

DAILY BREAD

A Messianic One-Year Bible Reading Journal

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**“Et lechem chukenu ten lanu ha-yom.
(Give us this day our daily bread).”**

— Matthew 6:11

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~Introduction~

It is a great blessing to have a daily, balanced diet from the Word of God, and to read through the entire Bible in a year. The Master said: “It is written: ‘Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God’” (Matt. 4:4, Deut. 8:3). As disciples of Messiah, we need to study the Scriptures in a disciplined way. Therefore it is our great joy to publish *Daily Bread: A Messianic One-Year Bible Reading Journal*.

The Bible has come to us from the Jewish people. The one-year Bible reading plan in DAILY BREAD is unique in several ways: (1) it follows the same Jewish division of the Scriptures that Messiah and the Apostles were familiar with; (2) it takes you through a portion from each section every day; (3) it follows the same text portions that all of Israel studies each week; (4) it complements these with the rest of the biblical text; (5) it includes a generous amount of information about the Jewish calendar, the Feasts, and what has happened in the history of Israel on different days.

The Jewish division of the Hebrew Bible (OT) is the same as the one found in Luke 24:44. Every day, except Sabbaths and holidays (see below), DAILY BREAD takes you through:

- one portion from the Torah (the Five Books of Moses);
- one portion from the Prophets;
- one portion from the Writings;
- one portion from the Apostles (NT).

We have included an optional track of readings in parentheses for anyone who wishes to read through the Apostolic Scriptures (NT) twice a year. Those who wish to follow this optional track and study the Gospels with the Epistles every day, simply add the apostolic

reading in parentheses ().

The weekly Torah portion is called the *parashah* and is read in every synagogue all over the world each Sabbath. The Apostles encouraged disciples who were not Jewish to follow the synagogue's Scripture readings (see Acts 15:21). The weekly Torah portion is divided into seven shorter *aliyot* (plural), which constitute the daily Torah reading in this Bible reading plan. On the Sabbath, the seventh *aliyah* is read, together with the accompanying portion from the Prophets, called the *haftarah* (see Luke 4:16). DAILY BREAD also adds suggested Messianic readings from the Apostles on Sabbaths and Holidays.

In the Jewish Bible, the books of the Prophets include: Joshua, Judges, Samuel I & II, and Kings I & II, followed by Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, and the twelve shorter Prophets. (Note that the entire Book of Jonah is read on the Day of Atonement.) The Writings start with Psalms, followed by Proverbs, Job, and the five Scrolls which are read on special occasions: Song of Songs (Passover), Ruth (Feast of Weeks), Lamentations (9th of Av), Ecclesiastes (Tabernacles), and Esther (Purim). After these come: Daniel, Ezra, Nehemiah, and Chronicles I & II.

The composition of the Apostolic Scriptures (NT) is somewhat different in the East around the Land of Israel. In this earlier, Greek, manuscript tradition, the letters of Jacob (James), Peter, John, and Judah (Jude) follow directly after the Book of Acts. Paul writes in Galatians that "James, Cephas and John, those esteemed as pillars," were apostles before him in Jerusalem (Gal. 2:9, 1:17). Then come the letters of Paul, Hebrews, and the Book of Revelation.

We recommend reading all the daily Scripture portions early in the morning. If time does not allow, read the rest in the evening. Alternatively, you can read two portions in the morning and two in the evening. If you fall behind, you can catch up on the Sabbath, but a disciplined daily reading of the Word is best.

On each page in the journal you will find the Gregorian date,

the Hebrew date, the Bible reading portions for the day, information about special events on the Hebrew calendar, and also the name of the Torah text for the week at the bottom of the page. Some days will have information about what happened in the Bible or in history on that specific day. On the empty lines, you can record what speaks to you from the Scriptures, prayer subjects, answers to prayer, etc.

We hope that you will be richly blessed by DAILY BREAD in your daily walk with the Master.

~ The Holy Books ~

Below are the books of Holy Scripture arranged according to the Jewish, Messianic tradition used in *Daily Bread*.

