’t doubt in his heart, but believes that what he says is happening, he shall have whatever he says. **24** Therefore I tell you, all things whatever you pray and ask for, believe that you have received them, and you shall have them. **25** Whenever you stand praying, forgive, if you have anything against anyone; so that your Father, who is in heaven, may also forgive you your transgressions.

What do these passages teach me about God?

April 8

Mark 11:26–29 — 26 But if you do not forgive, neither will your Father in heaven
forgive your transgressions.” **27** They came again to Jerusalem, and as he was
walking in the temple, the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders came to him, **28**
and they began saying to him, “By what authority do you do these things? Or who
gave you this authority to do these things?” **29** Jesus said to them, “I will ask you one
question. Answer me, and I will tell you by what authority I do these things.

What do these passages teach me about God?

April 9

Mark 11:30–33 — 30 The baptism of John—was it from heaven, or from men? Answer me.” **31** They reasoned with themselves, saying, “If we should say, ‘From heaven;’ he will say, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’ **32** If we should say, ‘From men’ ”—they feared the people, for all held John to really be a prophet. **33** They answered Jesus, “We don’t know.” Jesus said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things.”

What do these passages teach me about God?

April 10

Mark 12:1–5 — 1 He began to speak to them in parables. “A man planted a vineyard, put a hedge around it, dug a pit for the wine press, built a tower, rented it out to a farmer, and went into another country. **2** When it was time, he sent a servant to the farmer to get from the farmer his share of the fruit of the vineyard. **3** They took him, beat him, and sent him away empty. **4** Again, he sent another servant to them; and they threw stones at him, wounded him in the head, and sent him away shamefully treated. **5** Again he sent another, and they killed him, and many others, beating some, and killing some.

What do these passages teach me about God?

April 11

Mark 12:6–10 — 6 Therefore still having one, his beloved son, he sent him last to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ **7** But those farmers said among themselves, ‘This is the heir. Come, let’s kill him, and the inheritance will be ours.’ **8** They took him, killed him, and cast him out of the vineyard. **9** What therefore will the lord of the vineyard do? He will come and destroy the farmers, and will give the vineyard to others. **10** Haven’t you even read this Scripture: ‘The stone which the builders rejected was made the head of the corner.

What do these passages teach me about God?

April 12

Mark 12:11–15 — 11 This was from the Lord. It is marvelous in our eyes'?" **12** They tried to seize him, but they feared the multitude; for they perceived that he spoke the parable against them. They left him and went away. **13** They sent some of the Pharisees and the Herodians to him, that they might trap him with words. **14** When they had come, they asked him, "Teacher, we know that you are honest, and don't defer to anyone; for you aren't partial to anyone, but truly teach the way of God. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not? **15** Shall we give, or shall we not give?" But he, knowing their hypocrisy, said to them, "Why do you test me? Bring me a denarius, that I may see it."

What do these passages teach me about God?

April 13

Mark 12:16–20 — 16 They brought it. He said to them, “Whose is this image and inscription?” They said to him, “Caesar’s.” **17** Jesus answered them, “Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” They marveled greatly at him. **18** Some Sadducees, who say that there is no resurrection, came to him. They asked him, saying, **19** “Teacher, Moses wrote to us, ‘If a man’s brother dies and leaves a wife behind him, and leaves no children, that his brother should take his wife and raise up offspring for his brother.’ **20** There were seven brothers. The first took a wife, and dying left no offspring.

What do these passages teach me about God?

April 14

Mark 12:21–24 — 21 The second took her, and died, leaving no children behind him. The third likewise; **22** and the seven took her and left no children. Last of all the woman also died. **23** In the resurrection, when they rise, whose wife will she be of them? For the seven had her as a wife.” **24** Jesus answered them, “Isn’t this because you are mistaken, not knowing the Scriptures nor the power of God?

What do these passages teach me about God?

April 15

Mark 12:25–28 — 25 For when they will rise from the dead, they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like angels in heaven. **26** But about the dead, that they are raised, haven't you read in the book of Moses about the Bush, how God spoke to him, saying, 'I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob'? **27** He is not the God of the dead, but of the living. You are therefore badly mistaken." **28** One of the scribes came and heard them questioning together, and knowing that he had answered them well, asked him, "Which commandment is the greatest of all?"

What do these passages teach me about God?

April 16

Mark 12:29–32 — 29 Jesus answered, “The greatest is: ‘Hear, Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one. **30** You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.’ This is the first commandment. **31** The second is like this: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.” **32** The scribe said to him, “Truly, teacher, you have said well that he is one, and there is none other but he;

What do these passages teach me about God?

April 17

Mark 12:33–36 — 33 and to love him with all the heart, with all the understanding, all the soul, and with all the strength, and to love his neighbor as himself, is more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices." **34** When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, "You are not far from God's Kingdom." No one dared ask him any question after that. **35** Jesus responded, as he taught in the temple, "How is it that the scribes say that the Christ is the son of David? **36** For David himself said in the Holy Spirit, 'The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand, until I make your enemies the footstool of your feet." '

What do these passages teach me about God?

April 18

Mark 12:37–40 — 37 Therefore David himself calls him Lord, so how can he be his
son?” The common people heard him gladly. **38** In his teaching he said to them,
“Beware of the scribes, who like to walk in long robes, and to get greetings in the
marketplaces, **39** and to get the best seats in the synagogues and the best places at
feasts, **40** those who devour widows’ houses, and for a pretense make long prayers.
These will receive greater condemnation.”

What do these passages teach me about God?

April 19

Mark 12:41–44 — 41 Jesus sat down opposite the treasury and saw how the multitude cast money into the treasury. Many who were rich cast in much. **42** A poor widow came and she cast in two small brass coins, which equal a quadrans coin.**43** He called his disciples to himself and said to them, “Most certainly I tell you, this poor widow gave more than all those who are giving into the treasury, **44** for they all gave out of their abundance, but she, out of her poverty, gave all that she had to live on.”

What do these passages teach me about God?

April 20

Mark 13:1–5 — 1 As he went out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, “Teacher, see what kind of stones and what kind of buildings!” **2** Jesus said to him, “Do you see these great buildings? There will not be left here one stone on another, which will not be thrown down.” **3** As he sat on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, **4** “Tell us, when will these things be? What is the sign that these things are all about to be fulfilled?” **5** Jesus, answering, began to tell them, “Be careful that no one leads you astray.

What do these passages teach me about God?

April 21

Mark 13:6–10 — 6 For many will come in my name, saying, ‘I am he!’ and will lead many astray. **7** “When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, don’t be troubled. For those must happen, but the end is not yet. **8** For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be earthquakes in various places. There will be famines and troubles. These things are the beginning of birth pains. **9** “But watch yourselves, for they will deliver you up to councils. You will be beaten in synagogues. You will stand before rulers and kings for my sake, for a testimony to them. **10** The Good News must first be preached to all the nations.

What do these passages teach me about God?

April 22

Mark 13:11–15 — 11 When they lead you away and deliver you up, don't be anxious beforehand or premeditate what you will say, but say whatever will be given you in that hour. For it is not you who speak, but the Holy Spirit. **12** "Brother will deliver up brother to death, and the father his child. Children will rise up against parents and cause them to be put to death. **13** You will be hated by all men for my name's sake, but he who endures to the end will be saved. **14** "But when you see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing where it ought not" (let the reader understand), "then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains, **15** and let him who is on the housetop not go down, nor enter in, to take anything out of his house.

What do these passages teach me about God?

April 23

Mark 13:16–20 — 16 Let him who is in the field not return back to take his cloak. **17** But woe to those who are with child and to those who nurse babies in those days! **18** Pray that your flight won't be in the winter. **19** For in those days there will be oppression, such as there has not been the like from the beginning of the creation which God created until now, and never will be. **20** Unless the Lord had shortened the days, no flesh would have been saved; but for the sake of the chosen ones, whom he picked out, he shortened the days.

What do these passages teach me about God?

April 24

Mark 13:21–25 — 21 Then if anyone tells you, ‘Look, here is the Christ!’ or, ‘Look, there!’ don’t believe it. **22** For false christs and false prophets will arise and will show signs and wonders, that they may lead astray, if possible, even the chosen ones. **23** But you watch. “Behold, I have told you all things beforehand. **24** But in those days, after that oppression, the sun will be darkened, the moon will not give its light, **25** the stars will be falling from the sky, and the powers that are in the heavens will be shaken.

What do these passages teach me about God?

April 25

Mark 13:26–29 — 26 Then they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. **27** Then he will send out his angels, and will gather together his chosen ones from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of the sky. **28** “Now from the fig tree, learn this parable. When the branch has now become tender and produces its leaves, you know that the summer is near; **29** even so you also, when you see these things coming to pass, know that it is near, at the doors.

What do these passages teach me about God?

April 26

Mark 13:30–33 — 30 Most certainly I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things happen. **31** Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. **32** “But of that day or that hour no one knows—not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. **33** Watch, keep alert, and pray; for you don’t know when the time is.

What do these passages teach me about God?

April 27

Mark 13:34–37 — 34 “It is like a man traveling to another country, having left his house and given authority to his servants, and to each one his work, and also commanded the doorkeeper to keep watch. **35** Watch therefore, for you don’t know when the lord of the house is coming—whether at evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or in the morning; **36** lest, coming suddenly, he might find you sleeping. **37** What I tell you, I tell all: Watch!”

What do these passages teach me about God?

April 28

Mark 14:1–5 — 1 It was now two days before the Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread, and the chief priests and the scribes sought how they might seize him by deception and kill him. **2** For they said, “Not during the feast, because there might be a riot among the people.” **3** While he was at Bethany, in the house of Simon the leper, as he sat at the table, a woman came having an alabaster jar of ointment of pure nard—very costly. She broke the jar and poured it over his head. **4** But there were some who were indignant among themselves, saying, “Why has this ointment been wasted? **5** For this might have been sold for more than three hundred denarii and given to the poor.” So they grumbled against her.

What do these passages teach me about God?

April 29

Mark 14:6–10 — 6 But Jesus said, “Leave her alone. Why do you trouble her? She has done a good work for me. **7** For you always have the poor with you, and whenever you want to, you can do them good; but you will not always have me. **8** She has done what she could. She has anointed my body beforehand for the burying. **9** Most certainly I tell you, wherever this Good News may be preached throughout the whole world, that which this woman has done will also be spoken of for a memorial of her.” **10** Judas Iscariot, who was one of the twelve, went away to the chief priests, that he might deliver him to them.

What do these passages teach me about God?

April 30

Mark 14:11–15 — 11 They, when they heard it, were glad, and promised to give him money. He sought how he might conveniently deliver him. **12** On the first day of unleavened bread, when they sacrificed the Passover, his disciples asked him, “Where do you want us to go and prepare that you may eat the Passover?” **13** He sent two of his disciples and said to them, “Go into the city, and there a man carrying a pitcher of water will meet you. Follow him, **14** and wherever he enters in, tell the master of the house, ‘The Teacher says, “Where is the guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?” ’ **15** He will himself show you a large upper room furnished and ready. Get ready for us there.”

What do these passages teach me about God?

May 1

Mark 14:16–20 — 16 His disciples went out, and came into the city, and found things as he had said to them, and they prepared the Passover. **17** When it was evening he came with the twelve. **18** As they sat and were eating, Jesus said, “Most certainly I tell you, one of you will betray me—he who eats with me.” **19** They began to be sorrowful, and to ask him one by one, “Surely not I?” And another said, “Surely not I?” **20** He answered them, “It is one of the twelve, he who dips with me in the dish.

What do these passages teach me about God?

May 2

Mark 14:21–25 — 21 For the Son of Man goes as it is written about him, but woe to
that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would be better for that man if he
had not been born.” **22** As they were eating, Jesus took bread, and when he had
blessed it, he broke it and gave to them, and said, “Take, eat. This is my body.” **23** He
took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave to them. They all drank of it. **24**
He said to them, “This is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for many.
25 Most certainly I tell you, I will no more drink of the fruit of the vine until that day
when I drink it anew in God’s Kingdom.”

What do these passages teach me about God?

May 3

Mark 14:26–30 — 26 When they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. **27** Jesus said to them, “All of you will be made to stumble because of me tonight, for it is written, ‘I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered.’ **28** However, after I am raised up, I will go before you into Galilee.” **29** But Peter said to him, “Although all will be offended, yet I will not.” **30** Jesus said to him, “Most certainly I tell you that you today, even this night, before the rooster crows twice, you will deny me three times.”

What do these passages teach me about God?

May 4

Mark 14:31–35 — 31 But he spoke all the more, “If I must die with you, I will not deny you.” They all said the same thing. **32** They came to a place which was named Gethsemane. He said to his disciples, “Sit here while I pray.” **33** He took with him Peter, James, and John, and began to be greatly troubled and distressed. **34** He said to them, “My soul is exceedingly sorrowful, even to death. Stay here and watch.” **35** He went forward a little, and fell on the ground, and prayed that if it were possible, the hour might pass away from him.

What do these passages teach me about God?

May 5

Mark 14:36–40 — 36 He said, “Abba, Father, all things are possible to you. Please remove this cup from me. However, not what I desire, but what you desire.” **37** He came and found them sleeping, and said to Peter, “Simon, are you sleeping? Couldn’t you watch one hour? **38** Watch and pray, that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.” **39** Again he went away and prayed, saying the same words. **40** Again he returned and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy; and they didn’t know what to answer him.

What do these passages teach me about God?

May 6

Mark 14:41–44 — 41 He came the third time and said to them, “Sleep on now, and take your rest. It is enough. The hour has come. Behold, the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. **42** Arise! Let’s get going. Behold, he who betrays me is at hand.” **43** Immediately, while he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, came—and with him a multitude with swords and clubs, from the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders. **44** Now he who betrayed him had given them a sign, saying, “Whomever I will kiss, that is he. Seize him, and lead him away safely.”

What do these passages teach me about God?

May 7

Mark 14:45–48 — 45 When he had come, immediately he came to him and said, “Rabbi! Rabbi!” and kissed him. **46** They laid their hands on him and seized him. **47** But a certain one of those who stood by drew his sword and struck the servant of the high priest, and cut off his ear. **48** Jesus answered them, “Have you come out, as against a robber, with swords and clubs to seize me?

What do these passages teach me about God?

May 8

Mark 14:49–52 — 49 I was daily with you in the temple teaching, and you didn't arrest me. But this is so that the Scriptures might be fulfilled." **50** They all left him, and fled. **51** A certain young man followed him, having a linen cloth thrown around himself over his naked body. The young men grabbed him, **52** but he left the linen cloth and fled from them naked.

What do these passages teach me about God?

May 9

Mark 14:53–56 — 53 They led Jesus away to the high priest. All the chief priests, the elders, and the scribes came together with him. **54** Peter had followed him from a distance, until he came into the court of the high priest. He was sitting with the officers, and warming himself in the light of the fire. **55** Now the chief priests and the whole council sought witnesses against Jesus to put him to death, and found none. **56** For many gave false testimony against him, and their testimony didn't agree with each other.

What do these passages teach me about God?

May 10

Mark 14:57–60 — 57 Some stood up and gave false testimony against him, saying, **58** “We heard him say, ‘I will destroy this temple that is made with hands, and in three days I will build another made without hands.’ ” **59** Even so, their testimony didn’t agree. **60** The high priest stood up in the middle, and asked Jesus, “Have you no answer? What is it which these testify against you?”

What do these passages teach me about God?

May 11

Mark 14:61–64 — 61 But he stayed quiet, and answered nothing. Again the high priest asked him, “Are you the Christ, the Son of the Blessed?” **62** Jesus said, “I am. You will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of Power, and coming with the clouds of the sky.” **63** The high priest tore his clothes and said, “What further need have we of witnesses? **64** You have heard the blasphemy! What do you think?” They all condemned him to be worthy of death.

What do these passages teach me about God?

May 12

Mark 14:65–68 — 65 Some began to spit on him, and to cover his face, and to beat him with fists, and to tell him, “Prophesy!” The officers struck him with the palms of their hands. **66** As Peter was in the courtyard below, one of the maids of the high priest came, **67** and seeing Peter warming himself, she looked at him and said, “You were also with the Nazarene, Jesus!” **68** But he denied it, saying, “I neither know nor understand what you are saying.” He went out on the porch, and the rooster crowed.

What do these passages teach me about God?

May 13

Mark 14:69–72 — 69 The maid saw him and began again to tell those who stood by, “This is one of them.” **70** But he again denied it. After a little while again those who stood by said to Peter, “You truly are one of them, for you are a Galilean, and your speech shows it.” **71** But he began to curse and to swear, “I don’t know this man of whom you speak!” **72** The rooster crowed the second time. Peter remembered the words that Jesus said to him, “Before the rooster crows twice, you will deny me three times.” When he thought about that, he wept.

What do these passages teach me about God?

May 14

Mark 15:1–5 — 1 Immediately in the morning the chief priests, with the elders, scribes, and the whole council, held a consultation, bound Jesus, carried him away, and delivered him up to Pilate. **2** Pilate asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” He answered, “So you say.” **3** The chief priests accused him of many things. **4** Pilate again asked him, “Have you no answer? See how many things they testify against you!” **5** But Jesus made no further answer, so that Pilate marveled.

What do these passages teach me about God?

May 15

Mark 15:6–10 — 6 Now at the feast he used to release to them one prisoner,
whomever they asked of him. **7** There was one called Barabbas, bound with his fellow
insurgents, men who in the insurrection had committed murder. **8** The multitude,
crying aloud, began to ask him to do as he always did for them. **9** Pilate answered
them, saying, “Do you want me to release to you the King of the Jews?” **10** For he
perceived that for envy the chief priests had delivered him up.

What do these passages teach me about God?

May 16

Mark 15:11–15 — 11 But the chief priests stirred up the multitude, that he should release Barabbas to them instead. **12** Pilate again asked them, “What then should I do to him whom you call the King of the Jews?” **13** They cried out again, “Crucify him!” **14** Pilate said to them, “Why, what evil has he done?” But they cried out exceedingly, “Crucify him!” **15** Pilate, wishing to please the multitude, released Barabbas to them, and handed over Jesus, when he had flogged him, to be crucified.

What do these passages teach me about God?

May 17

Mark 15:16–20 — 16 The soldiers led him away within the court, which is the Praetorium; and they called together the whole cohort. **17** They clothed him with purple; and weaving a crown of thorns, they put it on him. **18** They began to salute him, “Hail, King of the Jews!” **19** They struck his head with a reed and spat on him, and bowing their knees, did homage to him. **20** When they had mocked him, they took the purple cloak off him, and put his own garments on him. They led him out to crucify him.

What do these passages teach me about God?

May 18

Mark 15:21–25 — 21 They compelled one passing by, coming from the country, Simon of Cyrene, the father of Alexander and Rufus, to go with them that he might bear his cross. **22** They brought him to the place called Golgotha, which is, being interpreted, “The place of a skull.” **23** They offered him wine mixed with myrrh to drink, but he didn’t take it. **24** Crucifying him, they parted his garments among them, casting lots on them, what each should take. **25** It was the third hour when they crucified him.

What do these passages teach me about God?

May 19

Mark 15:26–30 — 26 The superscription of his accusation was written over him:
“THE KING OF THE JEWS.” **27** With him they crucified two robbers, one on his right
hand, and one on his left. **28** The Scripture was fulfilled which says, “He was counted
with transgressors.” **29** Those who passed by blasphemed him, wagging their heads
and saying, “Ha! You who destroy the temple and build it in three days, **30** save
yourself, and come down from the cross!”

What do these passages teach me about God?

May 20

Mark 15:31–35 — 31 Likewise, also the chief priests mocking among themselves with the scribes said, “He saved others. He can’t save himself. **32** Let the Christ, the King of Israel, now come down from the cross, that we may see and believe him.” Those who were crucified with him also insulted him. **33** When the sixth hour had come, there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour.**34** At the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, “Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?” which is, being interpreted, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” **35** Some of those who stood by, when they heard it, said, “Behold, he is calling Elijah.”

What do these passages teach me about God?

May 21

Mark 15:36–39 — 36 One ran, and filling a sponge full of vinegar, put it on a reed and gave it to him to drink, saying, “Let him be. Let’s see whether Elijah comes to take him down.” **37** Jesus cried out with a loud voice, and gave up the spirit. **38** The veil of the temple was torn in two from the top to the bottom. **39** When the centurion, who stood by opposite him, saw that he cried out like this and breathed his last, he said, “Truly this man was the Son of God!”

What do these passages teach me about God?

May 22

Mark 15:40–43 — 40 There were also women watching from afar, among whom were both Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James the less and of Joses, and Salome; **41** who, when he was in Galilee, followed him and served him; and many other women who came up with him to Jerusalem. **42** When evening had now come, because it was the Preparation Day, that is, the day before the Sabbath, **43** Joseph of Arimathaea, a prominent council member who also himself was looking for God's Kingdom, came. He boldly went in to Pilate, and asked for Jesus' body.

What do these passages teach me about God?