TORAH

- /// Genesis
- /// Exodus
- /// Leviticus
- /// Numbers
- /// Deuteronomy

PROPHETS

- /// Joshua
- /// Judges
- /// Samuel I & II
- /// Kings I & II
- /// Isaiah
- /// Jeremiah
- /// Ezekiel
- /// The Twelve
 - I. Hosea
 - II. Joel
 - III. Amos
 - IV. Obadiah
 - V. Jonah
 - VI. Micah
 - VII. Nahum
 - VIII. Habakkuk

- IX. Zephaniah
- X. Haggai
- XI. Zechariah
- XII. Malachi

WRITINGS

- /// Psalms
- /// Proverbs
- /// Job
- /// Song of Songs
- /// Ruth
- /// Lamentations
- /// Ecclesiastes
- /// Esther
- /// Daniel
- /// Ezra-Nehemiah
- /// Chronicles I & II

APOSTLES

- /// Matthew
- /// Mark
- /// Luke
- /// John

- /// Acts
- /// Jacob (James)
- /// 1 Peter
- /// 2 Peter
- /// 1 John
- /// 2 John
- /// 3 John
- /// Judah (Jude)
- /// Romans
- /// 1 Corinthians
- /// 2 Corinthians
- /// Galatians
- /// Ephesians
- /// Philippians
- /// Colossians
- /// 1 Thessalonians
- /// 2 Thessalonians
- /// 1 Timothy
- /// 2 Timothy
- /// Titus
- /// Philemon
- /// Hebrews
- /// Revelation

~ The Biblical Year ~

Below are the months and holy days of the biblical, Jewish calendar used in *Daily Bread*.

| | MONTH | APROX. ROMAN | EVENTS |
|----|-----------------|--|---|
| 1 | NISAN | Mar.–April | Passover, Unleavened Bread, First Fruits |
| 2 | IYAR | April–May | |
| 3 | SIVAN | May–June | Weeks (Pentecost) |
| 4 | TAMUZ | June–July | Fast of Tamuz |
| 5 | AV | July–Aug. | Fast of Av |
| 6 | ELUL | Aug.–Sep | |
| 7 | TISHREI | Sep.–Oct. | Trumpets, Fast of Gedaliah, Day of Atonement, Tabernacles |
| 8 | CHESHVAN | Oct.–Nov. | |
| 9 | KISLEV | Nov.–Dec. | Hanukkah |
| 10 | TEVET | Dec.–Jan. | Fast of Tevet |
| 11 | SHVAT | Jan.–Feb. | |
| 12 | ADAR | Feb.–Mar. | Fast of Ester, Purim |
| 13 | <i>Adar I</i> | <i>A leap-month added 7 years out of a 19-year cycle (years 3, 6, 8, 11, 14, 17, and 19)</i> | |

HOLY DAYS

| DATE | EVENT | BIBLICAL REFERENCES |
|----------------------------|---|--|
| Nisan 14 | PESACH (PASSEVER) | Ex. 12; Lev. 23:5; Num. 9:2f; 28:16; Dt 16:1f; Jos. 5:10; Eze. 45:21; Ezer. 6:19; 2 Chr. 30:1f; 35:17; Mt. 26:2f; Mk. 14:1f; Lk. 2:41; 22:1f; Jn. 2:13; 6:4; 11:55; 18:28f; 1 Cor. 5:7; Heb. 11:28 |
| Nisan 15–21 | CHAG HAMATZOT (UNLEAVENED BREAD) | Ex. 12:15f; 23:15; 34:18; Lev. 23:6; Num. 9:11; Dt. 16:3f; Jos. 5:11; Eze. 45:21; Ezra 6:22; 2 Chr. 8:13; 30:13f; 35:17; Mt. 26:17; Mk. 14:1; 14:12; Lk. 22:1f; Acts 12:3; 20:6; 1 Cor. 5:7 |
| Nisan 16 | BIKURIM/OMER (FIRST-FRUITS) | Lev. 23:9f; Mt. 28:1 ¹ ; Acts 1:3 ¹ ; 1 Cor. 15:20 ¹ |
| Sivan 6 | SHAVUOT (WEEKS/PENTECOST) | Ex. 34:22; Lev. 23:15f; Num. 28:26; Dt. 16:10f; Ex. 19:16–20:21 ¹ ; 2 Chr. 8:13; Acts 2:1f; 20:16; 1 Cor. 16:8 |
| Tamuz 17 ² | TZOM TAMUZ (FAST OF TAMUZ) | Zec. 8:19; Ex. 32:6–35 ¹ |
| Av 9 ² | FAST OF AV (TISHA BE'AV) | Zec. 7:5; 8:19; Num. 14:28–30 ¹ ; 2 Ki. 25:9; Lk. 19:41–44 |
| Tishrei 1–2 | ROSH HASHANAH (TRUMPETS) | Lev. 23:24; Num. 29:1; Zec. 9:14; Ezer. 3:6; Neh. 8:1; Mt. 24:31 ¹ ; 1 Cor. 15:52 ¹ ; 1 Thess. 4:16 ¹ ; Rev. 11:15 ¹ |
| Tishrei 3 ² | TZOM GEDALIA (FAST OF GEDALIAH) | Zec. 7:3; 8:19; Jer. 41:2; 2 Ki. 25:25 |
| Tishrei 10 | YOM KIPPUR (DAY OF ATONEMENT) | Lev. 16; 23:27; Num. 29:7; Ex. 34:28–29 ¹ |
| Tishrei 15–21 | SUKKOT (TABERNACLES) | Lev. 23:34f; Num. 29:12f; Dt. 16:13f; Zec. 14:16; Neh. 8:13; Jn. 7 |
| Tishrei 22 | SHMINI ATZERET (EIGHTH DAY) | Lev. 23:36; Num. 29:36f; 2 Chr. 7:9 |
| Kislev 25– Tevet 2 or 3 | HANUKKAH | Dan. 11; Jn. 10:22 |