May 23

Mark 15:44–47 — 44 Pilate was surprised to hear that he was already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he had been dead long. **45** When he found out from the centurion, he granted the body to Joseph. **46** He bought a linen cloth, and taking him down, wound him in the linen cloth and laid him in a tomb which had been cut out of a rock. He rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. **47** Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses, saw where he was laid.

What do these passages teach me about God?

May 24

Mark 16:1–4 — 1 When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, that they might come and anoint him. **2** Very early on the first day of the week, they came to the tomb when the sun had risen. **3** They were saying among themselves, “Who will roll away the stone from the door of the tomb for us?” **4** for it was very big. Looking up, they saw that the stone was rolled back.

What do these passages teach me about God?

May 25

Mark 16:5–8 — 5 Entering into the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right
side, dressed in a white robe; and they were amazed. **6** He said to them, “Don’t be
amazed. You seek Jesus, the Nazarene, who has been crucified. He has risen! He is
not here. See the place where they laid him! **7** But go, tell his disciples and Peter, ‘He
goes before you into Galilee. There you will see him, as he said to you.’ ” **8** They went
out, and fled from the tomb, for trembling and astonishment had come on them. They
said nothing to anyone; for they were afraid.

What do these passages teach me about God?

May 26

Mark 16:9–12 — 9 Now when he had risen early on the first day of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, from whom he had cast out seven demons. **10** She went and told those who had been with him, as they mourned and wept. **11** When they heard that he was alive and had been seen by her, they disbelieved. **12** After these things he was revealed in another form to two of them as they walked, on their way into the country.

What do these passages teach me about God?

May 27

Mark 16:13–16 — 13 They went away and told it to the rest. They didn't believe them, either. **14** Afterward he was revealed to the eleven themselves as they sat at the table; and he rebuked them for their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they didn't believe those who had seen him after he had risen. **15** He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the Good News to the whole creation. **16** He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who disbelieves will be condemned.

What do these passages teach me about God?

May 28

Mark 16:17–20 — 17 These signs will accompany those who believe: in my name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new languages; **18** they will take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it will in no way hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover.” **19** So then the Lord, after he had spoken to them, was received up into heaven and sat down at the right hand of God. **20** They went out and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word by the signs that followed. Amen.

What do these passages teach me about God?

May 29

Joshua 1:1–5 — 1 Now after the death of Moses the servant of Yahweh, Yahweh spoke to Joshua the son of Nun, Moses' servant, saying, **2** "Moses my servant is dead. Now therefore arise, go across this Jordan, you and all these people, to the land which I am giving to them, even to the children of Israel. **3** I have given you every place that the sole of your foot will tread on, as I told Moses. **4** From the wilderness and this Lebanon even to the great river, the river Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, and to the great sea toward the going down of the sun, shall be your border. **5** No man will be able to stand before you all the days of your life. As I was with Moses, so I will be with you. I will not fail you nor forsake you.

What do these passages teach me about God?

May 30

Joshua 1:6–10 — 6 “Be strong and courageous; for you shall cause this people to inherit the land which I swore to their fathers to give them. **7** Only be strong and very courageous. Be careful to observe to do according to all the law which Moses my servant commanded you. Don’t turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may have good success wherever you go. **8** This book of the law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it; for then you shall make your way prosperous, and then you shall have good success. **9** Haven’t I commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Don’t be afraid. Don’t be dismayed, for Yahweh your God is with you wherever you go.” **10** Then Joshua commanded the officers of the people, saying,

What do these passages teach me about God?

May 31

Joshua 1:11–14 — 11 “Pass through the middle of the camp, and command the people, saying, ‘Prepare food; for within three days you are to pass over this Jordan, to go in to possess the land which Yahweh your God gives you to possess.’ ” **12** Joshua spoke to the Reubenites, and to the Gadites, and to the half-tribe of Manasseh, saying, **13** “Remember the word which Moses the servant of Yahweh commanded you, saying, ‘Yahweh your God gives you rest, and will give you this land. **14** Your wives, your little ones, and your livestock shall live in the land which Moses gave you beyond the Jordan; but you shall pass over before your brothers armed, all the mighty men of valor, and shall help them

What do these passages teach me about God?

June 1

Joshua 1:15–18 — 15 until Yahweh has given your brothers rest, as he has given you, and they have also possessed the land which Yahweh your God gives them. Then you shall return to the land of your possession and possess it, which Moses the servant of Yahweh gave you beyond the Jordan toward the sunrise.' " **16** They answered Joshua, saying, "All that you have commanded us we will do, and wherever you send us we will go. **17** Just as we listened to Moses in all things, so will we listen to you. Only may Yahweh your God be with you, as he was with Moses. **18** Whoever rebels against your commandment, and doesn't listen to your words in all that you command him shall himself be put to death. Only be strong and courageous."

What do these passages teach me about God?

June 2

Joshua 2:1–4 — 1 Joshua the son of Nun secretly sent two men out of Shittim as spies, saying, “Go, view the land, including Jericho.” They went and came into the house of a prostitute whose name was Rahab, and slept there. **2** The king of Jericho was told, “Behold, men of the children of Israel came in here tonight to spy out the land.” **3** Jericho’s king sent to Rahab, saying, “Bring out the men who have come to you, who have entered into your house; for they have come to spy out all the land.” **4** The woman took the two men and hid them. Then she said, “Yes, the men came to me, but I didn’t know where they came from.

What do these passages teach me about God?

June 3

Joshua 2:5–8 — 5 About the time of the shutting of the gate, when it was dark, the men went out. Where the men went, I don't know. Pursue them quickly. You may catch up with them." **6** But she had brought them up to the roof, and hidden them under the stalks of flax which she had laid in order on the roof. **7** The men pursued them along the way to the fords of the Jordan River. As soon as those who pursued them had gone out, they shut the gate. **8** Before they had lain down, she came up to them on the roof.

What do these passages teach me about God?

June 4

Joshua 2:9–12 — 9 She said to the men, “I know that Yahweh has given you the land, and that the fear of you has fallen upon us, and that all the inhabitants of the land melt away before you. **10** For we have heard how Yahweh dried up the water of the Red Sea before you, when you came out of Egypt; and what you did to the two kings of the Amorites, who were beyond the Jordan, to Sihon and to Og, whom you utterly destroyed. **11** As soon as we had heard it, our hearts melted, and there wasn’t any more spirit in any man, because of you: for Yahweh your God, he is God in heaven above, and on earth beneath. **12** Now therefore, please swear to me by Yahweh, since I have dealt kindly with you, that you also will deal kindly with my father’s house, and give me a true sign;

What do these passages teach me about God?

June 5

Joshua 2:13–16 — 13 and that you will save alive my father, my mother, my brothers, and my sisters, and all that they have, and will deliver our lives from death." **14** The men said to her, "Our life for yours, if you don't talk about this business of ours; and it shall be, when Yahweh gives us the land, that we will deal kindly and truly with you." **15** Then she let them down by a cord through the window; for her house was on the side of the wall, and she lived on the wall. **16** She said to them, "Go to the mountain, lest the pursuers find you. Hide yourselves there three days, until the pursuers have returned. Afterward, you may go your way."

What do these passages teach me about God?

June 6

Joshua 2:17–20 — 17 The men said to her, “We will be guiltless of this your oath which you’ve made us to swear. **18** Behold, when we come into the land, tie this line of scarlet thread in the window which you used to let us down. Gather to yourself into the house your father, your mother, your brothers, and all your father’s household. **19** It shall be that whoever goes out of the doors of your house into the street, his blood will be on his head, and we will be guiltless. Whoever is with you in the house, his blood shall be on our head, if any hand is on him. **20** But if you talk about this business of ours, then we shall be guiltless of your oath which you’ve made us to swear.”

What do these passages teach me about God?

June 7

Joshua 2:21–24 — 21 She said, “Let it be as you have said.” She sent them away, and they departed. Then she tied the scarlet line in the window. **22** They went and came to the mountain, and stayed there three days, until the pursuers had returned. The pursuers sought them all along the way, but didn’t find them. **23** Then the two men returned, descended from the mountain, crossed the river, and came to Joshua the son of Nun. They told him all that had happened to them. **24** They said to Joshua, “Truly Yahweh has delivered all the land into our hands. Moreover, all the inhabitants of the land melt away before us.”

What do these passages teach me about God?

June 8

Joshua 3:1–5 — 1 Joshua got up early in the morning; and they moved from Shittim and came to the Jordan, he and all the children of Israel. They camped there before they crossed over. **2** After three days, the officers went through the middle of the camp; **3** and they commanded the people, saying, “When you see the ark of Yahweh your God’s covenant, and the Levitical priests bearing it, then leave your place and follow it. **4** Yet there shall be a space between you and it of about two thousand cubits by measure—don’t come closer to it—that you may know the way by which you must go; for you have not passed this way before.” **5** Joshua said to the people, “Sanctify yourselves; for tomorrow Yahweh will do wonders among you.”

What do these passages teach me about God?

June 9

Joshua 3:6–9 — 6 Joshua spoke to the priests, saying, “Take up the ark of the covenant, and cross over before the people.” They took up the ark of the covenant, and went before the people. **7** Yahweh said to Joshua, “Today I will begin to magnify you in the sight of all Israel, that they may know that as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. **8** You shall command the priests who bear the ark of the covenant, saying, ‘When you come to the brink of the waters of the Jordan, you shall stand still in the Jordan.’ ” **9** Joshua said to the children of Israel, “Come here, and hear the words of Yahweh your God.”

What do these passages teach me about God?

June 10

Joshua 3:10–13 — 10 Joshua said, “By this you shall know that the living God is among you, and that he will without fail drive the Canaanite, the Hittite, the Hivite, the Perizzite, the Girgashite, the Amorite, and the Jebusite out from before you. **11** Behold, the ark of the covenant of the Lord of all the earth passes over before you into the Jordan. **12** Now therefore take twelve men out of the tribes of Israel, for every tribe a man. **13** It shall be that when the soles of the feet of the priests who bear the ark of Yahweh, the Lord of all the earth, rest in the waters of the Jordan, that the waters of the Jordan will be cut off. The waters that come down from above shall stand in one heap.”

What do these passages teach me about God?

June 11

Joshua 3:14–17 — 14 When the people moved from their tents to pass over the Jordan, the priests who bore the ark of the covenant being before the people, **15** and when those who bore the ark had come to the Jordan, and the feet of the priests who bore the ark had dipped in the edge of the water (for the Jordan overflows all its banks all the time of harvest), **16** the waters which came down from above stood, and rose up in one heap a great way off, at Adam, the city that is beside Zarethan; and those that went down toward the sea of the Arabah, even the Salt Sea, were wholly cut off. Then the people passed over near Jericho. **17** The priests who bore the ark of Yahweh's covenant stood firm on dry ground in the middle of the Jordan; and all Israel crossed over on dry ground, until all the nation had passed completely over the Jordan.

What do these passages teach me about God?

June 12

Joshua 4:1–4 — 1 When all the nation had completely crossed over the Jordan, Yahweh spoke to Joshua, saying, **2** “Take twelve men out of the people, a man out of every tribe, **3** and command them, saying, ‘Take from out of the middle of the Jordan, out of the place where the priests’ feet stood firm, twelve stones, carry them over with you, and lay them down in the place where you’ll camp tonight.’ ” **4** Then Joshua called the twelve men whom he had prepared of the children of Israel, a man out of every tribe.

What do these passages teach me about God?

June 13

Joshua 4:5–8 — 5 Joshua said to them, “Cross before the ark of Yahweh your God into the middle of the Jordan, and each of you pick up a stone and put it on your shoulder, according to the number of the tribes of the children of Israel; **6** that this may be a sign among you, that when your children ask in the future, saying, ‘What do you mean by these stones?’ **7** then you shall tell them, ‘Because the waters of the Jordan were cut off before the ark of Yahweh’s covenant. When it crossed over the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan were cut off. These stones shall be for a memorial to the children of Israel forever.’ ” **8** The children of Israel did as Joshua commanded, and took up twelve stones out of the middle of the Jordan, as Yahweh spoke to Joshua, according to the number of the tribes of the children of Israel. They carried them over with them to the place where they camped, and laid them down there.

What do these passages teach me about God?

June 14

Joshua 4:9–12 — 9 Joshua set up twelve stones in the middle of the Jordan, in the place where the feet of the priests who bore the ark of the covenant stood; and they are there to this day. **10** For the priests who bore the ark stood in the middle of the Jordan until everything was finished that Yahweh commanded Joshua to speak to the people, according to all that Moses commanded Joshua; and the people hurried and passed over. **11** When all the people had completely crossed over, Yahweh's ark crossed over with the priests in the presence of the people. **12** The children of Reuben, and the children of Gad, and the half-tribe of Manasseh crossed over armed before the children of Israel, as Moses spoke to them.

What do these passages teach me about God?

June 15

Joshua 4:13–16 — 13 About forty thousand men, ready and armed for war, passed over before Yahweh to battle, to the plains of Jericho. **14** On that day, Yahweh magnified Joshua in the sight of all Israel; and they feared him, as they feared Moses, all the days of his life. **15** Yahweh spoke to Joshua, saying, **16** “Command the priests who bear the ark of the covenant, that they come up out of the Jordan.”

What do these passages teach me about God?

June 16

Joshua 4:17–20 — 17 Joshua therefore commanded the priests, saying, “Come up out of the Jordan!” **18** When the priests who bore the ark of Yahweh’s covenant had come up out of the middle of the Jordan, and the soles of the priests’ feet had been lifted up to the dry ground, the waters of the Jordan returned to their place, and went over all its banks, as before. **19** The people came up out of the Jordan on the tenth day of the first month, and encamped in Gilgal, on the east border of Jericho. **20** Joshua set up those twelve stones, which they took out of the Jordan, in Gilgal.

What do these passages teach me about God?

June 17

Joshua 4:21–24 — 21 He spoke to the children of Israel, saying, “When your children ask their fathers in time to come, saying, ‘What do these stones mean?’ **22** Then you shall let your children know, saying, ‘Israel came over this Jordan on dry land. **23** For Yahweh your God dried up the waters of the Jordan from before you until you had crossed over, as Yahweh your God did to the Red Sea, which he dried up from before us, until we had crossed over, **24** that all the peoples of the earth may know that Yahweh’s hand is mighty, and that you may fear Yahweh your God forever.’ ”

What do these passages teach me about God?

June 18

Joshua 5:1–5 — 1 When all the kings of the Amorites, who were beyond the Jordan
westward, and all the kings of the Canaanites, who were by the sea, heard how
Yahweh had dried up the waters of the Jordan from before the children of Israel until
we had crossed over, their heart melted, and there was no more spirit in them,
because of the children of Israel. **2** At that time, Yahweh said to Joshua, “Make flint
knives, and circumcise again the sons of Israel the second time.” **3** Joshua made
himself flint knives, and circumcised the sons of Israel at the hill of the foreskins. **4**
This is the reason Joshua circumcised them: all the people who came out of Egypt,
who were males, even all the men of war, died in the wilderness along the way, after
they came out of Egypt. **5** For all the people who came out were circumcised; but all
the people who were born in the wilderness along the way as they came out of Egypt
had not been circumcised.

What do these passages teach me about God?

June 19

Joshua 5:6–10 — 6 For the children of Israel walked forty years in the wilderness until all the nation, even the men of war who came out of Egypt, were consumed, because they didn't listen to Yahweh's voice. Yahweh swore to them that he wouldn't let them see the land which Yahweh swore to their fathers that he would give us, a land flowing with milk and honey. **7** Their children, whom he raised up in their place, were circumcised by Joshua, for they were uncircumcised, because they had not circumcised them on the way. **8** When they were done circumcising the whole nation, they stayed in their places in the camp until they were healed. **9** Yahweh said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away the reproach of Egypt from you." Therefore the name of that place was called Gilgal to this day. **10** The children of Israel encamped in Gilgal. They kept the Passover on the fourteenth day of the month at evening in the plains of Jericho.

What do these passages teach me about God?

June 20

Joshua 5:11–15 — 11 They ate unleavened cakes and parched grain of the produce of the land on the next day after the Passover, in the same day. **12** The manna ceased on the next day, after they had eaten of the produce of the land. The children of Israel didn't have manna any more, but they ate of the fruit of the land of Canaan that year. **13** When Joshua was by Jericho, he lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, a man stood in front of him with his sword drawn in his hand. Joshua went to him and said to him, "Are you for us, or for our enemies?" **14** He said, "No; but I have come now as commander of Yahweh's army." Joshua fell on his face to the earth, and worshiped, and asked him, "What does my lord say to his servant?" **15** The prince of Yahweh's army said to Joshua, "Take off your sandals, for the place on which you stand is holy." Joshua did so.

What do these passages teach me about God?

June 21

Joshua 6:1–5 — 1 Now Jericho was tightly shut up because of the children of Israel. No one went out, and no one came in. **2** Yahweh said to Joshua, “Behold, I have given Jericho into your hand, with its king and the mighty men of valor. **3** All of your men of war shall march around the city, going around the city once. You shall do this six days. **4** Seven priests shall bear seven trumpets of rams’ horns before the ark. On the seventh day, you shall march around the city seven times, and the priests shall blow the trumpets. **5** It shall be that when they make a long blast with the ram’s horn, and when you hear the sound of the trumpet, all the people shall shout with a great shout; then the city wall will fall down flat, and the people shall go up, every man straight in front of him.”

What do these passages teach me about God?

June 22

Joshua 6:6–10 — 6 Joshua the son of Nun called the priests, and said to them, “Take up the ark of the covenant, and let seven priests bear seven trumpets of rams’ horns before Yahweh’s ark.” **7** They said to the people, “Advance! March around the city, and let the armed men pass on before Yahweh’s ark.” **8** It was so, that when Joshua had spoken to the people, the seven priests bearing the seven trumpets of rams’ horns before Yahweh advanced and blew the trumpets, and the ark of Yahweh’s covenant followed them. **9** The armed men went before the priests who blew the trumpets, and the ark went after them. The trumpets sounded as they went. **10** Joshua commanded the people, saying, “You shall not shout nor let your voice be heard, neither shall any word proceed out of your mouth until the day I tell you to shout. Then you shall shout.”

What do these passages teach me about God?

June 23

Joshua 6:11–15 — 11 So he caused Yahweh's ark to go around the city, circling it once. Then they came into the camp, and stayed in the camp. **12** Joshua rose early in the morning, and the priests took up Yahweh's ark. **13** The seven priests bearing the seven trumpets of rams' horns in front of Yahweh's ark went on continually, and blew the trumpets. The armed men went in front of them. The rear guard came after Yahweh's ark. The trumpets sounded as they went. **14** The second day they marched around the city once, and returned into the camp. They did this six days. **15** On the seventh day, they rose early at the dawning of the day, and marched around the city in the same way seven times. On this day only they marched around the city seven times.

What do these passages teach me about God?

June 24

Joshua 6:16–19 — 16 At the seventh time, when the priests blew the trumpets, Joshua said to the people, “Shout, for Yahweh has given you the city! **17** The city shall be devoted, even it and all that is in it, to Yahweh. Only Rahab the prostitute shall live, she and all who are with her in the house, because she hid the messengers that we sent. **18** But as for you, only keep yourselves from what is devoted to destruction, lest when you have devoted it, you take of the devoted thing; so you would make the camp of Israel accursed and trouble it. **19** But all the silver, gold, and vessels of bronze and iron are holy to Yahweh. They shall come into Yahweh’s treasury.”

What do these passages teach me about God?

June 25

Joshua 6:20–23 — 20 So the people shouted and the priests blew the trumpets. When the people heard the sound of the trumpet, the people shouted with a great shout, and the wall fell down flat, so that the people went up into the city, every man straight in front of him, and they took the city. **21** They utterly destroyed all that was in the city, both man and woman, both young and old, and ox, sheep, and donkey, with the edge of the sword. **22** Joshua said to the two men who had spied out the land, “Go into the prostitute’s house, and bring the woman and all that she has out from there, as you swore to her.” **23** The young men who were spies went in, and brought out Rahab with her father, her mother, her brothers, and all that she had. They also brought out all of her relatives, and they set them outside of the camp of Israel.

What do these passages teach me about God?

June 26

Joshua 6:24–27 — 24 They burned the city with fire, and all that was in it. Only they put the silver, the gold, and the vessels of bronze and of iron into the treasury of Yahweh's house. **25** But Rahab the prostitute, her father's household, and all that she had, Joshua saved alive. She lives in the middle of Israel to this day, because she hid the messengers whom Joshua sent to spy out Jericho. **26** Joshua commanded them with an oath at that time, saying, "Cursed is the man before Yahweh who rises up and builds this city Jericho. With the loss of his firstborn he will lay its foundation, and with the loss of his youngest son he will set up its gates." **27** So Yahweh was with Joshua; and his fame was in all the land.

What do these passages teach me about God?

June 27

Joshua 7:1–5 — 1 But the children of Israel committed a trespass in the devoted things; for Achan, the son of Carmi, the son of Zabdi, the son of Zerah, of the tribe of Judah, took some of the devoted things. Therefore Yahweh's anger burned against the children of Israel. **2** Joshua sent men from Jericho to Ai, which is beside Beth Aven, on the east side of Bethel, and spoke to them, saying, "Go up and spy out the land." The men went up and spied out Ai. **3** They returned to Joshua, and said to him, "Don't let all the people go up, but let about two or three thousand men go up and strike Ai. Don't make all the people to toil there, for there are only a few of them." **4** So about three thousand men of the people went up there, and they fled before the men of Ai. **5** The men of Ai struck about thirty-six men of them. They chased them from before the gate even to Shebarim, and struck them at the descent. The hearts of the people melted, and became like water.

What do these passages teach me about God?

June 28

Joshua 7:6–10 — 6 Joshua tore his clothes, and fell to the earth on his face before Yahweh's ark until the evening, he and the elders of Israel; and they put dust on their heads. **7** Joshua said, "Alas, Lord Yahweh, why have you brought this people over the Jordan at all, to deliver us into the hand of the Amorites, to cause us to perish? I wish that we had been content and lived beyond the Jordan! **8** Oh, Lord, what shall I say, after Israel has turned their backs before their enemies? **9** For the Canaanites and all the inhabitants of the land will hear of it, and will surround us, and cut off our name from the earth. What will you do for your great name?" **10** Yahweh said to Joshua, "Get up! Why have you fallen on your face like that?

What do these passages teach me about God?

June 29

Joshua 7:11–14 — 11 Israel has sinned. Yes, they have even transgressed my covenant which I commanded them. Yes, they have even taken some of the devoted things, and have also stolen, and also deceived. They have even put it among their own stuff. **12** Therefore the children of Israel can't stand before their enemies. They turn their backs before their enemies, because they have become devoted for destruction. I will not be with you any more, unless you destroy the devoted things from among you. **13** Get up! Sanctify the people, and say, 'Sanctify yourselves for tomorrow, for Yahweh, the God of Israel, says, "There is a devoted thing among you, Israel. You cannot stand before your enemies until you take away the devoted thing from among you." **14** In the morning therefore you shall be brought near by your tribes. It shall be that the tribe which Yahweh selects shall come near by families. The family which Yahweh selects shall come near by households. The household which Yahweh selects shall come near man by man.

What do these passages teach me about God?

June 30

Joshua 7:15–18 — 15 It shall be, that he who is taken with the devoted thing shall be burned with fire, he and all that he has, because he has transgressed Yahweh's covenant, and because he has done a disgraceful thing in Israel.' " **16** So Joshua rose up early in the morning and brought Israel near by their tribes. The tribe of Judah was selected. **17** He brought near the family of Judah, and he selected the family of the Zerahites. He brought near the family of the Zerahites man by man, and Zabdi was selected. **18** He brought near his household man by man, and Achan, the son of Carmi, the son of Zabdi, the son of Zerah, of the tribe of Judah, was selected.

What do these passages teach me about God?

July 1

Joshua 7:19–22 — 19 Joshua said to Achan, “My son, please give glory to Yahweh, the God of Israel, and make confession to him. Tell me now what you have done! Don’t hide it from me!” **20** Achan answered Joshua, and said, “I have truly sinned against Yahweh, the God of Israel, and this is what I have done. **21** When I saw among the plunder a beautiful Babylonian robe, two hundred shekels of silver, and a wedge of gold weighing fifty shekels, then I coveted them and took them. Behold, they are hidden in the ground in the middle of my tent, with the silver under it.” **22** So Joshua sent messengers, and they ran to the tent. Behold, it was hidden in his tent, with the silver under it.

What do these passages teach me about God?

July 2

Joshua 7:23–26 — 23 They took them from the middle of the tent, and brought them to Joshua and to all the children of Israel. They laid them down before Yahweh. **24** Joshua, and all Israel with him, took Achan the son of Zerah, the silver, the robe, the wedge of gold, his sons, his daughters, his cattle, his donkeys, his sheep, his tent, and all that he had; and they brought them up to the valley of Achor. **25** Joshua said, “Why have you troubled us? Yahweh will trouble you today.” All Israel stoned him with stones, and they burned them with fire and stoned them with stones. **26** They raised over him a great heap of stones that remains to this day. Yahweh turned from the fierceness of his anger. Therefore the name of that place was called “The valley of Achor” to this day.

What do these passages teach me about God?

July 3

Joshua 8:1–5 — 1 Yahweh said to Joshua, “Don’t be afraid, and don’t be dismayed. Take all the warriors with you, and arise, go up to Ai. Behold, I have given into your hand the king of Ai, with his people, his city, and his land. **2** You shall do to Ai and her king as you did to Jericho and her king, except you shall take its goods and its livestock for yourselves. Set an ambush for the city behind it.” **3** So Joshua arose, with all the warriors, to go up to Ai. Joshua chose thirty thousand men, the mighty men of valor, and sent them out by night. **4** He commanded them, saying, “Behold, you shall lie in ambush against the city, behind the city. Don’t go very far from the city, but all of you be ready. **5** I and all the people who are with me will approach the city. It shall happen, when they come out against us, as at the first, that we will flee before them.

What do these passages teach me about God?

July 4

Joshua 8:6–10 — 6 They will come out after us until we have drawn them away from the city; for they will say, ‘They flee before us, like the first time.’ So we will flee before them, **7** and you shall rise up from the ambush, and take possession of the city; for Yahweh your God will deliver it into your hand. **8** It shall be, when you have seized the city, that you shall set the city on fire. You shall do this according to Yahweh’s word. Behold, I have commanded you.” **9** Joshua sent them out; and they went to set up the ambush, and stayed between Bethel and Ai on the west side of Ai; but Joshua stayed among the people that night. **10** Joshua rose up early in the morning, mustered the people, and went up, he and the elders of Israel, before the people to Ai.

What do these passages teach me about God?

July 5

Joshua 8:11–15 — 11 All the people, even the men of war who were with him, went up and came near, and came before the city and encamped on the north side of Ai. Now there was a valley between him and Ai. **12** He took about five thousand men, and set them in ambush between Bethel and Ai, on the west side of the city. **13** So they set the people, even all the army who was on the north of the city, and their ambush on the west of the city; and Joshua went that night into the middle of the valley. **14** When the king of Ai saw it, they hurried and rose up early, and the men of the city went out against Israel to battle, he and all his people, at the time appointed, before the Arabah; but he didn't know that there was an ambush against him behind the city. **15** Joshua and all Israel made as if they were beaten before them, and fled by the way of the wilderness.

What do these passages teach me about God?

July 6

Joshua 8:16–19 — 16 All the people who were in the city were called together to pursue after them. They pursued Joshua, and were drawn away from the city. **17** There was not a man left in Ai or Bethel who didn't go out after Israel. They left the city open, and pursued Israel. **18** Yahweh said to Joshua, "Stretch out the javelin that is in your hand toward Ai, for I will give it into your hand." Joshua stretched out the javelin that was in his hand toward the city. **19** The ambush arose quickly out of their place, and they ran as soon as he had stretched out his hand and entered into the city and took it. They hurried and set the city on fire.

What do these passages teach me about God?

July 7

Joshua 8:20–23 — 20 When the men of Ai looked behind them, they saw, and behold, the smoke of the city ascended up to heaven, and they had no power to flee this way or that way. The people who fled to the wilderness turned back on the pursuers. **21** When Joshua and all Israel saw that the ambush had taken the city, and that the smoke of the city ascended, then they turned back and killed the men of Ai. **22** The others came out of the city against them, so they were in the middle of Israel, some on this side, and some on that side. They struck them, so that they let none of them remain or escape. **23** They captured the king of Ai alive, and brought him to Joshua.

What do these passages teach me about God?

July 8

Joshua 8:24–27 — 24 When Israel had finished killing all the inhabitants of Ai in the field, in the wilderness in which they pursued them, and they had all fallen by the edge of the sword until they were consumed, all Israel returned to Ai and struck it with the edge of the sword. **25** All that fell that day, both of men and women, were twelve thousand, even all the people of Ai. **26** For Joshua didn't draw back his hand, with which he stretched out the javelin, until he had utterly destroyed all the inhabitants of Ai. **27** Israel took for themselves only the livestock and the goods of that city, according to Yahweh's word which he commanded Joshua.

What do these passages teach me about God?

July 9

Joshua 8:28–31 — 28 So Joshua burned Ai and made it a heap forever, even a desolation, to this day. **29** He hanged the king of Ai on a tree until the evening. At sundown, Joshua commanded, and they took his body down from the tree and threw it at the entrance of the gate of the city, and raised a great heap of stones on it that remains to this day. **30** Then Joshua built an altar to Yahweh, the God of Israel, on Mount Ebal, **31** as Moses the servant of Yahweh commanded the children of Israel, as it is written in the book of the law of Moses: an altar of uncut stones, on which no one had lifted up any iron. They offered burnt offerings on it to Yahweh and sacrificed peace offerings.

What do these passages teach me about God?

July 10

Joshua 8:32–35 — 32 He wrote there on the stones a copy of Moses' law, which he wrote in the presence of the children of Israel. **33** All Israel, with their elders, officers, and judges, stood on both sides of the ark before the Levitical priests, who carried the ark of Yahweh's covenant, the foreigner as well as the native; half of them in front of Mount Gerizim, and half of them in front of Mount Ebal, as Moses the servant of Yahweh had commanded at the first, that they should bless the people of Israel. **34** Afterward he read all the words of the law, the blessing and the curse, according to all that is written in the book of the law. **35** There was not a word of all that Moses commanded which Joshua didn't read before all the assembly of Israel, with the women, the little ones, and the foreigners who were among them.

What do these passages teach me about God?

July 11

Joshua 9:1–5 — 1 When all the kings who were beyond the Jordan, in the hill country, and in the lowland, and on all the shore of the great sea in front of Lebanon, the Hittite, the Amorite, the Canaanite, the Perizzite, the Hivite, and the Jebusite, heard of it **2** they gathered themselves together to fight with Joshua and with Israel, with one accord. **3** But when the inhabitants of Gibeon heard what Joshua had done to Jericho and to Ai, **4** they also resorted to a ruse, and went and made as if they had been ambassadors, and took old sacks on their donkeys, and old, torn-up and bound up wine skins, **5** and old and patched sandals on their feet, and wore old garments. All the bread of their food supply was dry and moldy.

What do these passages teach me about God?

July 12

Joshua 9:6–10 — 6 They went to Joshua at the camp at Gilgal, and said to him and to the men of Israel, “We have come from a far country. Now therefore make a covenant with us.” **7** The men of Israel said to the Hivites, “What if you live among us? How could we make a covenant with you?” **8** They said to Joshua, “We are your servants.” Joshua said to them, “Who are you? Where do you come from?” **9** They said to him, “Your servants have come from a very far country because of the name of Yahweh your God; for we have heard of his fame, all that he did in Egypt, **10** and all that he did to the two kings of the Amorites who were beyond the Jordan, to Sihon king of Heshbon and to Og king of Bashan, who was at Ashtaroth.

What do these passages teach me about God?

July 13

Joshua 9:11–15 — 11 Our elders and all the inhabitants of our country spoke to us, saying, ‘Take supplies in your hand for the journey, and go to meet them. Tell them, “We are your servants. Now make a covenant with us.” ’ **12** This our bread we took hot for our supplies out of our houses on the day we went out to go to you; but now, behold, it is dry, and has become moldy. **13** These wine skins, which we filled, were new; and behold, they are torn. These our garments and our sandals have become old because of the very long journey.” **14** The men sampled their provisions, and didn’t ask counsel from Yahweh’s mouth. **15** Joshua made peace with them, and made a covenant with them, to let them live. The princes of the congregation swore to them.

What do these passages teach me about God?

July 14

Joshua 9:16–19 — 16 At the end of three days after they had made a covenant with them, they heard that they were their neighbors, and that they lived among them. **17** The children of Israel traveled and came to their cities on the third day. Now their cities were Gibeon, Chephirah, Beeroth, and Kiriath Jearim. **18** The children of Israel didn't strike them, because the princes of the congregation had sworn to them by Yahweh, the God of Israel. All the congregation murmured against the princes. **19** But all the princes said to all the congregation, "We have sworn to them by Yahweh, the God of Israel. Now therefore we may not touch them.

What do these passages teach me about God?

July 15

Joshua 9:20–23 — 20 We will do this to them, and let them live; lest wrath be on us, because of the oath which we swore to them.” **21** The princes said to them, “Let them live.” So they became wood cutters and drawers of water for all the congregation, as the princes had spoken to them. **22** Joshua called for them, and he spoke to them, saying, “Why have you deceived us, saying, ‘We are very far from you,’ when you live among us? **23** Now therefore you are cursed, and some of you will never fail to be slaves, both wood cutters and drawers of water for the house of my God.”

What do these passages teach me about God?

July 16

Joshua 9:24–27 — 24 They answered Joshua, and said, “Because your servants were certainly told how Yahweh your God commanded his servant Moses to give you all the land, and to destroy all the inhabitants of the land from before you. Therefore we were very afraid for our lives because of you, and have done this thing. **25** Now, behold, we are in your hand. Do to us as it seems good and right to you to do.” **26** He did so to them, and delivered them out of the hand of the children of Israel, so that they didn’t kill them. **27** That day Joshua made them wood cutters and drawers of water for the congregation and for Yahweh’s altar to this day, in the place which he should choose.

What do these passages teach me about God?

July 17

Joshua 10:1–5 — 1 Now when Adoni-Zedek king of Jerusalem heard how Joshua had taken Ai, and had utterly destroyed it; as he had done to Jericho and her king, so he had done to Ai and her king; and how the inhabitants of Gibeon had made peace with Israel, and were among them, **2** they were very afraid, because Gibeon was a great city, as one of the royal cities, and because it was greater than Ai, and all its men were mighty. **3** Therefore Adoni-Zedek king of Jerusalem sent to Hoham king of Hebron, Piram king of Jarmuth, Japhia king of Lachish, and Debir king of Eglon, saying, **4** “Come up to me and help me. Let’s strike Gibeon; for they have made peace with Joshua and with the children of Israel.” **5** Therefore the five kings of the Amorites, the king of Jerusalem, the king of Hebron, the king of Jarmuth, the king of Lachish, and the king of Eglon, gathered themselves together and went up, they and all their armies, and encamped against Gibeon, and made war against it.

What do these passages teach me about God?

July 18

Joshua 10:6–10 — 6 The men of Gibeon sent to Joshua at the camp at Gilgal, saying, “Don’t abandon your servants! Come up to us quickly and save us! Help us; for all the kings of the Amorites that dwell in the hill country have gathered together against us.” **7** So Joshua went up from Gilgal, he and the whole army with him, including all the mighty men of valor. **8** Yahweh said to Joshua, “Don’t fear them, for I have delivered them into your hands. Not a man of them will stand before you.” **9** Joshua therefore came to them suddenly. He marched from Gilgal all night. **10** Yahweh confused them before Israel. He killed them with a great slaughter at Gibeon, and chased them by the way of the ascent of Beth Horon, and struck them to Azekah and to Makkedah.

What do these passages teach me about God?

July 19

Joshua 10:11–15 — 11 As they fled from before Israel, while they were at the descent of Beth Horon, Yahweh hurled down great stones from the sky on them to Azekah, and they died. There were more who died from the hailstones than those whom the children of Israel killed with the sword. **12** Then Joshua spoke to Yahweh in the day when Yahweh delivered up the Amorites before the children of Israel. He said in the sight of Israel, “Sun, stand still on Gibeon! You, moon, stop in the valley of Aijalon!” **13** The sun stood still, and the moon stayed, until the nation had avenged themselves of their enemies. Isn’t this written in the book of Jashar? The sun stayed in the middle of the sky, and didn’t hurry to go down about a whole day. **14** There was no day like that before it or after it, that Yahweh listened to the voice of a man; for Yahweh fought for Israel. **15** Joshua returned, and all Israel with him, to the camp to Gilgal.

What do these passages teach me about God?

July 20

Joshua 10:16–20 — 16 These five kings fled, and hid themselves in the cave at Makkedah. **17** Joshua was told, saying, “The five kings have been found, hidden in the cave at Makkedah.” **18** Joshua said, “Roll large stones to cover the cave’s entrance, and set men by it to guard them; **19** but don’t stay there. Pursue your enemies, and attack them from the rear. Don’t allow them to enter into their cities; for Yahweh your God has delivered them into your hand.” **20** When Joshua and the children of Israel had finished killing them with a very great slaughter until they were consumed, and the remnant which remained of them had entered into the fortified cities,

What do these passages teach me about God?

July 21

Joshua 10:21–25 — 21 all the people returned to the camp to Joshua at Makkedah in peace. None moved his tongue against any of the children of Israel. **22** Then Joshua said, “Open the cave entrance, and bring those five kings out of the cave to me.” **23** They did so, and brought those five kings out of the cave to him: the king of Jerusalem, the king of Hebron, the king of Jarmuth, the king of Lachish, and the king of Eglon. **24** When they brought those kings out to Joshua, Joshua called for all the men of Israel, and said to the chiefs of the men of war who went with him, “Come near. Put your feet on the necks of these kings.” They came near, and put their feet on their necks. **25** Joshua said to them, “Don’t be afraid, nor be dismayed. Be strong and courageous, for Yahweh will do this to all your enemies against whom you fight.”

What do these passages teach me about God?

July 22

Joshua 10:26–30 — 26 Afterward Joshua struck them, put them to death, and hanged them on five trees. They were hanging on the trees until the evening. **27** At the time of the going down of the sun, Joshua commanded, and they took them down off the trees, and threw them into the cave in which they had hidden themselves, and laid great stones on the mouth of the cave, which remain to this very day. **28** Joshua took Makkedah on that day, and struck it with the edge of the sword, with its king. He utterly destroyed it and all the souls who were in it. He left no one remaining. He did to the king of Makkedah as he had done to the king of Jericho. **29** Joshua passed from Makkedah, and all Israel with him, to Libnah, and fought against Libnah. **30** Yahweh delivered it also, with its king, into the hand of Israel. He struck it with the edge of the sword, and all the souls who were in it. He left no one remaining in it. He did to its king as he had done to the king of Jericho.

What do these passages teach me about God?

July 23

Joshua 10:31–35 — 31 Joshua passed from Libnah, and all Israel with him, to Lachish, and encamped against it, and fought against it. **32** Yahweh delivered Lachish into the hand of Israel. He took it on the second day, and struck it with the edge of the sword, with all the souls who were in it, according to all that he had done to Libnah. **33** Then Horam king of Gezer came up to help Lachish; and Joshua struck him and his people, until he had left him no one remaining. **34** Joshua passed from Lachish, and all Israel with him, to Eglon; and they encamped against it and fought against it. **35** They took it on that day, and struck it with the edge of the sword. He utterly destroyed all the souls who were in it that day, according to all that he had done to Lachish.

What do these passages teach me about God?

July 24

Joshua 10:36–39 — 36 Joshua went up from Eglon, and all Israel with him, to Hebron; and they fought against it. **37** They took it, and struck it with the edge of the sword, with its king and all its cities, and all the souls who were in it. He left no one remaining, according to all that he had done to Eglon; but he utterly destroyed it, and all the souls who were in it. **38** Joshua returned, and all Israel with him, to Debir, and fought against it. **39** He took it, with its king and all its cities. They struck them with the edge of the sword, and utterly destroyed all the souls who were in it. He left no one remaining. As he had done to Hebron, so he did to Debir, and to its king; as he had done also to Libnah, and to its king.

What do these passages teach me about God?

July 25

Joshua 10:40–43 — 40 So Joshua struck all the land, the hill country, the South, the lowland, the slopes, and all their kings. He left no one remaining, but he utterly destroyed all that breathed, as Yahweh, the God of Israel, commanded. **41** Joshua struck them from Kadesh Barnea even to Gaza, and all the country of Goshen, even to Gibeon. **42** Joshua took all these kings and their land at one time because Yahweh, the God of Israel, fought for Israel. **43** Joshua returned, and all Israel with him, to the camp to Gilgal.

What do these passages teach me about God?

July 26

Joshua 11:1–5 — 1 When Jabin king of Hazor heard of it, he sent to Jobab king of Madon, to the king of Shimron, to the king of Achshaph, **2** and to the kings who were on the north, in the hill country, in the Arabah south of Chinneroth, in the lowland, and in the heights of Dor on the west, **3** to the Canaanite on the east and on the west, the Amorite, the Hittite, the Perizzite, the Jebusite in the hill country, and the Hivite under Hermon in the land of Mizpah. **4** They went out, they and all their armies with them, many people, even as the sand that is on the seashore in multitude, with very many horses and chariots. **5** All these kings met together; and they came and encamped together at the waters of Merom, to fight with Israel.

What do these passages teach me about God?

July 27

Joshua 11:6–10 — 6 Yahweh said to Joshua, “Don’t be afraid because of them; for tomorrow at this time, I will deliver them up all slain before Israel. You shall hamstring their horses and burn their chariots with fire.” **7** So Joshua came suddenly, with all the warriors, against them by the waters of Merom, and attacked them. **8** Yahweh delivered them into the hand of Israel, and they struck them, and chased them to great Sidon, and to Misrephoth Maim, and to the valley of Mizpah eastward. They struck them until they left them no one remaining. **9** Joshua did to them as Yahweh told him. He hamstrung their horses and burned their chariots with fire. **10** Joshua turned back at that time, and took Hazor, and struck its king with the sword; for Hazor used to be the head of all those kingdoms.