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| Tevet 10 ² | ASARA BETEVET (FAST OF TEVET) | Zec. 8:19; Eze. 24:1f; 2 Ki. 25:1 |
| Adar 13 ^{2,3} | TAANIT ESTER (FAST OF ESTER) | Est. 4:16 ¹ ; 9:1 ¹ |
| Adar 14 ³ | PURIM | Est. 9:20–32 |
| Adar 15 ³ | SHUSHAN PURIM (PURIM IN JERUSALEM) | Est. 9:18–19 |

¹ Traditionally associated with the event.

² If this observance conflicts with Shabbat, the date of the event is moved.

³ In a leap year, all events in Adar are held in Adar II.

~ Blessings ~

Torah studies (all Scripture included) is of even higher importance than prayer and should be done daily. Since it is a commandment (see Dt. 6:6–7) and a spiritual undertaking, it is customary in Israel to first pray and bless God before reading. These blessings are considered to cover all Scripture reading and studies for the rest of the day.

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו, וְצִוֵּנוּ
לְעִסֵּק בְּדִבְרֵי תוֹרָה. וְהִעָרַב נָא יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ אֶת דְּבַרֵי תוֹרָתְךָ בְּפִינוּ,
וּבְפִי עַמְּךָ בֵּית יִשְׂרָאֵל, וְנִהְיֶה אֲנַחְנוּ וְצִאֲצָאֵינוּ, וְצִאֲצָאֵי עַמְּךָ בֵּית
יִשְׂרָאֵל, כְּלָנוּ יוֹדְעֵי שְׁמֶךָ, וְלוֹמְדֵי תוֹרָתְךָ לְשִׁמְהָ. בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ,
הַמְּלַמֵּד תוֹרָה לְעַמּוֹ יִשְׂרָאֵל.

Blessed are you, LORD our God, King of the universe, who has sanctified us with his commandments and has commanded us to engage in study of the words of Torah. Please, LORD our God, make the words of your Torah sweet in our mouth, and in the mouth of your people, the house of Israel. May we and our descendants, and the descendents of your people, the house of Israel, all know your name and study your Torah for its own sake. Blessed are you, LORD, who teaches Torah to his people Israel.

The Apostle Shaul Paul writes, "Then what advantage has the Jew? Or what is the benefit of circumcision? Great in every respect. First of all, that they were entrusted with the oracles of God" (Rom. 3:1–2).

Jews therefore pray:

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, אֲשֶׁר בָּחַר בָּנוּ מִכָּל הָעַמִּים,
וְנָתַן לָנוּ אֶת תּוֹרָתוֹ. בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ, נוֹתֵן הַתּוֹרָה.

Blessed are you, LORD our God, King of the universe, who has chosen us from all peoples and given us his Torah. Blessed are you, LORD, giver of the Torah.

For all believers in Messiah:

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, אֲשֶׁר נוֹתֵן תּוֹרַת אֱמֶת
וּבְשׂוֹרַת יְשׁוּעָה לְעַמּוֹ יִשְׂרָאֵל וּלְכָל הָעַמִּים עַל-יְדֵי בְּנוֹ יֵשׁוּעַ
הַמָּשִׁיחַ אֲדֹנָינוּ.

Blessed are you, LORD our God, King of the universe, who gives the Torah of truth and the good news of salvation to his people Israel and to all peoples through his Son, Yeshua the Messiah, our Master.