What do these passages teach me about God?

July 28

Joshua 11:11–15 — 11 They struck all the souls who were in it with the edge of the sword, utterly destroying them. There was no one left who breathed. He burned Hazor with fire. **12** Joshua captured all the cities of those kings, with their kings, and he struck them with the edge of the sword, and utterly destroyed them, as Moses the servant of Yahweh commanded. **13** But as for the cities that stood on their mounds, Israel burned none of them, except Hazor only. Joshua burned that. **14** The children of Israel took all the plunder of these cities, with the livestock, as plunder for themselves; but every man they struck with the edge of the sword, until they had destroyed them. They didn't leave any who breathed. **15** As Yahweh commanded Moses his servant, so Moses commanded Joshua. Joshua did so. He left nothing undone of all that Yahweh commanded Moses.

What do these passages teach me about God?

July 29

Joshua 11:16–19 — 16 So Joshua captured all that land, the hill country, all the South, all the land of Goshen, the lowland, the Arabah, the hill country of Israel, and the lowland of the same, **17** from Mount Halak, that goes up to Seir, even to Baal Gad in the valley of Lebanon under Mount Hermon. He took all their kings, struck them, and put them to death. **18** Joshua made war a long time with all those kings. **19** There was not a city that made peace with the children of Israel, except the Hivites, the inhabitants of Gibeon. They took all in battle.

What do these passages teach me about God?

July 30

Joshua 11:20–23 — 20 For it was of Yahweh to harden their hearts, to come against Israel in battle, that he might utterly destroy them, that they might have no favor, but that he might destroy them, as Yahweh commanded Moses. **21** Joshua came at that time, and cut off the Anakim from the hill country, from Hebron, from Debir, from Anab, and from all the hill country of Judah, and from all the hill country of Israel. Joshua utterly destroyed them with their cities. **22** There were none of the Anakim left in the land of the children of Israel. Only in Gaza, in Gath, and in Ashdod, did some remain. **23** So Joshua took the whole land, according to all that Yahweh spoke to Moses; and Joshua gave it for an inheritance to Israel according to their divisions by their tribes. Then the land had rest from war.

What do these passages teach me about God?

July 31

Joshua 12:1–4 — 1 Now these are the kings of the land, whom the children of Israel struck, and possessed their land beyond the Jordan toward the sunrise, from the valley of the Arnon to Mount Hermon, and all the Arabah eastward: **2** Sihon king of the Amorites, who lived in Heshbon, and ruled from Aroer, which is on the edge of the valley of the Arnon, and the middle of the valley, and half Gilead, even to the river Jabbok, the border of the children of Ammon; **3** and the Arabah to the sea of Chinneroth, eastward, and to the sea of the Arabah, even the Salt Sea, eastward, the way to Beth Jeshimoth; and on the south, under the slopes of Pisgah: **4** and the border of Og king of Bashan, of the remnant of the Rephaim, who lived at Ashtaroth and at Edrei,

What do these passages teach me about God?

August 1

Joshua 12:5–8 — 5 and ruled in Mount Hermon, and in Salecah, and in all Bashan, to the border of the Geshurites and the Maacathites, and half Gilead, the border of Sihon king of Heshbon. **6** Moses the servant of Yahweh and the children of Israel struck them. Moses the servant of Yahweh gave it for a possession to the Reubenites, and the Gadites, and the half-tribe of Manasseh. **7** These are the kings of the land whom Joshua and the children of Israel struck beyond the Jordan westward, from Baal Gad in the valley of Lebanon even to Mount Halak, that goes up to Seir. Joshua gave it to the tribes of Israel for a possession according to their divisions; **8** in the hill country, and in the lowland, and in the Arabah, and in the slopes, and in the wilderness, and in the South; the Hittite, the Amorite, and the Canaanite, the Perizzite, the Hivite, and the Jebusite:

What do these passages teach me about God?

August 2

Joshua 12:9–12 — 9 the king of Jericho, one; the king of Ai, which is beside Bethel, one; **10** the king of Jerusalem, one; the king of Hebron, one; **11** the king of Jarmuth, one; the king of Lachish, one; **12** the king of Eglon, one; the king of Gezer, one;

What do these passages teach me about God?

August 3

Joshua 12:13–16 — 13 the king of Debir, one; the king of Geder, one; **14** the king of Hormah, one; the king of Arad, one; **15** the king of Libnah, one; the king of Adullam, one; **16** the king of Makkedah, one; the king of Bethel, one;

What do these passages teach me about God?

August 4

Joshua 12:17–20 — 17 the king of Tappuah, one; the king of Hepher, one; **18** the king of Aphek, one; the king of Lassharon, one; **19** the king of Madon, one; the king of Hazor, one; **20** the king of Shimron Meron, one; the king of Achshaph, one;

What do these passages teach me about God?

August 5

Joshua 12:21–24 — 21 the king of Taanach, one; the king of Megiddo, one; **22** the king of Kedesh, one; the king of Jokneam in Carmel, one; **23** the king of Dor in the height of Dor, one; the king of Goiim in Gilgal, one; **24** the king of Tirzah, one: all the kings thirty-one.

What do these passages teach me about God?

August 6

Joshua 13:1–5 — 1 Now Joshua was old and well advanced in years. Yahweh said to him, “You are old and advanced in years, and there remains yet very much land to be possessed. **2** “This is the land that still remains: all the regions of the Philistines, and all the Geshurites; **3** from the Shihor, which is before Egypt, even to the border of Ekron northward, which is counted as Canaanite; the five lords of the Philistines; the Gazites, and the Ashdodites, the Ashkelonites, the Gittites, and the Ekronites; also the Avvim, **4** on the south; all the land of the Canaanites, and Mearah that belongs to the Sidonians, to Aphek, to the border of the Amorites; **5** and the land of the Gebalites, and all Lebanon, toward the sunrise, from Baal Gad under Mount Hermon to the entrance of Hamath;

What do these passages teach me about God?

August 7

Joshua 13:6–10 — 6 all the inhabitants of the hill country from Lebanon to Misrephoth Maim, even all the Sidonians. I will drive them out from before the children of Israel. Just allocate it to Israel for an inheritance, as I have commanded you. **7** Now therefore divide this land for an inheritance to the nine tribes and the half-tribe of Manasseh." **8** With him the Reubenites and the Gadites received their inheritance, which Moses gave them, beyond the Jordan eastward, even as Moses the servant of Yahweh gave them: **9** from Aroer, that is on the edge of the valley of the Arnon, and the city that is in the middle of the valley, and all the plain of Medeba to Dibon; **10** and all the cities of Sihon king of the Amorites, who reigned in Heshbon, to the border of the children of Ammon;

What do these passages teach me about God?

August 8

Joshua 13:11–15 — 11 and Gilead, and the border of the Geshurites and Maacathites, and all Mount Hermon, and all Bashan to Salecah; **12** all the kingdom of Og in Bashan, who reigned in Ashtaroth and in Edrei (who was left of the remnant of the Rephaim); for Moses attacked these, and drove them out. **13** Nevertheless the children of Israel didn't drive out the Geshurites, nor the Maacathites: but Geshur and Maacath live within Israel to this day. **14** Only he gave no inheritance to the tribe of Levi. The offerings of Yahweh, the God of Israel, made by fire are his inheritance, as he spoke to him. **15** Moses gave to the tribe of the children of Reuben according to their families.

What do these passages teach me about God?

August 9

Joshua 13:16–20 — 16 Their border was from Aroer, that is on the edge of the valley of the Arnon, and the city that is in the middle of the valley, and all the plain by Medeba; **17** Heshbon, and all its cities that are in the plain; Dibon, Bamoth Baal, Beth Baal Meon, **18** Jahaz, Kedemoth, Mephaath, **19** Kiriathaim, Sibmah, Zereth Shahar in the mount of the valley, **20** Beth Peor, the slopes of Pisgah, Beth Jeshimoth,

What do these passages teach me about God?

August 10

Joshua 13:21–25 — 21 all the cities of the plain, and all the kingdom of Sihon king of the Amorites, who reigned in Heshbon, whom Moses struck with the chiefs of Midian, Evi, Rekem, Zur, Hur, and Reba, the princes of Sihon, who lived in the land. **22** The children of Israel also killed Balaam the son of Beor, the soothsayer, with the sword, among the rest of their slain. **23** The border of the children of Reuben was the bank of the Jordan. This was the inheritance of the children of Reuben according to their families, the cities and its villages. **24** Moses gave to the tribe of Gad, to the children of Gad, according to their families. **25** Their border was Jazer, and all the cities of Gilead, and half the land of the children of Ammon, to Aroer that is near Rabbah;

What do these passages teach me about God?

August 11

Joshua 13:26–29 — 26 and from Heshbon to Ramath Mizpeh, and Betonim; and from Mahanaim to the border of Debir; **27** and in the valley, Beth Haram, Beth Nimrah, Succoth, and Zaphon, the rest of the kingdom of Sihon king of Heshbon, the Jordan's bank, to the uttermost part of the sea of Chinnereth beyond the Jordan eastward. **28** This is the inheritance of the children of Gad according to their families, the cities and its villages. **29** Moses gave an inheritance to the half-tribe of Manasseh. It was for the half-tribe of the children of Manasseh according to their families.

What do these passages teach me about God?

August 12

Joshua 13:30–33 — 30 Their border was from Mahanaim, all Bashan, all the kingdom of Og king of Bashan, and all the villages of Jair, which are in Bashan, sixty cities. **31** Half Gilead, Ashtaroth, and Edrei, the cities of the kingdom of Og in Bashan, were for the children of Machir the son of Manasseh, even for the half of the children of Machir according to their families. **32** These are the inheritances which Moses distributed in the plains of Moab, beyond the Jordan at Jericho, eastward. **33** But Moses gave no inheritance to the tribe of Levi. Yahweh, the God of Israel, is their inheritance, as he spoke to them.

What do these passages teach me about God?

August 13

Joshua 14:1–5 — 1 These are the inheritances which the children of Israel took in the land of Canaan, which Eleazar the priest, Joshua the son of Nun, and the heads of the fathers' houses of the tribes of the children of Israel, distributed to them, **2** by the lot of their inheritance, as Yahweh commanded by Moses, for the nine tribes, and for the half-tribe. **3** For Moses had given the inheritance of the two tribes and the half-tribe beyond the Jordan; but to the Levites he gave no inheritance among them. **4** For the children of Joseph were two tribes, Manasseh and Ephraim. They gave no portion to the Levites in the land, except cities to dwell in, with their pasture lands for their livestock and for their property. **5** The children of Israel did as Yahweh commanded Moses, and they divided the land.

What do these passages teach me about God?

August 14

Joshua 14:6–10 — 6 Then the children of Judah came near to Joshua in Gilgal. Caleb the son of Jephunneh the Kenizzite said to him, “You know the thing that Yahweh spoke to Moses the man of God concerning me and concerning you in Kadesh Barnea. **7** I was forty years old when Moses the servant of Yahweh sent me from Kadesh Barnea to spy out the land. I brought him word again as it was in my heart. **8** Nevertheless, my brothers who went up with me made the heart of the people melt; but I wholly followed Yahweh my God. **9** Moses swore on that day, saying, ‘Surely the land where you walked shall be an inheritance to you and to your children forever, because you have wholly followed Yahweh my God.’ **10** “Now, behold, Yahweh has kept me alive, as he spoke, these forty-five years, from the time that Yahweh spoke this word to Moses, while Israel walked in the wilderness. Now, behold, I am eighty-five years old, today.

What do these passages teach me about God?

August 15

Joshua 14:11–15 — 11 As yet I am as strong today as I was in the day that Moses sent me. As my strength was then, even so is my strength now for war, to go out and to come in. **12** Now therefore give me this hill country, of which Yahweh spoke in that day; for you heard in that day how the Anakim were there, and great and fortified cities. It may be that Yahweh will be with me, and I shall drive them out, as Yahweh said." **13** Joshua blessed him; and he gave Hebron to Caleb the son of Jephunneh for an inheritance. **14** Therefore Hebron became the inheritance of Caleb the son of Jephunneh the Kenizzite to this day, because he followed Yahweh, the God of Israel wholeheartedly. **15** Now the name of Hebron before was Kiriath Arba, after the greatest man among the Anakim. Then the land had rest from war.

What do these passages teach me about God?

August 16

Joshua 15:1–5 — 1 The lot for the tribe of the children of Judah according to their families was to the border of Edom, even to the wilderness of Zin southward, at the uttermost part of the south. **2** Their south border was from the uttermost part of the Salt Sea, from the bay that looks southward; **3** and it went out southward of the ascent of Akrabbim, and passed along to Zin, and went up by the south of Kadesh Barnea, and passed along by Hezron, went up to Addar, and turned toward Karka; **4** and it passed along to Azmon, went out at the brook of Egypt; and the border ended at the sea. This shall be your south border. **5** The east border was the Salt Sea, even to the end of the Jordan. The border of the north quarter was from the bay of the sea at the end of the Jordan.

What do these passages teach me about God?

August 17

Joshua 15:6–10 — 6 The border went up to Beth Hoglah, and passed along by the north of Beth Arabah; and the border went up to the stone of Bohan the son of Reuben. **7** The border went up to Debir from the valley of Achor, and so northward, looking toward Gilgal, that faces the ascent of Adummim, which is on the south side of the river. The border passed along to the waters of En Shemesh, and ended at En Rogel. **8** The border went up by the valley of the son of Hinnom to the side of the Jebusite (also called Jerusalem) southward; and the border went up to the top of the mountain that lies before the valley of Hinnom westward, which is at the farthest part of the valley of Rephaim northward. **9** The border extended from the top of the mountain to the spring of the waters of Nephtoah, and went out to the cities of Mount Ephron; and the border extended to Baalah (also called Kiriath Jearim); **10** and the border turned about from Baalah westward to Mount Seir, and passed along to the side of Mount Jearim (also called Chesalon) on the north, and went down to Beth Shemesh, and passed along by Timnah;

What do these passages teach me about God?

August 18

Joshua 15:11–15 — 11 and the border went out to the side of Ekron northward; and the border extended to Shikkeron, and passed along to Mount Baalah, and went out at Jabneel; and the goings out of the border were at the sea. **12** The west border was to the shore of the great sea. This is the border of the children of Judah according to their families. **13** He gave to Caleb the son of Jephunneh a portion among the children of Judah, according to the commandment of Yahweh to Joshua, even Kiriath Arba, named after the father of Anak (also called Hebron). **14** Caleb drove out the three sons of Anak: Sheshai, and Ahiman, and Talmai, the children of Anak. **15** He went up against the inhabitants of Debir: now the name of Debir before was Kiriath Sepher.

What do these passages teach me about God?

August 19

Joshua 15:16–20 — 16 Caleb said, “He who strikes Kiriath Sepher, and takes it, to
him I will give Achsah my daughter as wife.” **17** Othniel the son of Kenaz, the brother
of Caleb, took it: and he gave him Achsah his daughter as wife. **18** When she came,
she had him ask her father for a field. She got off her donkey, and Caleb said, “What
do you want?” **19** She said, “Give me a blessing. Because you have set me in the
land of the South, give me also springs of water.” So he gave her the upper springs
and the lower springs. **20** This is the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Judah
according to their families.

What do these passages teach me about God?

August 20

Joshua 15:21–25 — 21 The farthest cities of the tribe of the children of Judah
toward the border of Edom in the South were Kabzeel, Eder, Jagur, **22** Kinah,
Dimonah, Adadah, **23** Kedesh, Hazor, Ithnan, **24** Ziph, Telem, Bealoth, **25** Hazor
Hadattah, Kerioth Hezron (also called Hazor),

What do these passages teach me about God?

August 21

Joshua 15:26–30 — 26 Amam, Shema, Moladah, **27** Hazar Gaddah, Heshmon, Beth Pelet, **28** Hazar Shual, Beersheba, Biziothiah, **29** Baalah, Iim, Ezem, **30** Eltolad, Chesil, Hormah,

What do these passages teach me about God?

August 22

Joshua 15:31–35 — 31 Ziklag, Madmannah, Sansannah, **32** Lebaoth, Shilhim, Ain, and Rimmon. All the cities are twenty-nine, with their villages. **33** In the lowland, Eshtaol, Zorah, Ashnah, **34** Zanoah, En Gannim, Tappuah, Enam, **35** Jarmuth, Adullam, Socoh, Azekah,

What do these passages teach me about God?

August 23

Joshua 15:36–39 — 36 Shaaraim, Adithaim and Gederah (or Gederothaim);
fourteen cities with their villages. **37** Zenan, Hadashah, Migdal Gad, **38** Dilean,
Mizpah, Joktheel, **39** Lachish, Bozkath, Eglon,

What do these passages teach me about God?

August 24

Joshua 15:40–43 — 40 Cabbon, Lahmam, Chitlish, **41** Gederoth, Beth Dagon, Naamah, and Makkedah; sixteen cities with their villages. **42** Libnah, Ether, Ashan, **43** Iphtah, Ashnah, Nezib,

What do these passages teach me about God?

August 25

Joshua 15:44–47 — 44 Keilah, Achzib, and Mareshah; nine cities with their villages. **45** Ekron, with its towns and its villages; **46** from Ekron even to the sea, all that were by the side of Ashdod, with their villages. **47** Ashdod, its towns and its villages; Gaza, its towns and its villages; to the brook of Egypt, and the great sea with its coastline.

What do these passages teach me about God?

August 26

Joshua 15:48–51 — 48 In the hill country, Shamir, Jattir, Socoh, **49** Dannah, Kiriath Sannah (which is Debir), **50** Anab, Eshtemoh, Anim, **51** Goshen, Holon, and Giloh; eleven cities with their villages.

What do these passages teach me about God?

August 27

Joshua 15:52–55 — 52 Arab, Dumah, Eshan, **53** Janim, Beth Tappuah, Aphekah, **54** Humtah, Kiriath Arba (also called Hebron), and Zior; nine cities with their villages. **55** Maon, Carmel, Ziph, Jutah,

What do these passages teach me about God?

August 28

Joshua 15:56–59 — 56 Jezreel, Jokdeam, Zanoah, **57** Kain, Gibeah, and Timnah;
ten cities with their villages. **58** Halhul, Beth Zur, Gedor, **59** Maarath, Beth Anoth, and
Eltekon; six cities with their villages.

What do these passages teach me about God?

August 29

Joshua 15:60–63 — 60 Kiriath Baal (also called Kiriath Jearim), and Rabbah; two cities with their villages. **61** In the wilderness, Beth Arabah, Middin, Secacah, **62** Nibshan, the City of Salt, and En Gedi; six cities with their villages. **63** As for the Jebusites, the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the children of Judah couldn't drive them out; but the Jebusites live with the children of Judah at Jerusalem to this day.

What do these passages teach me about God?

August 30

Joshua 16:1–5 — 1 The lot came out for the children of Joseph from the Jordan at Jericho, at the waters of Jericho on the east, even the wilderness, going up from Jericho through the hill country to Bethel. **2** It went out from Bethel to Luz, and passed along to the border of the Archites to Ataroth; **3** and it went down westward to the border of the Japhletites, to the border of Beth Horon the lower, and on to Gezer; and ended at the sea. **4** The children of Joseph, Manasseh and Ephraim, took their inheritance. **5** This was the border of the children of Ephraim according to their families. The border of their inheritance eastward was Ataroth Addar, to Beth Horon the upper.

What do these passages teach me about God?

August 31

Joshua 16:6–10 — 6 The border went out westward at Michmethath on the north.
The border turned about eastward to Taanath Shiloh, and passed along it on the east
of Janoah. **7** It went down from Janoah to Ataroth, to Naarah, reached to Jericho, and
went out at the Jordan. **8** From Tappuah the border went along westward to the brook
of Kanah; and ended at the sea. This is the inheritance of the tribe of the children of
Ephraim according to their families; **9** together with the cities which were set apart for
the children of Ephraim in the middle of the inheritance of the children of Manasseh,
all the cities with their villages. **10** They didn't drive out the Canaanites who lived in
Gezer; but the Canaanites dwell in the territory of Ephraim to this day, and have
become servants to do forced labor.

What do these passages teach me about God?

September 1

Joshua 17:1–5 — 1 This was the lot for the tribe of Manasseh, for he was the firstborn of Joseph. As for Machir the firstborn of Manasseh, the father of Gilead, because he was a man of war, therefore he had Gilead and Bashan. **2** So this was for the rest of the children of Manasseh according to their families: for the children of Abiezer, for the children of Helek, for the children of Asriel, for the children of Shechem, for the children of Hepher, and for the children of Shemida. These were the male children of Manasseh the son of Joseph according to their families. **3** But Zelophehad, the son of Hepher, the son of Gilead, the son of Machir, the son of Manasseh, had no sons, but daughters. These are the names of his daughters: Mahlah, Noah, Hoglah, Milcah, and Tirzah. **4** They came to Eleazar the priest, and to Joshua the son of Nun, and to the princes, saying, “Yahweh commanded Moses to give us an inheritance among our brothers.” Therefore according to the commandment of Yahweh he gave them an inheritance among the brothers of their father. **5** Ten parts fell to Manasseh, in addition to the land of Gilead and Bashan, which is beyond the Jordan;

What do these passages teach me about God?

September 2

Joshua 17:6–10 — 6 because the daughters of Manasseh had an inheritance among his sons. The land of Gilead belonged to the rest of the sons of Manasseh. **7** The border of Manasseh was from Asher to Michmethath, which is before Shechem. The border went along to the right hand, to the inhabitants of En Tappuah. **8** The land of Tappuah belonged to Manasseh; but Tappuah on the border of Manasseh belonged to the children of Ephraim. **9** The border went down to the brook of Kanah, southward of the brook. These cities belonged to Ephraim among the cities of Manasseh. The border of Manasseh was on the north side of the brook, and ended at the sea. **10** Southward it was Ephraim's, and northward it was Manasseh's, and the sea was his border. They reached to Asher on the north, and to Issachar on the east.

What do these passages teach me about God?

September 3

Joshua 17:11–14 — 11 Manasseh had three heights in Issachar, in Asher Beth Shean and its towns, and Ibleam and its towns, and the inhabitants of Dor and its towns, and the inhabitants of Endor and its towns, and the inhabitants of Taanach and its towns, and the inhabitants of Megiddo and its towns. **12** Yet the children of Manasseh couldn't drive out the inhabitants of those cities; but the Canaanites would dwell in that land. **13** When the children of Israel had grown strong, they put the Canaanites to forced labor, and didn't utterly drive them out. **14** The children of Joseph spoke to Joshua, saying, "Why have you given me just one lot and one part for an inheritance, since we are a numerous people, because Yahweh has blessed us so far?"

What do these passages teach me about God?

September 4

Joshua 17:15–18 — 15 Joshua said to them, “If you are a numerous people, go up to the forest, and clear land for yourself there in the land of the Perizzites and of the Rephaim, since the hill country of Ephraim is too narrow for you.” **16** The children of Joseph said, “The hill country is not enough for us. All the Canaanites who dwell in the land of the valley have chariots of iron, both those who are in Beth Shean and its towns, and those who are in the valley of Jezreel.” **17** Joshua spoke to the house of Joseph, that is, to Ephraim and to Manasseh, saying, “You are a numerous people, and have great power. You shall not have one lot only; **18** but the hill country shall be yours. Although it is a forest, you shall cut it down, and it’s farthest extent shall be yours; for you shall drive out the Canaanites, though they have chariots of iron, and though they are strong.”

What do these passages teach me about God?

September 5

Joshua 18:1–5 — 1 The whole congregation of the children of Israel assembled themselves together at Shiloh, and set up the Tent of Meeting there. The land was subdued before them. **2** Seven tribes remained among the children of Israel, which had not yet divided their inheritance. **3** Joshua said to the children of Israel, “How long will you neglect to go in to possess the land, which Yahweh, the God of your fathers, has given you? **4** Appoint for yourselves three men from each tribe. I will send them, and they shall arise, walk through the land, and describe it according to their inheritance; then they shall come to me. **5** They shall divide it into seven portions. Judah shall live in his borders on the south, and the house of Joseph shall live in their borders on the north.

What do these passages teach me about God?

September 6

Joshua 18:6–10 — 6 You shall survey the land into seven parts, and bring the description here to me; and I will cast lots for you here before Yahweh our God. **7** However, the Levites have no portion among you; for the priesthood of Yahweh is their inheritance. Gad, Reuben, and the half-tribe of Manasseh have received their inheritance east of the Jordan, which Moses the servant of Yahweh gave them." **8** The men arose and went. Joshua commanded those who went to survey the land, saying, "Go walk through the land, survey it, and come again to me. I will cast lots for you here before Yahweh in Shiloh." **9** The men went and passed through the land, and surveyed it by cities into seven portions in a book. They came to Joshua to the camp at Shiloh. **10** Joshua cast lots for them in Shiloh before Yahweh. There Joshua divided the land to the children of Israel according to their divisions.

What do these passages teach me about God?

September 7

Joshua 18:11–15 — 11 The lot of the tribe of the children of Benjamin came up according to their families. The border of their lot went out between the children of Judah and the children of Joseph. **12** Their border on the north quarter was from the Jordan. The border went up to the side of Jericho on the north, and went up through the hill country westward. It ended at the wilderness of Beth Aven. **13** The border passed along from there to Luz, to the side of Luz (also called Bethel), southward. The border went down to Ataroth Addar, by the mountain that lies on the south of Beth Horon the lower. **14** The border extended, and turned around on the west quarter southward, from the mountain that lies before Beth Horon southward; and ended at Kiriath Baal (also called Kiriath Jearim), a city of the children of Judah. This was the west quarter. **15** The south quarter was from the farthest part of Kiriath Jearim. The border went out westward, and went out to the spring of the waters of Nephtoah.

What do these passages teach me about God?

September 8

Joshua 18:16–20 — 16 The border went down to the farthest part of the mountain that lies before the valley of the son of Hinnom, which is in the valley of Rephaim northward. It went down to the valley of Hinnom, to the side of the Jebusite southward, and went down to En Rogel. **17** It extended northward, went out at En Shemesh, and went out to Geliloth, which is opposite the ascent of Adummim. It went down to the stone of Bohan the son of Reuben. **18** It passed along to the side opposite the Arabah northward, and went down to the Arabah. **19** The border passed along to the side of Beth Hoglah northward; and the border ended at the north bay of the Salt Sea, at the south end of the Jordan. This was the south border. **20** The Jordan was its border on the east quarter. This was the inheritance of the children of Benjamin, by the borders around it, according to their families.

What do these passages teach me about God?

September 9

Joshua 18:21–24 — 21 Now the cities of the tribe of the children of Benjamin according to their families were Jericho, Beth Hoglah, Emek Keziz, **22** Beth Arabah, Zemaraim, Bethel, **23** Avvim, Parah, Ophrah, **24** Chephar Ammoni, Ophni, and Geba; twelve cities with their villages.

What do these passages teach me about God?

September 10

Joshua 18:25–28 — 25 Gibeon, Ramah, Beeroth, **26** Mizpeh, Chephirah, Mozah, **27** Rekem, Irpeel, Taralah, **28** Zelah, Eleph, the Jebusite (also called Jerusalem), Gibeath, and Kiriath; fourteen cities with their villages. This is the inheritance of the children of Benjamin according to their families.

What do these passages teach me about God?

September 11

Joshua 19:1–5 — 1 The second lot came out for Simeon, even for the tribe of the children of Simeon according to their families. Their inheritance was in the middle of the inheritance of the children of Judah. **2** They had for their inheritance Beersheba (or Sheba), Moladah, **3** Hazar Shual, Balah, Ezem, **4** Eltolad, Bethul, Hormah, **5** Ziklag, Beth Marcaboth, Hazar Susah,

What do these passages teach me about God?

September 12

Joshua 19:6–10 — 6 Beth Lebaoth, and Sharuhen; thirteen cities with their villages; **7** Ain, Rimmon, Ether, and Ashan; four cities with their villages; **8** and all the villages that were around these cities to Baalath Beer, Ramah of the South. This is the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Simeon according to their families. **9** Out of the part of the children of Judah was the inheritance of the children of Simeon; for the portion of the children of Judah was too much for them. Therefore the children of Simeon had inheritance in the middle of their inheritance. **10** The third lot came up for the children of Zebulun according to their families. The border of their inheritance was to Sarid.

What do these passages teach me about God?

September 13

Joshua 19:11–15 — 11 Their border went up westward, even to Maralah, and reached to Dabbesheth. It reached to the brook that is before Jokneam. **12** It turned from Sarid eastward toward the sunrise to the border of Chisloth Tabor. It went out to Daberath, and went up to Japhia. **13** From there it passed along eastward to Gath Hepher, to Ethkazin; and it went out at Rimmon which stretches to Neah. **14** The border turned around it on the north to Hannathon; and it ended at the valley of Iphtah El; **15** Kattath, Nahalal, Shimron, Idalah, and Bethlehem: twelve cities with their villages.

What do these passages teach me about God?

September 14

Joshua 19:16–20 — 16 This is the inheritance of the children of Zebulun according to their families, these cities with their villages. **17** The fourth lot came out for Issachar, even for the children of Issachar according to their families. **18** Their border was to Jezreel, Chesulloth, Shunem, **19** Hapharaim, Shion, Anaharath, **20** Rabbith, Kishion, Ebez,

What do these passages teach me about God?

September 15

Joshua 19:21–25 — 21 Remeth, Engannim, En Haddah, and Beth Pazzez. **22** The border reached to Tabor, Shahazumah, and Beth Shemesh. Their border ended at the Jordan: sixteen cities with their villages. **23** This is the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Issachar according to their families, the cities with their villages. **24** The fifth lot came out for the tribe of the children of Asher according to their families. **25** Their border was Helkath, Hali, Beten, Achshaph,

What do these passages teach me about God?

September 16

Joshua 19:26–30 — 26 Allammelech, Amad, Mishal. It reached to Carmel westward, and to Shihorlibnath. **27** It turned toward the sunrise to Beth Dagon, and reached to Zebulun, and to the valley of Iphtah El northward to Beth Emek and Neiel. It went out to Cabul on the left hand, **28** and Ebron, Rehob, Hammon, and Kanah, even to great Sidon. **29** The border turned to Ramah, to the fortified city of Tyre; and the border turned to Hosah. It ended at the sea by the region of Achzib; **30** Ummah also, and Aphek, and Rehob: twenty-two cities with their villages.

What do these passages teach me about God?

September 17

Joshua 19:31–35 — 31 This is the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Asher according to their families, these cities with their villages. **32** The sixth lot came out for the children of Naphtali, even for the children of Naphtali according to their families. **33** Their border was from Heleph, from the oak in Zaanannim, Adami-nekeb, and Jabneel, to Lakkum. It ended at the Jordan. **34** The border turned westward to Aznoth Tabor, and went out from there to Hukkok. It reached to Zebulun on the south, and reached to Asher on the west, and to Judah at the Jordan toward the sunrise. **35** The fortified cities were Ziddim, Zer, Hammath, Rakkath, Chinnereth,

What do these passages teach me about God?

September 18

Joshua 19:36–39 — 36 Adamah, Ramah, Hazor, **37** Kedesh, Edrei, En Hazor, **38** Iron, Migdal El, Horem, Beth Anath, and Beth Shemesh; nineteen cities with their villages. **39** This is the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Naphtali according to their families, the cities with their villages.

What do these passages teach me about God?

September 19

Joshua 19:40–43 — 40 The seventh lot came out for the tribe of the children of Dan according to their families. **41** The border of their inheritance was Zorah, Eshtaol, Irshemesh, **42** Shaalabbin, Aijalon, Ithlah, **43** Elon, Timnah, Ekron,

What do these passages teach me about God?

September 20

Joshua 19:44–47 — 44 Eltekeh, Gibbethon, Baalath, **45** Jehud, Bene Berak, Gath Rimmon, **46** Me Jarkon, and Rakkon, with the border opposite Joppa. **47** The border of the children of Dan went out beyond them; for the children of Dan went up and fought against Leshem, and took it, and struck it with the edge of the sword, and possessed it, and lived therein, and called Leshem, Dan, after the name of Dan their forefather.

What do these passages teach me about God?

September 21

Joshua 19:48–51 — 48 This is the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Dan according to their families, these cities with their villages. **49** So they finished distributing the land for inheritance by its borders. The children of Israel gave an inheritance to Joshua the son of Nun among them. **50** According to Yahweh's commandment, they gave him the city which he asked, even Timnathserah in the hill country of Ephraim; and he built the city, and lived there. **51** These are the inheritances, which Eleazar the priest, Joshua the son of Nun, and the heads of the fathers' houses of the tribes of the children of Israel, distributed for inheritance by lot in Shiloh before Yahweh, at the door of the Tent of Meeting. So they finished dividing the land.

What do these passages teach me about God?

September 22

Joshua 20:1–5 — 1 Yahweh spoke to Joshua, saying, **2** “Speak to the children of Israel, saying, ‘Assign the cities of refuge, of which I spoke to you by Moses, **3** that the man slayer who kills any person accidentally or unintentionally may flee there. They shall be to you for a refuge from the avenger of blood. **4** He shall flee to one of those cities, and shall stand at the entrance of the gate of the city, and declare his case in the ears of the elders of that city. They shall take him into the city with them, and give him a place, that he may live among them. **5** If the avenger of blood pursues him, then they shall not deliver up the man slayer into his hand; because he struck his neighbor unintentionally, and didn’t hate him before.

What do these passages teach me about God?

September 23

Joshua 20:6–9 — 6 He shall dwell in that city until he stands before the congregation for judgment, until the death of the high priest that shall be in those days. Then the man slayer shall return, and come to his own city, and to his own house, to the city he fled from.’ ” **7** They set apart Kedesh in Galilee in the hill country of Naphtali, Shechem in the hill country of Ephraim, and Kiriath Arba (also called Hebron) in the hill country of Judah. **8** Beyond the Jordan at Jericho eastward, they assigned Bezer in the wilderness in the plain out of the tribe of Reuben, Ramoth in Gilead out of the tribe of Gad, and Golan in Bashan out of the tribe of Manasseh. **9** These were the appointed cities for all the children of Israel, and for the alien who lives among them, that whoever kills any person unintentionally might flee there, and not die by the hand of the avenger of blood, until he stands trial before the congregation.

What do these passages teach me about God?

September 24

Joshua 21:1–5 — 1 Then the heads of fathers' houses of the Levites came near to Eleazar the priest, and to Joshua the son of Nun, and to the heads of fathers' houses of the tribes of the children of Israel. **2** They spoke to them at Shiloh in the land of Canaan, saying, "Yahweh commanded through Moses to give us cities to dwell in, with their pasture lands for our livestock." **3** The children of Israel gave to the Levites out of their inheritance, according to the commandment of Yahweh, these cities with their pasture lands. **4** The lot came out for the families of the Kohathites. The children of Aaron the priest, who were of the Levites, had thirteen cities by lot out of the tribe of Judah, out of the tribe of the Simeonites, and out of the tribe of Benjamin. **5** The rest of the children of Kohath had ten cities by lot out of the families of the tribe of Ephraim, out of the tribe of Dan, and out of the half-tribe of Manasseh.

What do these passages teach me about God?

September 25

Joshua 21:6–10 — 6 The children of Gershon had thirteen cities by lot out of the families of the tribe of Issachar, out of the tribe of Asher, out of the tribe of Naphtali, and out of the half-tribe of Manasseh in Bashan. **7** The children of Merari according to their families had twelve cities out of the tribe of Reuben, out of the tribe of Gad, and out of the tribe of Zebulun. **8** The children of Israel gave these cities with their pasture lands by lot to the Levites, as Yahweh commanded by Moses. **9** They gave out of the tribe of the children of Judah, and out of the tribe of the children of Simeon, these cities which are mentioned by name: **10** and they were for the children of Aaron, of the families of the Kohathites, who were of the children of Levi; for theirs was the first lot.

What do these passages teach me about God?

September 26

Joshua 21:11–15 — 11 They gave them Kiriath Arba, named after the father of Anak (also called Hebron), in the hill country of Judah, with its pasture lands around it. **12** But they gave the fields of the city and its villages to Caleb the son of Jephunneh for his possession. **13** To the children of Aaron the priest they gave Hebron with its pasture lands, the city of refuge for the man slayer, Libnah with its pasture lands, **14** Jattir with its pasture lands, Eshtemoa with its pasture lands, **15** Holon with its pasture lands, Debir with its pasture lands,

What do these passages teach me about God?

September 27

Joshua 21:16–20 — 16 Ain with its pasture lands, Juttah with its pasture lands, and Beth Shemesh with its pasture lands: nine cities out of those two tribes. **17** Out of the tribe of Benjamin, Gibeon with its pasture lands, Geba with its pasture lands, **18** Anathoth with its pasture lands, and Almon with its pasture lands: four cities. **19** All the cities of the children of Aaron, the priests, were thirteen cities with their pasture lands. **20** The families of the children of Kohath, the Levites, even the rest of the children of Kohath, had the cities of their lot out of the tribe of Ephraim.

What do these passages teach me about God?

September 28

Joshua 21:21–25 — 21 They gave them Shechem with its pasture lands in the hill country of Ephraim, the city of refuge for the man slayer, and Gezer with its pasture lands, **22** Kibzaim with its pasture lands, and Beth Horon with its pasture lands: four cities. **23** Out of the tribe of Dan, Elteke with its pasture lands, Gibbethon with its pasture lands, **24** Aijalon with its pasture lands, Gath Rimmon with its pasture lands: four cities. **25** Out of the half-tribe of Manasseh, Taanach with its pasture lands, and Gath Rimmon with its pasture lands: two cities.

What do these passages teach me about God?

September 29

Joshua 21:26–29 — 26 All the cities of the families of the rest of the children of Kohath were ten with their pasture lands. **27** They gave to the children of Gershon, of the families of the Levites, out of the half-tribe of Manasseh Golan in Bashan with its pasture lands, the city of refuge for the man slayer, and Be Eshterah with its pasture lands: two cities. **28** Out of the tribe of Issachar, Kishion with its pasture lands, Daberath with its pasture lands, **29** Jarmuth with its pasture lands, En Gannim with its pasture lands: four cities.

What do these passages teach me about God?

September 30

Joshua 21:30–33 — 30 Out of the tribe of Asher, Mishal with its pasture lands,
Abdon with its pasture lands, **31** Helkath with its pasture lands, and Rehob with its
pasture lands: four cities. **32** Out of the tribe of Naphtali, Kedesh in Galilee with its
pasture lands, the city of refuge for the man slayer, Hammothdor with its pasture
lands, and Kartan with its pasture lands: three cities. **33** All the cities of the
Gershonites according to their families were thirteen cities with their pasture lands.

What do these passages teach me about God?

October 1

Joshua 21:34–37 — 34 To the families of the children of Merari, the rest of the Levites, out of the tribe of Zebulun, Jokneam with its pasture lands, Kartah with its pasture lands, **35** Dimnah with its pasture lands, and Nahalal with its pasture lands: four cities. **36** Out of the tribe of Reuben, Bezer with its pasture lands, Jahaz with its pasture lands, **37** Kedemoth with its pasture lands, and Mephaath with its pasture lands: four cities.

What do these passages teach me about God?

October 2

Joshua 21:38–41 — 38 Out of the tribe of Gad, Ramoth in Gilead with its pasture lands, the city of refuge for the man slayer, and Mahanaim with its pasture lands, **39** Heshbon with its pasture lands, Jazer with its pasture lands: four cities in all. **40** All these were the cities of the children of Merari according to their families, even the rest of the families of the Levites. Their lot was twelve cities. **41** All the cities of the Levites among the possessions of the children of Israel were forty-eight cities with their pasture lands.

What do these passages teach me about God?

October 3

Joshua 21:42–45 — 42 Each of these cities included their pasture lands around them. It was this way with all these cities. **43** So Yahweh gave to Israel all the land which he swore to give to their fathers. They possessed it, and lived in it. **44** Yahweh gave them rest all around, according to all that he swore to their fathers. Not a man of all their enemies stood before them. Yahweh delivered all their enemies into their hand. **45** Nothing failed of any good thing which Yahweh had spoken to the house of Israel. All came to pass.

What do these passages teach me about God?

October 4

Joshua 22:1–5 — 1 Then Joshua called the Reubenites, the Gadites, and the half-tribe of Manasseh, **2** and said to them, “You have kept all that Moses the servant of Yahweh commanded you, and have listened to my voice in all that I commanded you. **3** You have not left your brothers these many days to this day, but have performed the duty of the commandment of Yahweh your God. **4** Now Yahweh your God has given rest to your brothers, as he spoke to them. Therefore now return and go to your tents, to the land of your possession, which Moses the servant of Yahweh gave you beyond the Jordan. **5** Only take diligent heed to do the commandment and the law which Moses the servant of Yahweh commanded you, to love Yahweh your God, to walk in all his ways, to keep his commandments, to hold fast to him, and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul.”

What do these passages teach me about God?

October 5

Joshua 22:6–10 — 6 So Joshua blessed them, and sent them away; and they went to their tents. **7** Now to the one half-tribe of Manasseh Moses had given inheritance in Bashan; but Joshua gave to the other half among their brothers beyond the Jordan westward. Moreover when Joshua sent them away to their tents, he blessed them, **8** and spoke to them, saying, “Return with much wealth to your tents, with very much livestock, with silver, with gold, with bronze, with iron, and with very much clothing. Divide the plunder of your enemies with your brothers.” **9** The children of Reuben and the children of Gad and the half-tribe of Manasseh returned, and departed from the children of Israel out of Shiloh, which is in the land of Canaan, to go to the land of Gilead, to the land of their possession, which they owned, according to the commandment of Yahweh by Moses. **10** When they came to the region near the Jordan, that is in the land of Canaan, the children of Reuben and the children of Gad and the half-tribe of Manasseh built an altar there by the Jordan, a great altar to look at.

What do these passages teach me about God?

October 6

Joshua 22:11–14 — 11 The children of Israel heard this, “Behold, the children of Reuben and the children of Gad and the half-tribe of Manasseh have built an altar along the border of the land of Canaan, in the region around the Jordan, on the side that belongs to the children of Israel.” **12** When the children of Israel heard of it, the whole congregation of the children of Israel gathered themselves together at Shiloh, to go up against them to war. **13** The children of Israel sent to the children of Reuben, and to the children of Gad, and to the half-tribe of Manasseh, into the land of Gilead, Phinehas the son of Eleazar the priest. **14** With him were ten princes, one prince of a fathers’ house for each of the tribes of Israel; and they were each head of their fathers’ houses among the thousands of Israel.

What do these passages teach me about God?

October 7

Joshua 22:15–18 — 15 They came to the children of Reuben, and to the children of Gad, and to the half-tribe of Manasseh, to the land of Gilead, and they spoke with them, saying, **16** “The whole congregation of Yahweh says, ‘What trespass is this that you have committed against the God of Israel, to turn away today from following Yahweh, in that you have built yourselves an altar, to rebel today against Yahweh? **17** Is the iniquity of Peor too little for us, from which we have not cleansed ourselves to this day, although there came a plague on the congregation of Yahweh, **18** that you must turn away today from following Yahweh? It will be, since you rebel today against Yahweh, that tomorrow he will be angry with the whole congregation of Israel.

What do these passages teach me about God?

October 8

Joshua 22:19–22 — 19 However, if the land of your possession is unclean, then pass over to the land of the possession of Yahweh, in which Yahweh's tabernacle dwells, and take possession among us; but don't rebel against Yahweh, nor rebel against us, in building an altar other than Yahweh our God's altar. **20** Didn't Achan the son of Zerah commit a trespass in the devoted thing, and wrath fell on all the congregation of Israel? That man didn't perish alone in his iniquity.' " **21** Then the children of Reuben and the children of Gad and the half-tribe of Manasseh answered, and spoke to the heads of the thousands of Israel, **22** "The Mighty One, God, Yahweh, the Mighty One, God, Yahweh, he knows; and Israel shall know: if it was in rebellion, or if in trespass against Yahweh (don't save us today),

What do these passages teach me about God?

October 9

Joshua 22:23–26 — 23 that we have built us an altar to turn away from following Yahweh; or if to offer burnt offering or meal offering, or if to offer sacrifices of peace offerings, let Yahweh himself require it. **24** “If we have not out of concern done this, and for a reason, saying, ‘In time to come your children might speak to our children, saying, “What have you to do with Yahweh, the God of Israel? **25** For Yahweh has made the Jordan a border between us and you, you children of Reuben and children of Gad. You have no portion in Yahweh.” ’ So your children might make our children cease from fearing Yahweh. **26** “Therefore we said, ‘Let’s now prepare to build ourselves an altar, not for burnt offering, nor for sacrifice;

What do these passages teach me about God?

October 10

Joshua 22:27–30 — 27 but it will be a witness between us and you, and between our generations after us, that we may perform the service of Yahweh before him with our burnt offerings, with our sacrifices, and with our peace offerings;' that your children may not tell our children in time to come, 'You have no portion in Yahweh.' **28** "Therefore we said, 'It shall be, when they tell us or our generations this in time to come, that we shall say, "Behold the pattern of Yahweh's altar, which our fathers made, not for burnt offering, nor for sacrifice; but it is a witness between us and you." ' **29** "Far be it from us that we should rebel against Yahweh, and turn away today from following Yahweh, to build an altar for burnt offering, for meal offering, or for sacrifice, besides Yahweh our God's altar that is before his tabernacle!" **30** When Phinehas the priest, and the princes of the congregation, even the heads of the thousands of Israel that were with him, heard the words that the children of Reuben and the children of Gad and the children of Manasseh spoke, it pleased them well.

What do these passages teach me about God?

October 11

Joshua 22:31–34 — 31 Phinehas the son of Eleazar the priest said to the children of Reuben, to the children of Gad, and to the children of Manasseh, “Today we know that Yahweh is among us, because you have not committed this trespass against Yahweh. Now you have delivered the children of Israel out of Yahweh’s hand.” **32** Phinehas the son of Eleazar the priest, and the princes, returned from the children of Reuben, and from the children of Gad, out of the land of Gilead, to the land of Canaan, to the children of Israel, and brought them word again. **33** The thing pleased the children of Israel; and the children of Israel blessed God, and spoke no more of going up against them to war, to destroy the land in which the children of Reuben and the children of Gad lived. **34** The children of Reuben and the children of Gad named the altar “A Witness Between Us that Yahweh is God.”

What do these passages teach me about God?

October 12

Joshua 23:1–4 — 1 After many days, when Yahweh had given rest to Israel from their enemies all around, and Joshua was old and well advanced in years, **2** Joshua called for all Israel, for their elders and for their heads, and for their judges and for their officers, and said to them, “I am old and well advanced in years. **3** You have seen all that Yahweh your God has done to all these nations because of you; for it is Yahweh your God who has fought for you. **4** Behold, I have allotted to you these nations that remain, to be an inheritance for your tribes, from the Jordan, with all the nations that I have cut off, even to the great sea toward the going down of the sun.

What do these passages teach me about God?

October 13

Joshua 23:5–8 — 5 Yahweh your God will thrust them out from before you, and drive them from out of your sight. You shall possess their land, as Yahweh your God spoke to you. **6** “Therefore be very courageous to keep and to do all that is written in the book of the law of Moses, that you not turn away from it to the right hand or to the left; **7** that you not come among these nations, these that remain among you; neither make mention of the name of their gods, nor cause to swear by them, neither serve them, nor bow down yourselves to them; **8** but hold fast to Yahweh your God, as you have done to this day.

What do these passages teach me about God?

October 14

Joshua 23:9–12 — 9 “For Yahweh has driven great and strong nations out from before you. But as for you, no man has stood before you to this day. **10** One man of you shall chase a thousand; for it is Yahweh your God who fights for you, as he spoke to you. **11** Take good heed therefore to yourselves, that you love Yahweh your God. **12** “But if you do at all go back, and hold fast to the remnant of these nations, even these who remain among you, and make marriages with them, and go in to them, and they to you;

What do these passages teach me about God?

October 15

Joshua 23:13–16 — 13 know for a certainty that Yahweh your God will no longer drive these nations from out of your sight; but they shall be a snare and a trap to you, a scourge in your sides, and thorns in your eyes, until you perish from off this good land which Yahweh your God has given you. **14** “Behold, today I am going the way of all the earth. You know in all your hearts and in all your souls that not one thing has failed of all the good things which Yahweh your God spoke concerning you. All have happened to you. Not one thing has failed of it. **15** It shall happen that as all the good things have come on you of which Yahweh your God spoke to you, so Yahweh will bring on you all the evil things, until he has destroyed you from off this good land which Yahweh your God has given you, **16** when you disobey the covenant of Yahweh your God, which he commanded you, and go and serve other gods, and bow down yourselves to them. Then Yahweh’s anger will be kindled against you, and you will perish quickly from off the good land which he has given to you.”

What do these passages teach me about God?

October 16

Joshua 24:1–5 — 1 Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and called for the elders of Israel, for their heads, for their judges, and for their officers; and they presented themselves before God. **2** Joshua said to all the people, “Yahweh, the God of Israel, says, ‘Your fathers lived of old time beyond the River, even Terah, the father of Abraham, and the father of Nahor. They served other gods. **3** I took your father Abraham from beyond the River, and led him throughout all the land of Canaan, and multiplied his offspring, and gave him Isaac. **4** I gave to Isaac Jacob and Esau: and I gave to Esau Mount Seir, to possess it. Jacob and his children went down into Egypt. **5** “ ‘I sent Moses and Aaron, and I plagued Egypt, according to that which I did among them: and afterward I brought you out.

What do these passages teach me about God?

October 17

Joshua 24:6–10 — 6 I brought your fathers out of Egypt: and you came to the sea. The Egyptians pursued your fathers with chariots and with horsemen to the Red Sea. **7** When they cried out to Yahweh, he put darkness between you and the Egyptians, and brought the sea on them, and covered them; and your eyes saw what I did in Egypt. You lived in the wilderness many days. **8** " 'I brought you into the land of the Amorites, that lived beyond the Jordan. They fought with you, and I gave them into your hand. You possessed their land, and I destroyed them from before you. **9** Then Balak the son of Zippor, king of Moab, arose and fought against Israel. He sent and called Balaam the son of Beor to curse you, **10** but I would not listen to Balaam; therefore he blessed you still. So I delivered you out of his hand.

What do these passages teach me about God?

October 18

Joshua 24:11–15 — 11 “ ‘You went over the Jordan, and came to Jericho. The men of Jericho fought against you, the Amorite, the Perizzite, the Canaanite, the Hittite, the Girgashite, the Hivite, and the Jebusite; and I delivered them into your hand. **12** I sent the hornet before you, which drove them out from before you, even the two kings of the Amorites; not with your sword, nor with your bow. **13** I gave you a land on which you had not labored, and cities which you didn’t build, and you live in them. You eat of vineyards and olive groves which you didn’t plant.’ **14** “Now therefore fear Yahweh, and serve him in sincerity and in truth. Put away the gods which your fathers served beyond the River, in Egypt; and serve Yahweh. **15** If it seems evil to you to serve Yahweh, choose today whom you will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you dwell; but as for me and my house, we will serve Yahweh.”

What do these passages teach me about God?

October 19

Joshua 24:16–20 — 16 The people answered, “Far be it from us that we should forsake Yahweh, to serve other gods; **17** for it is Yahweh our God who brought us and our fathers up out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage, and who did those great signs in our sight, and preserved us in all the way in which we went, and among all the peoples through the middle of whom we passed. **18** Yahweh drove out from before us all the peoples, even the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve Yahweh; for he is our God.” **19** Joshua said to the people, “You can’t serve Yahweh, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God. He will not forgive your disobedience nor your sins. **20** If you forsake Yahweh, and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you evil, and consume you, after he has done you good.”

What do these passages teach me about God?

October 20

Joshua 24:21–25 — 21 The people said to Joshua, “No, but we will serve Yahweh.” **22** Joshua said to the people, “You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen Yahweh yourselves, to serve him.” They said, “We are witnesses.” **23** “Now therefore put away the foreign gods which are among you, and incline your heart to Yahweh, the God of Israel.” **24** The people said to Joshua, “We will serve Yahweh our God, and we will listen to his voice.” **25** So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made for them a statute and an ordinance in Shechem.

What do these passages teach me about God?

October 21

Joshua 24:26–29 — 26 Joshua wrote these words in the book of the law of God; and he took a great stone, and set it up there under the oak that was by the sanctuary of Yahweh. **27** Joshua said to all the people, “Behold, this stone shall be a witness against us, for it has heard all Yahweh’s words which he spoke to us. It shall be therefore a witness against you, lest you deny your God.” **28** So Joshua sent the people away, each to his own inheritance. **29** After these things, Joshua the son of Nun, the servant of Yahweh, died, being one hundred ten years old.

What do these passages teach me about God?

October 22

Joshua 24:30–33 — 30 They buried him in the border of his inheritance in Timnathserah, which is in the hill country of Ephraim, on the north of the mountain of Gaash. **31** Israel served Yahweh all the days of Joshua, and all the days of the elders who outlived Joshua, and had known all the work of Yahweh, that he had worked for Israel. **32** They buried the bones of Joseph, which the children of Israel brought up out of Egypt, in Shechem, in the parcel of ground which Jacob bought from the sons of Hamor the father of Shechem for a hundred pieces of silver. They became the inheritance of the children of Joseph. **33** Eleazar the son of Aaron died. They buried him in the hill of Phinehas his son, which was given him in the hill country of Ephraim.

What do these passages teach me about God?

October 23

2 Corinthians 1:1–5 — 1 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus through the will of God,
and Timothy our brother, to the assembly of God which is at Corinth, with all the
saints who are in the whole of Achaia: **2** Grace to you and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ. **3** Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, **4** who comforts us in all our affliction,
that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, through the comfort
with which we ourselves are comforted by God. **5** For as the sufferings of Christ
abound to us, even so our comfort also abounds through Christ.

What do these passages teach me about God?

October 24

2 Corinthians 1:6–10 — 6 But if we are afflicted, it is for your comfort and salvation. If we are comforted, it is for your comfort, which produces in you the patient enduring of the same sufferings which we also suffer. **7** Our hope for you is steadfast, knowing that, since you are partakers of the sufferings, so you are also of the comfort. **8** For we don't desire to have you uninformed, brothers, concerning our affliction which happened to us in Asia: that we were weighed down exceedingly, beyond our power, so much that we despaired even of life. **9** Yes, we ourselves have had the sentence of death within ourselves, that we should not trust in ourselves, but in God who raises the dead, **10** who delivered us out of so great a death, and does deliver, on whom we have set our hope that he will also still deliver us,

What do these passages teach me about God?

October 25

2 Corinthians 1:11–15 — 11 you also helping together on our behalf by your supplication; that, for the gift given to us by means of many, thanks may be given by many persons on your behalf. **12** For our boasting is this: the testimony of our conscience that in holiness and sincerity of God, not in fleshly wisdom but in the grace of God, we behaved ourselves in the world, and more abundantly toward you. **13** For we write no other things to you than what you read or even acknowledge, and I hope you will acknowledge to the end— **14** as also you acknowledged us in part— that we are your boasting, even as you also are ours, in the day of our Lord Jesus. **15** In this confidence, I was determined to come first to you, that you might have a second benefit,

What do these passages teach me about God?

October 26

2 Corinthians 1:16–20 — 16 and by you to pass into Macedonia, and again from Macedonia to come to you, and to be sent forward by you on my journey to Judea. **17** When I therefore planned this, did I show fickleness? Or the things that I plan, do I plan according to the flesh, that with me there should be the “Yes, yes” and the “No, no?” **18** But as God is faithful, our word toward you was not “Yes and no.” **19** For the Son of God, Jesus Christ, who was preached among you by us—by me, Silvanus, and Timothy—was not “Yes and no,” but in him is “Yes.” **20** For however many are the promises of God, in him is the “Yes.” Therefore also through him is the “Amen”, to the glory of God through us.

What do these passages teach me about God?

October 27

2 Corinthians 1:21–24 — 21 Now he who establishes us with you in Christ and anointed us is God, **22** who also sealed us and gave us the down payment of the Spirit in our hearts. **23** But I call God for a witness to my soul, that to spare you, I didn't come to Corinth. **24** We don't control your faith, but are fellow workers with you for your joy. For you stand firm in faith.

What do these passages teach me about God?

October 28

2 Corinthians 2:1–5 — 1 But I determined this for myself, that I would not come to you again in sorrow. **2** For if I make you grieve, then who will make me glad but he who is made to grieve by me? **3** And I wrote this very thing to you, so that when I came, I wouldn't have sorrow from them of whom I ought to rejoice; having confidence in you all that my joy would be shared by all of you. **4** For out of much affliction and anguish of heart I wrote to you with many tears, not that you should be made to grieve, but that you might know the love that I have so abundantly for you. **5** But if any has caused sorrow, he has caused sorrow not to me, but in part (that I not press too heavily) to you all.

What do these passages teach me about God?

October 29

2 Corinthians 2:6–9 — 6 This punishment which was inflicted by the many is sufficient for such a one; **7** so that, on the contrary, you should rather forgive him and comfort him, lest by any means such a one should be swallowed up with his excessive sorrow. **8** Therefore I beg you to confirm your love toward him. **9** For to this end I also wrote, that I might know the proof of you, whether you are obedient in all things.

What do these passages teach me about God?

October 30

2 Corinthians 2:10–13 — 10 Now I also forgive whomever you forgive anything. For if indeed I have forgiven anything, I have forgiven that one for your sakes in the presence of Christ, **11** that no advantage may be gained over us by Satan, for we are not ignorant of his schemes. **12** Now when I came to Troas for the Good News of Christ, and when a door was opened to me in the Lord, **13** I had no relief for my spirit, because I didn't find Titus my brother, but taking my leave of them, I went out into Macedonia.

What do these passages teach me about God?

October 31

2 Corinthians 2:14–17 — 14 Now thanks be to God who always leads us in triumph in Christ, and reveals through us the sweet aroma of his knowledge in every place. **15** For we are a sweet aroma of Christ to God in those who are saved and in those who perish: **16** to the one a stench from death to death, to the other a sweet aroma from life to life. Who is sufficient for these things? **17** For we are not as so many, peddling the word of God. But as of sincerity, but as of God, in the sight of God, we speak in Christ.

What do these passages teach me about God?

November 1

2 Corinthians 3:1–5 — 1 Are we beginning again to commend ourselves? Or do we need, as do some, letters of commendation to you or from you? **2** You are our letter, written in our hearts, known and read by all men, **3** being revealed that you are a letter of Christ, served by us, written not with ink, but with the Spirit of the living God; not in tablets of stone, but in tablets that are hearts of flesh. **4** Such confidence we have through Christ toward God, **5** not that we are sufficient of ourselves to account anything as from ourselves; but our sufficiency is from God,

What do these passages teach me about God?

November 2

2 Corinthians 3:6–10 — 6 who also made us sufficient as servants of a new
covenant, not of the letter but of the Spirit. For the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life. **7**
But if the service of death, written engraved on stones, came with glory, so that the
children of Israel could not look steadfastly on the face of Moses for the glory of his
face, which was passing away, **8** won't service of the Spirit be with much more glory?
9 For if the service of condemnation has glory, the service of righteousness exceeds
much more in glory. **10** For most certainly that which has been made glorious has not
been made glorious in this respect, by reason of the glory that surpasses.

What do these passages teach me about God?

November 3

2 Corinthians 3:11–14 — 11 For if that which passes away was with glory, much more that which remains is in glory. **12** Having therefore such a hope, we use great boldness of speech, **13** and not as Moses, who put a veil on his face so that the children of Israel wouldn't look steadfastly on the end of that which was passing away. **14** But their minds were hardened, for until this very day at the reading of the old covenant the same veil remains, because in Christ it passes away.

What do these passages teach me about God?

November 4

2 Corinthians 3:15–18 — 15 But to this day, when Moses is read, a veil lies on their heart. **16** But whenever someone turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away. **17** Now the Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. **18** But we all, with unveiled face seeing the glory of the Lord as in a mirror, are transformed into the same image from glory to glory, even as from the Lord, the Spirit.

What do these passages teach me about God?

November 5

2 Corinthians 4:1–5 — 1 Therefore, seeing we have this ministry, even as we obtained mercy, we don't faint. **2** But we have renounced the hidden things of shame, not walking in craftiness nor handling the word of God deceitfully, but by the manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God. **3** Even if our Good News is veiled, it is veiled in those who are dying, **4** in whom the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelieving, that the light of the Good News of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should not dawn on them. **5** For we don't preach ourselves, but Christ Jesus as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake,

What do these passages teach me about God?

November 6

2 Corinthians 4:6–10 — 6 seeing it is God who said, “Light will shine out of darkness,” who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. **7** But we have this treasure in clay vessels, that the exceeding greatness of the power may be of God and not from ourselves. **8** We are pressed on every side, yet not crushed; perplexed, yet not to despair; **9** pursued, yet not forsaken; struck down, yet not destroyed; **10** always carrying in the body the putting to death of the Lord Jesus, that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body.

What do these passages teach me about God?

November 7

2 Corinthians 4:11–14 — 11 For we who live are always delivered to death for
Jesus' sake, that the life also of Jesus may be revealed in our mortal flesh. **12** So
then death works in us, but life in you. **13** But having the same spirit of faith,
according to that which is written, "I believed, and therefore I spoke." We also believe,
and therefore we also speak, **14** knowing that he who raised the Lord Jesus will raise
us also with Jesus, and will present us with you.

What do these passages teach me about God?

November 8

2 Corinthians 4:15–18 — 15 For all things are for your sakes, that the grace, being multiplied through the many, may cause the thanksgiving to abound to the glory of God. **16** Therefore we don't faint, but though our outward person is decaying, yet our inward person is renewed day by day. **17** For our light affliction, which is for the moment, works for us more and more exceedingly an eternal weight of glory, **18** while we don't look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporal, but the things which are not seen are eternal.

What do these passages teach me about God?

November 9

2 Corinthians 5:1–5 — **1** For we know that if the earthly house of our tent is dissolved, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal, in the heavens. **2** For most certainly in this we groan, longing to be clothed with our habitation which is from heaven, **3** if indeed being clothed, we will not be found naked. **4** For indeed we who are in this tent do groan, being burdened, not that we desire to be unclothed, but that we desire to be clothed, that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. **5** Now he who made us for this very thing is God, who also gave to us the down payment of the Spirit.

What do these passages teach me about God?

November 10

2 Corinthians 5:6–9 — 6 Therefore we are always confident and know that while we are at home in the body, we are absent from the Lord; **7** for we walk by faith, not by sight. **8** We are courageous, I say, and are willing rather to be absent from the body and to be at home with the Lord. **9** Therefore also we make it our aim, whether at home or absent, to be well pleasing to him.

What do these passages teach me about God?

November 11

2 Corinthians 5:10–13 — 10 For we must all be revealed before the judgment seat of Christ that each one may receive the things in the body according to what he has done, whether good or bad. **11** Knowing therefore the fear of the Lord, we persuade men, but we are revealed to God, and I hope that we are revealed also in your consciences. **12** For we are not commending ourselves to you again, but speak as giving you occasion of boasting on our behalf, that you may have something to answer those who boast in appearance and not in heart. **13** For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God. Or if we are of sober mind, it is for you.

What do these passages teach me about God?

November 12

2 Corinthians 5:14–17 — 14 For the love of Christ compels us; because we judge thus: that one died for all, therefore all died. **15** He died for all, that those who live should no longer live to themselves, but to him who for their sakes died and rose again. **16** Therefore we know no one according to the flesh from now on. Even though we have known Christ according to the flesh, yet now we know him so no more. **17** Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old things have passed away. Behold, all things have become new.

What do these passages teach me about God?

November 13

2 Corinthians 5:18–21 — **18** But all things are of God, who reconciled us to himself through Jesus Christ, and gave to us the ministry of reconciliation; **19** namely, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself, not reckoning to them their trespasses, and having committed to us the word of reconciliation. **20** We are therefore ambassadors on behalf of Christ, as though God were entreating by us: we beg you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. **21** For him who knew no sin he made to be sin on our behalf, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

What do these passages teach me about God?

November 14

2 Corinthians 6:1–5 — 1 Working together, we entreat also that you do not receive the grace of God in vain. **2** For he says, “At an acceptable time I listened to you. In a day of salvation I helped you.” Behold, now is the acceptable time. Behold, now is the day of salvation. **3** We give no occasion of stumbling in anything, that our service may not be blamed, **4** but in everything commending ourselves as servants of God: in great endurance, in afflictions, in hardships, in distresses, **5** in beatings, in imprisonments, in riots, in labors, in watchings, in fastings,

What do these passages teach me about God?

November 15

2 Corinthians 6:6–10 — 6 in pureness, in knowledge, in perseverance, in kindness, in the Holy Spirit, in sincere love, **7** in the word of truth, in the power of God, by the armor of righteousness on the right hand and on the left, **8** by glory and dishonor, by evil report and good report, as deceivers and yet true, **9** as unknown and yet well known, as dying and behold—we live, as punished and not killed, **10** as sorrowful yet always rejoicing, as poor yet making many rich, as having nothing and yet possessing all things.

What do these passages teach me about God?

November 16

2 Corinthians 6:11–14 — 11 Our mouth is open to you, Corinthians. Our heart is enlarged. **12** You are not restricted by us, but you are restricted by your own affections. **13** Now in return—I speak as to my children—you also open your hearts. **14** Don't be unequally yoked with unbelievers, for what fellowship do righteousness and iniquity have? Or what fellowship does light have with darkness?

What do these passages teach me about God?

November 17

2 Corinthians 6:15–18 — 15 What agreement does Christ have with Belial? Or what portion does a believer have with an unbeliever? **16** What agreement does a temple of God have with idols? For you are a temple of the living God. Even as God said, “I will dwell in them and walk in them. I will be their God and they will be my people.” **17** Therefore “ ‘Come out from among them, and be separate,’ says the Lord. ‘Touch no unclean thing. I will receive you. **18** I will be to you a Father. You will be to me sons and daughters,’ says the Lord Almighty.”

What do these passages teach me about God?

November 18

2 Corinthians 7:1–4 — 1 Having therefore these promises, beloved, let's cleanse ourselves from all defilement of flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God. **2** Open your hearts to us. We wronged no one. We corrupted no one. We took advantage of no one. **3** I say this not to condemn you, for I have said before that you are in our hearts to die together and live together. **4** Great is my boldness of speech toward you. Great is my boasting on your behalf. I am filled with comfort. I overflow with joy in all our affliction.

What do these passages teach me about God?

November 19

2 Corinthians 7:5–8 — 5 For even when we had come into Macedonia, our flesh had no relief, but we were afflicted on every side. Fightings were outside. Fear was inside. **6** Nevertheless, he who comforts the lowly, God, comforted us by the coming of Titus, **7** and not by his coming only, but also by the comfort with which he was comforted in you while he told us of your longing, your mourning, and your zeal for me, so that I rejoiced still more. **8** For though I grieved you with my letter, I do not regret it, though I did regret it. For I see that my letter made you grieve, though just for a while.

What do these passages teach me about God?

November 20

2 Corinthians 7:9–12 — 9 I now rejoice, not that you were grieved, but that you were grieved to repentance. For you were grieved in a godly way, that you might suffer loss by us in nothing. **10** For godly sorrow produces repentance leading to salvation, which brings no regret. But the sorrow of the world produces death. **11** For behold, this same thing, that you were grieved in a godly way, what earnest care it worked in you. Yes, what defense, indignation, fear, longing, zeal, and vindication! In everything you demonstrated yourselves to be pure in the matter. **12** So although I wrote to you, I wrote not for his cause that did the wrong, nor for his cause that suffered the wrong, but that your earnest care for us might be revealed in you in the sight of God.

What do these passages teach me about God?

November 21

2 Corinthians 7:13–16 — 13 Therefore we have been comforted. In our comfort we rejoiced the more exceedingly for the joy of Titus, because his spirit has been refreshed by you all. **14** For if in anything I have boasted to him on your behalf, I was not disappointed. But as we spoke all things to you in truth, so our glorying also which I made before Titus was found to be truth. **15** His affection is more abundantly toward you, while he remembers all of your obedience, how with fear and trembling you received him. **16** I rejoice that in everything I am confident concerning you.

What do these passages teach me about God?

November 22

2 Corinthians 8:1–5 — 1 Moreover, brothers, we make known to you the grace of God which has been given in the assemblies of Macedonia, **2** how in a severe ordeal of affliction, the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abounded to the riches of their generosity. **3** For according to their power, I testify, yes and beyond their power, they gave of their own accord, **4** begging us with much entreaty to receive this grace and the fellowship in the service to the saints. **5** This was not as we had expected, but first they gave their own selves to the Lord, and to us through the will of God.

What do these passages teach me about God?

November 23

2 Corinthians 8:6–10 — 6 So we urged Titus, that as he had made a beginning before, so he would also complete in you this grace. **7** But as you abound in everything—in faith, utterance, knowledge, all earnestness, and in your love to us—see that you also abound in this grace. **8** I speak not by way of commandment, but as proving through the earnestness of others the sincerity also of your love. **9** For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that you through his poverty might become rich. **10** I give advice in this: it is expedient for you who were the first to start a year ago, not only to do, but also to be willing.

What do these passages teach me about God?

November 24

2 Corinthians 8:11–15 — 11 But now complete the doing also, that as there was the readiness to be willing, so there may be the completion also out of your ability. **12** For if the readiness is there, it is acceptable according to what you have, not according to what you don't have. **13** For this is not that others may be eased and you distressed, **14** but for equality. Your abundance at this present time supplies their lack, that their abundance also may become a supply for your lack, that there may be equality. **15** As it is written, "He who gathered much had nothing left over, and he who gathered little had no lack."

What do these passages teach me about God?

November 25

2 Corinthians 8:16–20 — 16 But thanks be to God, who puts the same earnest care for you into the heart of Titus. **17** For he indeed accepted our exhortation, but being himself very earnest, he went out to you of his own accord. **18** We have sent together with him the brother whose praise in the Good News is known throughout all the assemblies. **19** Not only so, but he was also appointed by the assemblies to travel with us in this grace, which is served by us to the glory of the Lord himself, and to show our readiness. **20** We are avoiding this, that any man should blame us concerning this abundance which is administered by us.

What do these passages teach me about God?

November 26

2 Corinthians 8:21–24 — 21 Having regard for honorable things, not only in the sight of the Lord, but also in the sight of men. **22** We have sent with them our brother whom we have many times proved earnest in many things, but now much more earnest, by reason of the great confidence which he has in you. **23** As for Titus, he is my partner and fellow worker for you. As for our brothers, they are the apostles of the assemblies, the glory of Christ. **24** Therefore show the proof of your love to them before the assemblies, and of our boasting on your behalf.

What do these passages teach me about God?

November 27

2 Corinthians 9:1–5 — 1 It is indeed unnecessary for me to write to you concerning
the service to the saints, **2** for I know your readiness, of which I boast on your behalf
to those of Macedonia, that Achaia has been prepared for the past year. Your zeal
has stirred up very many of them. **3** But I have sent the brothers so that our boasting
on your behalf may not be in vain in this respect, that, just as I said, you may be
prepared, **4** lest by any means, if anyone from Macedonia comes there with me and
finds you unprepared, we (to say nothing of you) would be disappointed in this
confident boasting. **5** I thought it necessary therefore to entreat the brothers that they
would go before to you and arrange ahead of time the generous gift that you
promised before, that the same might be ready as a matter of generosity, and not of
greediness.

What do these passages teach me about God?

November 28

2 Corinthians 9:6–10 — 6 Remember this: he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly. He who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. **7** Let each man give according as he has determined in his heart, not grudgingly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. **8** And God is able to make all grace abound to you, that you, always having all sufficiency in everything, may abound to every good work. **9** As it is written, “He has scattered abroad. He has given to the poor. His righteousness remains forever.” **10** Now may he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food, supply and multiply your seed for sowing, and increase the fruits of your righteousness,

What do these passages teach me about God?

November 29

2 Corinthians 9:11–15 — 11 you being enriched in everything for all generosity, which produces thanksgiving to God through us. **12** For this service of giving that you perform not only makes up for lack among the saints, but abounds also through much giving of thanks to God, **13** seeing that through the proof given by this service, they glorify God for the obedience of your confession to the Good News of Christ and for the generosity of your contribution to them and to all, **14** while they themselves also, with supplication on your behalf, yearn for you by reason of the exceeding grace of God in you. **15** Now thanks be to God for his unspeakable gift!

What do these passages teach me about God?

November 30

2 Corinthians 10:1–5 — 1 Now I Paul, myself, entreat you by the humility and gentleness of Christ, I who in your presence am lowly among you, but being absent am bold toward you. **2** Yes, I beg you that I may not, when present, show courage with the confidence with which I intend to be bold against some, who consider us to be walking according to the flesh. **3** For though we walk in the flesh, we don't wage war according to the flesh; **4** for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but mighty before God to the throwing down of strongholds, **5** throwing down imaginations and every high thing that is exalted against the knowledge of God and bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ,

What do these passages teach me about God?

December 1

2 Corinthians 10:6–10 — 6 and being in readiness to avenge all disobedience when your obedience is made full. **7** Do you look at things only as they appear in front of your face? If anyone trusts in himself that he is Christ's, let him consider this again with himself, that even as he is Christ's, so we also are Christ's. **8** For even if I boast somewhat abundantly concerning our authority, which the Lord gave for building you up and not for casting you down, I will not be ashamed, **9** that I may not seem as if I desire to terrify you by my letters. **10** For, "His letters", they say, "are weighty and strong, but his bodily presence is weak, and his speech is despised."

What do these passages teach me about God?

December 2

2 Corinthians 10:11–14 — 11 Let such a person consider this, that what we are in word by letters when we are absent, such are we also in deed when we are present. **12** For we are not bold to number or compare ourselves with some of those who commend themselves. But they themselves, measuring themselves by themselves, and comparing themselves with themselves, are without understanding. **13** But we will not boast beyond proper limits, but within the boundaries with which God appointed to us, which reach even to you. **14** For we don't stretch ourselves too much, as though we didn't reach to you. For we came even as far as to you with the Good News of Christ,

What do these passages teach me about God?

December 3

2 Corinthians 10:15–18 — 15 not boasting beyond proper limits in other men's labors, but having hope that as your faith grows, we will be abundantly enlarged by you in our sphere of influence, **16** so as to preach the Good News even to the parts beyond you, not to boast in what someone else has already done. **17** But "he who boasts, let him boast in the Lord." **18** For it isn't he who commends himself who is approved, but whom the Lord commends.

What do these passages teach me about God?

December 4

2 Corinthians 11:1–5 — 1 I wish that you would bear with me in a little foolishness,
but indeed you do bear with me. **2** For I am jealous over you with a godly jealousy.
For I promised you in marriage to one husband, that I might present you as a pure
virgin to Christ. **3** But I am afraid that somehow, as the serpent deceived Eve in his
craftiness, so your minds might be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ. **4** For
if he who comes preaches another Jesus whom we didn't preach, or if you receive a
different spirit which you didn't receive, or a different "good news" which you didn't
accept, you put up with that well enough. **5** For I reckon that I am not at all behind the
very best apostles.

What do these passages teach me about God?

December 5

2 Corinthians 11:6–10 — 6 But though I am unskilled in speech, yet I am not unskilled in knowledge. No, in every way we have been revealed to you in all things. **7** Or did I commit a sin in humbling myself that you might be exalted, because I preached to you God's Good News free of charge? **8** I robbed other assemblies, taking wages from them that I might serve you. **9** When I was present with you and was in need, I wasn't a burden on anyone, for the brothers, when they came from Macedonia, supplied the measure of my need. In everything I kept myself from being burdensome to you, and I will continue to do so. **10** As the truth of Christ is in me, no one will stop me from this boasting in the regions of Achaia.

What do these passages teach me about God?

December 6

2 Corinthians 11:11–15 — 11 Why? Because I don't love you? God knows. **12** But what I do, that I will continue to do, that I may cut off opportunity from those who desire an opportunity, that in which they boast, they may be recognized just like us. **13** For such men are false apostles, deceitful workers, masquerading as Christ's apostles. **14** And no wonder, for even Satan masquerades as an angel of light. **15** It is no great thing therefore if his servants also masquerade as servants of righteousness, whose end will be according to their works.

What do these passages teach me about God?

December 7

2 Corinthians 11:16–20 — 16 I say again, let no one think me foolish. But if so, yet receive me as foolish, that I also may boast a little. **17** That which I speak, I don't speak according to the Lord, but as in foolishness, in this confidence of boasting. **18** Seeing that many boast after the flesh, I will also boast. **19** For you bear with the foolish gladly, being wise. **20** For you bear with a man if he brings you into bondage, if he devours you, if he takes you captive, if he exalts himself, or if he strikes you on the face.

What do these passages teach me about God?

December 8

2 Corinthians 11:21–25 — 21 To my shame, I speak as though we had been weak. Yet in whatever way anyone is bold (I speak in foolishness), I am bold also. **22** Are they Hebrews? So am I. Are they Israelites? So am I. Are they the offspring of Abraham? So am I. **23** Are they servants of Christ? (I speak as one beside himself.) I am more so: in labors more abundantly, in prisons more abundantly, in stripes above measure, and in deaths often. **24** Five times I received forty stripes minus one from the Jews. **25** Three times I was beaten with rods. Once I was stoned. Three times I suffered shipwreck. I have been a night and a day in the deep.

What do these passages teach me about God?

December 9

2 Corinthians 11:26–29 — 26 I have been in travels often, perils of rivers, perils of robbers, perils from my countrymen, perils from the Gentiles, perils in the city, perils in the wilderness, perils in the sea, perils among false brothers; **27** in labor and travail, in watchings often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, and in cold and nakedness. **28** Besides those things that are outside, there is that which presses on me daily: anxiety for all the assemblies. **29** Who is weak, and I am not weak? Who is caused to stumble, and I don't burn with indignation?

What do these passages teach me about God?

December 10

2 Corinthians 11:30–33 — 30 If I must boast, I will boast of the things that concern my weakness. **31** The God and Father of the Lord Jesus Christ, he who is blessed forever more, knows that I don't lie. **32** In Damascus the governor under King Aretas guarded the Damascenes' city, desiring to arrest me. **33** I was let down in a basket through a window by the wall, and escaped his hands.

What do these passages teach me about God?

December 11

2 Corinthians 12:1–5 — 1 It is doubtless not profitable for me to boast, but I will come to visions and revelations of the Lord. **2** I know a man in Christ who was caught up into the third heaven fourteen years ago—whether in the body, I don't know, or whether out of the body, I don't know; God knows. **3** I know such a man (whether in the body, or outside of the body, I don't know; God knows), **4** how he was caught up into Paradise and heard unspeakable words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter. **5** On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except in my weaknesses.

What do these passages teach me about God?

December 12

2 Corinthians 12:6–9 — 6 For if I would desire to boast, I will not be foolish; for I will speak the truth. But I refrain, so that no man may think more of me than that which he sees in me or hears from me. **7** By reason of the exceeding greatness of the revelations, that I should not be exalted excessively, a thorn in the flesh was given to me: a messenger of Satan to torment me, that I should not be exalted excessively. **8** Concerning this thing, I begged the Lord three times that it might depart from me. **9** He has said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Most gladly therefore I will rather glory in my weaknesses, that the power of Christ may rest on me.

What do these passages teach me about God?

December 13

2 Corinthians 12:10–13 — 10 Therefore I take pleasure in weaknesses, in injuries, in necessities, in persecutions, and in distresses, for Christ's sake. For when I am weak, then am I strong. **11** I have become foolish in boasting. You compelled me, for I ought to have been commended by you, for I am in no way inferior to the very best apostles, though I am nothing. **12** Truly the signs of an apostle were worked among you in all perseverance, in signs and wonders and mighty works. **13** For what is there in which you were made inferior to the rest of the assemblies, unless it is that I myself was not a burden to you? Forgive me this wrong!

What do these passages teach me about God?

December 14

2 Corinthians 12:14–17 — 14 Behold, this is the third time I am ready to come to you, and I will not be a burden to you; for I seek not your possessions, but you. For the children ought not to save up for the parents, but the parents for the children. **15** I will most gladly spend and be spent for your souls. If I love you more abundantly, am I loved the less? **16** Even so, I myself didn't burden you. But you might say that being crafty, I caught you with deception. **17** Did I take advantage of you by anyone of those whom I have sent to you?

What do these passages teach me about God?

December 15

2 Corinthians 12:18–21 — 18 I exhorted Titus, and I sent the brother with him. Did Titus take any advantage of you? Didn't we walk in the same spirit? Didn't we walk in the same steps? **19** Again, do you think that we are excusing ourselves to you? In the sight of God we speak in Christ. But all things, beloved, are for your edifying. **20** For I am afraid that perhaps when I come, I might find you not the way I want to, and that I might be found by you as you don't desire, that perhaps there would be strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, factions, slander, whisperings, proud thoughts, or riots, **21** that again when I come my God would humble me before you, and I would mourn for many of those who have sinned before now, and not repented of the uncleanness, sexual immorality, and lustfulness which they committed.

What do these passages teach me about God?

December 16

2 Corinthians 13:1–5 — 1 This is the third time I am coming to you. “At the mouth of two or three witnesses shall every word be established.” **2** I have warned previously, and I warn again, as when I was present the second time, so now, being absent, I write to those who have sinned before now and to all the rest that if I come again, I will not spare, **3** seeing that you seek a proof of Christ who speaks in me who is not weak, but is powerful in you. **4** For he was crucified through weakness, yet he lives through the power of God. For we also are weak in him, but we will live with him through the power of God toward you. **5** Examine your own selves, whether you are in the faith. Test your own selves. Or don’t you know about your own selves, that Jesus Christ is in you?—unless indeed you are disqualified.

What do these passages teach me about God?

December 17

2 Corinthians 13:6–10 — 6 But I hope that you will know that we aren't disqualified. **7** Now I pray to God that you do no evil; not that we may appear approved, but that you may do that which is honorable, though we may seem to have failed. **8** For we can do nothing against the truth, but for the truth. **9** For we rejoice when we are weak and you are strong. We also pray for this: your becoming perfect. **10** For this cause I write these things while absent, that I may not deal sharply when present, according to the authority which the Lord gave me for building up and not for tearing down.

What do these passages teach me about God?

December 18

2 Corinthians 13:11–14 — 11 Finally, brothers, rejoice! Be perfected. Be comforted. Be of the same mind. Live in peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you. **12** Greet one another with a holy kiss. **13** All the saints greet you. **14** The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, God's love, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen.

What do these passages teach me about God?

December 19

Habakkuk 1:1–5 — 1 The revelation which Habakkuk the prophet saw. **2** Yahweh, how long will I cry, and you will not hear? I cry out to you “Violence!” and will you not save? **3** Why do you show me iniquity, and look at perversity? For destruction and violence are before me. There is strife, and contention rises up. **4** Therefore the law is paralyzed, and justice never prevails; for the wicked surround the righteous; therefore justice comes out perverted. **5** “Look among the nations, watch, and wonder marvelously; for I am working a work in your days which you will not believe though it is told you.

What do these passages teach me about God?

December 20

Habakkuk 1:6–9 — 6 For, behold, I am raising up the Chaldeans, that bitter and hasty nation who march through the width of the earth, to possess dwelling places that are not theirs. **7** They are feared and dreaded. Their judgment and their dignity proceed from themselves. **8** Their horses also are swifter than leopards, and are more fierce than the evening wolves. Their horsemen press proudly on. Yes, their horsemen come from afar. They fly as an eagle that hurries to devour. **9** All of them come for violence. Their hordes face forward. They gather prisoners like sand.

What do these passages teach me about God?

December 21

Habakkuk 1:10–13 — 10 Yes, they scoff at kings, and princes are a derision to them. They laugh at every stronghold, for they build up an earthen ramp and take it. **11** Then they sweep by like the wind and go on. They are indeed guilty, whose strength is their god." **12** Aren't you from everlasting, Yahweh my God, my Holy One? We will not die. Yahweh, you have appointed them for judgment. You, Rock, have established him to punish. **13** You who have purer eyes than to see evil, and who cannot look on perversity, why do you tolerate those who deal treacherously and keep silent when the wicked swallows up the man who is more righteous than he,

What do these passages teach me about God?

December 22

Habakkuk 1:14–17 — 14 and make men like the fish of the sea, like the creeping
things that have no ruler over them? **15** He takes up all of them with the hook. He
catches them in his net and gathers them in his dragnet. Therefore he rejoices and is
glad. **16** Therefore he sacrifices to his net and burns incense to his dragnet, because
by them his life is luxurious and his food is good. **17** Will he therefore continually
empty his net, and kill the nations without mercy?

What do these passages teach me about God?

December 23

Habakkuk 2:1–4 — 1 I will stand at my watch and set myself on the ramparts, and will look out to see what he will say to me, and what I will answer concerning my complaint. **2** Yahweh answered me, “Write the vision, and make it plain on tablets, that he who runs may read it. **3** For the vision is yet for the appointed time, and it hurries toward the end, and won’t prove false. Though it takes time, wait for it, because it will surely come. It won’t delay. **4** Behold, his soul is puffed up. It is not upright in him, but the righteous will live by his faith.

What do these passages teach me about God?

December 24

Habakkuk 2:5–8 — 5 Yes, moreover, wine is treacherous: an arrogant man who doesn't stay at home, who enlarges his desire as Sheol; he is like death and can't be satisfied, but gathers to himself all nations and heaps to himself all peoples. **6** Won't all these take up a parable against him, and a taunting proverb against him, and say, 'Woe to him who increases that which is not his, and who enriches himself by extortion! How long?' **7** Won't your debtors rise up suddenly, and wake up those who make you tremble, and you will be their victim? **8** Because you have plundered many nations, all the remnant of the peoples will plunder you because of men's blood, and for the violence done to the land, to the city and to all who dwell in it.

What do these passages teach me about God?

December 25

Habakkuk 2:9–12 — 9 Woe to him who gets an evil gain for his house, that he may set his nest on high, that he may be delivered from the hand of evil! **10** You have devised shame to your house by cutting off many peoples, and have sinned against your soul. **11** For the stone will cry out of the wall, and the beam out of the woodwork will answer it. **12** Woe to him who builds a town with blood, and establishes a city by iniquity!

What do these passages teach me about God?

December 26

Habakkuk 2:13–16 — 13 Behold, isn't it from Yahweh of Armies that the peoples labor for the fire, and the nations weary themselves for vanity? **14** For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of Yahweh's glory, as the waters cover the sea. **15** "Woe to him who gives his neighbor drink, pouring your inflaming wine until they are drunk, so that you may gaze at their naked bodies! **16** You are filled with shame, and not glory. You will also drink and be exposed! The cup of Yahweh's right hand will come around to you, and disgrace will cover your glory.

What do these passages teach me about God?

December 27

Habakkuk 2:17–20 — 17 For the violence done to Lebanon will overwhelm you, and the destruction of the animals will terrify you, because of men's blood and for the violence done to the land, to every city and to those who dwell in them. **18** "What value does the engraved image have, that its maker has engraved it; the molten image, even the teacher of lies, that he who fashions its form trusts in it, to make mute idols? **19** Woe to him who says to the wood, 'Awake!' or to the mute stone, 'Arise!' Shall this teach? Behold, it is overlaid with gold and silver, and there is no breath at all within it. **20** But Yahweh is in his holy temple. Let all the earth be silent before him!"

What do these passages teach me about God?

December 28

Habakkuk 3:1–5 — 1 A prayer of Habakkuk, the prophet, set to victorious music. **2** Yahweh, I have heard of your fame. I stand in awe of your deeds, Yahweh. Renew your work in the middle of the years. In the middle of the years make it known. In wrath, you remember mercy. **3** God came from Teman, the Holy One from Mount Paran. Selah. His glory covered the heavens, and his praise filled the earth. **4** His splendor is like the sunrise. Rays shine from his hand, where his power is hidden. **5** Plague went before him, and pestilence followed his feet.

What do these passages teach me about God?

December 29

Habakkuk 3:6–10 — 6 He stood, and shook the earth. He looked, and made the nations tremble. The ancient mountains were crumbled. The age-old hills collapsed. His ways are eternal. **7** I saw the tents of Cushan in affliction. The dwellings of the land of Midian trembled. **8** Was Yahweh displeased with the rivers? Was your anger against the rivers, or your wrath against the sea, that you rode on your horses, on your chariots of salvation? **9** You uncovered your bow. You called for your sworn arrows. Selah. You split the earth with rivers. **10** The mountains saw you, and were afraid. The storm of waters passed by. The deep roared and lifted up its hands on high.

What do these passages teach me about God?

December 30

Habakkuk 3:11–15 — 11 The sun and moon stood still in the sky at the light of your arrows as they went, at the shining of your glittering spear. **12** You marched through the land in wrath. You threshed the nations in anger. **13** You went out for the salvation of your people, for the salvation of your anointed. You crushed the head of the land of wickedness. You stripped them head to foot. Selah. **14** You pierced the heads of his warriors with their own spears. They came as a whirlwind to scatter me, gloating as if to devour the wretched in secret. **15** You trampled the sea with your horses, churning mighty waters.

What do these passages teach me about God?

December 31

Habakkuk 3:16–19 — 16 I heard, and my body trembled. My lips quivered at the voice. Rottenness enters into my bones, and I tremble in my place because I must wait quietly for the day of trouble, for the coming up of the people who invade us. **17** For even though the fig tree doesn't flourish, nor fruit be in the vines, the labor of the olive fails, the fields yield no food, the flocks are cut off from the fold, and there is no herd in the stalls, **18** yet I will rejoice in Yahweh. I will be joyful in the God of my salvation! **19** Yahweh, the Lord, is my strength. He makes my feet like deer's feet, and enables me to go in high places. For the music director, on my stringed instruments.

NOTES

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January

Days 1–31

☐	Fri 1	Mark 1:1–5	5
☐	Sat 2	Mark 1:6–10	5
☐	Sun 3	Mark 1:11–15	5
☐	Mon 4	Mark 1:16–20	5
☐	Tue 5	Mark 1:21–25	5
☐	Wed 6	Mark 1:26–29	4
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☐	Fri 8	Mark 1:34–37	4
☐	Sat 9	Mark 1:38–41	4
☐	Sun 10	Mark 1:42–45	4
☐	Mon 11	Mark 2:1–5	5
☐	Tue 12	Mark 2:6–10	5
☐	Wed 13	Mark 2:11–15	5
☐	Thu 14	Mark 2:16–20	5
☐	Fri 15	Mark 2:21–24	4
☐	Sat 16	Mark 2:25–28	4
☐	Sun 17	Mark 3:1–5	5
☐	Mon 18	Mark 3:6–10	5
☐	Tue 19	Mark 3:11–15	5
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☐	Fri 29	Mark 4:21–25	5
☐	Sat 30	Mark 4:26–29	4
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February

Days 32–59

☐	Mon 1	Mark 4:34–37	4
☐	Tue 2	Mark 4:38–41	4
☐	Wed 3	Mark 5:1–5	5
☐	Thu 4	Mark 5:6–10	5
☐	Fri 5	Mark 5:11–15	5
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☐	Sun 7	Mark 5:21–25	5
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☐	Sat 20	Mark 6:41–44	4
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☐	Wed 24	Mark 7:1–5	5
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☐	Fri 26	Mark 7:11–15	5
☐	Sat 27	Mark 7:16–20	5
☐	Sun 28	Mark 7:21–25	5

March

Days 60–90

☐	Mon 1	Mark 7:26–29	4
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☐	Wed 3	Mark 7:34–37	4
☐	Thu 4	Mark 8:1–5	5
☐	Fri 5	Mark 8:6–10	5
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☐	Wed 31	Mark 10:41–44	4

April

Days 91–120

☐	Thu 1	Mark 10:45–48	4
☐	Fri 2	Mark 10:49–52	4
☐	Sat 3	Mark 11:1–5	5
☐	Sun 4	Mark 11:6–10	5
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☐	Wed 28	Mark 14:1–5	5
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☐	Fri 30	Mark 14:11–15	5

May

Days 121–151

☐	Sat 1	Mark 14:16–20	5
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☐	Tue 4	Mark 14:31–35	5
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☐	Fri 14	Mark 15:1–5	5
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☐	Sun 23	Mark 15:44–47	4
☐	Mon 24	Mark 16:1–4	4
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☐	Wed 26	Mark 16:9–12	4
☐	Thu 27	Mark 16:13–16	4
☐	Fri 28	Mark 16:17–20	4
☐	Sat 29	Joshua 1:1–5	5
☐	Sun 30	Joshua 1:6–10	5
☐	Mon 31	Joshua 1:11–14	4

June

Days 152–181

☐	Tue 1	Joshua 1:15–18	4
☐	Wed 2	Joshua 2:1–4	4
☐	Thu 3	Joshua 2:5–8	4
☐	Fri 4	Joshua 2:9–12	4
☐	Sat 5	Joshua 2:13–16	4
☐	Sun 6	Joshua 2:17–20	4
☐	Mon 7	Joshua 2:21–24	4
☐	Tue 8	Joshua 3:1–5	5
☐	Wed 9	Joshua 3:6–9	4
☐	Thu 10	Joshua 3:10–13	4
☐	Fri 11	Joshua 3:14–17	4
☐	Sat 12	Joshua 4:1–4	4
☐	Sun 13	Joshua 4:5–8	4
☐	Mon 14	Joshua 4:9–12	4
☐	Tue 15	Joshua 4:13–16	4
☐	Wed 16	Joshua 4:17–20	4
☐	Thu 17	Joshua 4:21–24	4
☐	Fri 18	Joshua 5:1–5	5
☐	Sat 19	Joshua 5:6–10	5
☐	Sun 20	Joshua 5:11–15	5
☐	Mon 21	Joshua 6:1–5	5
☐	Tue 22	Joshua 6:6–10	5
☐	Wed 23	Joshua 6:11–15	5
☐	Thu 24	Joshua 6:16–19	4
☐	Fri 25	Joshua 6:20–23	4
☐	Sat 26	Joshua 6:24–27	4
☐	Sun 27	Joshua 7:1–5	5
☐	Mon 28	Joshua 7:6–10	5
☐	Tue 29	Joshua 7:11–14	4
☐	Wed 30	Joshua 7:15–18	4

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July

Days 182–212

☐	Thu 1	Joshua 7:19–22	4
☐	Fri 2	Joshua 7:23–26	4
☐	Sat 3	Joshua 8:1–5	5
☐	Sun 4	Joshua 8:6–10	5
☐	Mon 5	Joshua 8:11–15	5
☐	Tue 6	Joshua 8:16–19	4
☐	Wed 7	Joshua 8:20–23	4
☐	Thu 8	Joshua 8:24–27	4
☐	Fri 9	Joshua 8:28–31	4
☐	Sat 10	Joshua 8:32–35	4
☐	Sun 11	Joshua 9:1–5	5
☐	Mon 12	Joshua 9:6–10	5
☐	Tue 13	Joshua 9:11–15	5
☐	Wed 14	Joshua 9:16–19	4
☐	Thu 15	Joshua 9:20–23	4
☐	Fri 16	Joshua 9:24–27	4
☐	Sat 17	Joshua 10:1–5	5
☐	Sun 18	Joshua 10:6–10	5
☐	Mon 19	Joshua 10:11–15	5
☐	Tue 20	Joshua 10:16–20	5
☐	Wed 21	Joshua 10:21–25	5
☐	Thu 22	Joshua 10:26–30	5
☐	Fri 23	Joshua 10:31–35	5
☐	Sat 24	Joshua 10:36–39	4
☐	Sun 25	Joshua 10:40–43	4
☐	Mon 26	Joshua 11:1–5	5
☐	Tue 27	Joshua 11:6–10	5
☐	Wed 28	Joshua 11:11–15	5
☐	Thu 29	Joshua 11:16–19	4
☐	Fri 30	Joshua 11:20–23	4
☐	Sat 31	Joshua 12:1–4	4

August

Days 213–243

☐	Sun 1	Joshua 12:5–8	4
☐	Mon 2	Joshua 12:9–12	4
☐	Tue 3	Joshua 12:13–16	4
☐	Wed 4	Joshua 12:17–20	4
☐	Thu 5	Joshua 12:21–24	4
☐	Fri 6	Joshua 13:1–5	5
☐	Sat 7	Joshua 13:6–10	5
☐	Sun 8	Joshua 13:11–15	5
☐	Mon 9	Joshua 13:16–20	5
☐	Tue 10	Joshua 13:21–25	5
☐	Wed 11	Joshua 13:26–29	4
☐	Thu 12	Joshua 13:30–33	4
☐	Fri 13	Joshua 14:1–5	5
☐	Sat 14	Joshua 14:6–10	5
☐	Sun 15	Joshua 14:11–15	5
☐	Mon 16	Joshua 15:1–5	5
☐	Tue 17	Joshua 15:6–10	5
☐	Wed 18	Joshua 15:11–15	5
☐	Thu 19	Joshua 15:16–20	5
☐	Fri 20	Joshua 15:21–25	5
☐	Sat 21	Joshua 15:26–30	5
☐	Sun 22	Joshua 15:31–35	5
☐	Mon 23	Joshua 15:36–39	4
☐	Tue 24	Joshua 15:40–43	4
☐	Wed 25	Joshua 15:44–47	4
☐	Thu 26	Joshua 15:48–51	4
☐	Fri 27	Joshua 15:52–55	4
☐	Sat 28	Joshua 15:56–59	4
☐	Sun 29	Joshua 15:60–63	4
☐	Mon 30	Joshua 16:1–5	5
☐	Tue 31	Joshua 16:6–10	5

September

Days 244–273

☐	Wed 1	Joshua 17:1–5	5
☐	Thu 2	Joshua 17:6–10	5
☐	Fri 3	Joshua 17:11–14	4
☐	Sat 4	Joshua 17:15–18	4
☐	Sun 5	Joshua 18:1–5	5
☐	Mon 6	Joshua 18:6–10	5
☐	Tue 7	Joshua 18:11–15	5
☐	Wed 8	Joshua 18:16–20	5
☐	Thu 9	Joshua 18:21–24	4
☐	Fri 10	Joshua 18:25–28	4
☐	Sat 11	Joshua 19:1–5	5
☐	Sun 12	Joshua 19:6–10	5
☐	Mon 13	Joshua 19:11–15	5
☐	Tue 14	Joshua 19:16–20	5
☐	Wed 15	Joshua 19:21–25	5
☐	Thu 16	Joshua 19:26–30	5
☐	Fri 17	Joshua 19:31–35	5
☐	Sat 18	Joshua 19:36–39	4
☐	Sun 19	Joshua 19:40–43	4
☐	Mon 20	Joshua 19:44–47	4
☐	Tue 21	Joshua 19:48–51	4
☐	Wed 22	Joshua 20:1–5	5
☐	Thu 23	Joshua 20:6–9	4
☐	Fri 24	Joshua 21:1–5	5
☐	Sat 25	Joshua 21:6–10	5
☐	Sun 26	Joshua 21:11–15	5
☐	Mon 27	Joshua 21:16–20	5
☐	Tue 28	Joshua 21:21–25	5
☐	Wed 29	Joshua 21:26–29	4
☐	Thu 30	Joshua 21:30–33	4

October

Days 274–304

☐	Fri 1	Joshua 21:34–37	4
☐	Sat 2	Joshua 21:38–41	4
☐	Sun 3	Joshua 21:42–45	4
☐	Mon 4	Joshua 22:1–5	5
☐	Tue 5	Joshua 22:6–10	5
☐	Wed 6	Joshua 22:11–14	4
☐	Thu 7	Joshua 22:15–18	4
☐	Fri 8	Joshua 22:19–22	4
☐	Sat 9	Joshua 22:23–26	4
☐	Sun 10	Joshua 22:27–30	4
☐	Mon 11	Joshua 22:31–34	4
☐	Tue 12	Joshua 23:1–4	4
☐	Wed 13	Joshua 23:5–8	4
☐	Thu 14	Joshua 23:9–12	4
☐	Fri 15	Joshua 23:13–16	4
☐	Sat 16	Joshua 24:1–5	5
☐	Sun 17	Joshua 24:6–10	5
☐	Mon 18	Joshua 24:11–15	5
☐	Tue 19	Joshua 24:16–20	5
☐	Wed 20	Joshua 24:21–25	5
☐	Thu 21	Joshua 24:26–29	4
☐	Fri 22	Joshua 24:30–33	4
☐	Sat 23	2 Corinthians 1:1–5	5
☐	Sun 24	2 Corinthians 1:6–10	5
☐	Mon 25	2 Corinthians 1:11–15	5
☐	Tue 26	2 Corinthians 1:16–20	5
☐	Wed 27	2 Corinthians 1:21–24	4
☐	Thu 28	2 Corinthians 2:1–5	5
☐	Fri 29	2 Corinthians 2:6–9	4
☐	Sat 30	2 Corinthians 2:10–13	4
☐	Sun 31	2 Corinthians 2:14–17	4

November

Days 305–334

☐	Mon 1	2 Corinthians 3:1–5	5
☐	Tue 2	2 Corinthians 3:6–10	5
☐	Wed 3	2 Corinthians 3:11–14	4
☐	Thu 4	2 Corinthians 3:15–18	4
☐	Fri 5	2 Corinthians 4:1–5	5
☐	Sat 6	2 Corinthians 4:6–10	5
☐	Sun 7	2 Corinthians 4:11–14	4
☐	Mon 8	2 Corinthians 4:15–18	4
☐	Tue 9	2 Corinthians 5:1–5	5
☐	Wed 10	2 Corinthians 5:6–9	4
☐	Thu 11	2 Corinthians 5:10–13	4
☐	Fri 12	2 Corinthians 5:14–17	4
☐	Sat 13	2 Corinthians 5:18–21	4
☐	Sun 14	2 Corinthians 6:1–5	5
☐	Mon 15	2 Corinthians 6:6–10	5
☐	Tue 16	2 Corinthians 6:11–14	4
☐	Wed 17	2 Corinthians 6:15–18	4
☐	Thu 18	2 Corinthians 7:1–4	4
☐	Fri 19	2 Corinthians 7:5–8	4
☐	Sat 20	2 Corinthians 7:9–12	4
☐	Sun 21	2 Corinthians 7:13–16	4
☐	Mon 22	2 Corinthians 8:1–5	5
☐	Tue 23	2 Corinthians 8:6–10	5
☐	Wed 24	2 Corinthians 8:11–15	5
☐	Thu 25	2 Corinthians 8:16–20	5
☐	Fri 26	2 Corinthians 8:21–24	4
☐	Sat 27	2 Corinthians 9:1–5	5
☐	Sun 28	2 Corinthians 9:6–10	5
☐	Mon 29	2 Corinthians 9:11–15	5
☐	Tue 30	2 Corinthians 10:1–5	5

December

Days 335–365

☐	Wed 1	2 Corinthians 10:6–10	5
☐	Thu 2	2 Corinthians 10:11–14	4
☐	Fri 3	2 Corinthians 10:15–18	4
☐	Sat 4	2 Corinthians 11:1–5	5
☐	Sun 5	2 Corinthians 11:6–10	5
☐	Mon 6	2 Corinthians 11:11–15	5
☐	Tue 7	2 Corinthians 11:16–20	5
☐	Wed 8	2 Corinthians 11:21–25	5
☐	Thu 9	2 Corinthians 11:26–29	4
☐	Fri 10	2 Corinthians 11:30–33	4
☐	Sat 11	2 Corinthians 12:1–5	5
☐	Sun 12	2 Corinthians 12:6–9	4
☐	Mon 13	2 Corinthians 12:10–13	4
☐	Tue 14	2 Corinthians 12:14–17	4
☐	Wed 15	2 Corinthians 12:18–21	4
☐	Thu 16	2 Corinthians 13:1–5	5
☐	Fri 17	2 Corinthians 13:6–10	5
☐	Sat 18	2 Corinthians 13:11–14	4
☐	Sun 19	Habakkuk 1:1–5	5
☐	Mon 20	Habakkuk 1:6–9	4
☐	Tue 21	Habakkuk 1:10–13	4
☐	Wed 22	Habakkuk 1:14–17	4
☐	Thu 23	Habakkuk 2:1–4	4
☐	Fri 24	Habakkuk 2:5–8	4
☐	Sat 25	Habakkuk 2:9–12	4
☐	Sun 26	Habakkuk 2:13–16	4
☐	Mon 27	Habakkuk 2:17–20	4
☐	Tue 28	Habakkuk 3:1–5	5
☐	Wed 29	Habakkuk 3:6–10	5
☐	Thu 30	Habakkuk 3:11–15	5
☐	Fri 31	Habakkuk 3:16–19	4