- ☐ **TORAH** Deuteronomy 33:1–34:12
Genesis 1:1–2:3
- ☐ **PROPHETS** Joshua 1–2
- ☐ **WRITINGS** Psalms 1–2
- ☐ **APOSTLES** Matthew 1 (James 1)

11 Oct. / 23 Tishrei

SUNDAY

OUTSIDE ISRAEL: **SIMCHAT TORAH***
(REJOICING OF THE TORAH)

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TODAY IN HISTORY: King Solomon sends the people home after a 14-day celebration. "Then on the twenty-third day of the seventh month he sent the people to their tents, rejoicing and happy of heart because of the goodness that the LORD had shown to David and to Solomon and to His people Israel" (2 Chr. 7:10). * It is customary among the Jewish people, since ancient times, to double the festival sabbath (*yom tov*) outside Israel.

12 Oct. / 24 Tishrei

MONDAY

Genesis 2:4–19 **TORAH**

Joshua 3–4 **PROPHETS**

Psalms 3–4 **WRITINGS**

Matthew 2 (James 2) **APOSTLES**

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TODAY IN HISTORY: Confession of sin in Israel. "Now on the twenty-fourth day of this month the sons of Israel assembled with fasting, in sackcloth and with dirt upon them" (Neh. 9:1f).

BERESHEET (IN THE BEGINNING)

- TORAH** Genesis 5:25–6:8
- HAFTARAH** 1 Samuel 20:18–42
- APOSTLES** Romans 1:18–32

17 Oct. / 29 Tishrei

SHABBAT MACHAR CHODESH
(SABBATH BEFORE NEW MOON)

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- TORAH** Genesis 12:1–13
- PROPHETS** Joshua 18
- WRITINGS** Psalm 18
- APOSTLES** Matthew 13:1–30 (2 Peter 3)

25 Oct. / 7 Cheshvan

SUNDAY

TODAY IN HISTORY: During the second Temple period, this was the time when the pilgrims who lived the farthest away (a 15-day journey) arrived home from Sukkot (Tabernacles) celebrations in Jerusalem (tradition). In Israel prayers for rain are added to the liturgy (tradition).

LECH LECHA (GO FORTH)

26 Oct. / 8 Cheshvan

MONDAY

Genesis 12:14-13:4 **TORAH**

Joshua 19-20 **PROPHETS**

Psalms 19-20 **WRITINGS**

Matthew 13:31-58 (1 John 1) **APOSTLES**

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LECH LECHA (GO FORTH)

30 Oct. / 12 Cheshvan

FRIDAY

Genesis 15:7–17:6 **TORAH**

Joshua 24 **PROPHETS**

Psalms 25 **WRITINGS**

Matthew 17 (1 John 5) **APOSTLES**

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CANDLE LIGHTING TIMES:

LECH LECHA (GO FORTH)

- TORAH** Genesis 17:7–27
- HAFTARAH** Isaiah 40:27–41:16
- APOSTLES** Romans 4:1–12

31 Oct. / 13 Cheshvan

SHABBAT

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1 Nov. / 14 Cheshvan

SUNDAY

Genesis 18:1–14 TORAH

Judges 1 PROPHETS

Psalm 26 WRITINGS

Matthew 18 (2 John 1) APOSTLES

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VAYERA (HE APPEARED)

- TORAH** Genesis 18:15–33
- PROPHETS** Judges 2
- WRITINGS** Psalm 27
- APOSTLES** Matthew 19 (3 John 1)

2 Nov. / 15 Cheshvan

MONDAY

TODAY IN HISTORY: Jeroboam institutes an imitation festival in Israel (1 King. 12:27–33). "Jeroboam instituted a feast in the eighth month on the fifteenth day of the month, like the feast which is in Judah." Death of Matityahu the Maccabee (tradition, 1 Maccabees 2:70). "Then he blessed them, and was gathered to his ancestors. He died in the one hundred forty-sixth year and was buried in the tomb of his ancestors at Modein. And all Israel mourned for him with great lamentation" (NRSV). Kristallnacht (Night of Broken Glass), November 9, 1938.

- TORAH** Genesis 19:21–21:4
 - PROPHETS** Judges 4
 - WRITINGS** Psalm 30
 - APOSTLES** Matthew 21 (Romans 1)
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4 Nov. / 17 Cheshvan

WEDNESDAY

TODAY IN HISTORY: The Great Flood begins (possible date, Gen. 7:11). “In the six hundredth year of Noah’s life, in the second month [counting from Tishrei], on the seventeenth day of the month, on the same day all the fountains of the great deep burst open, and the floodgates of the sky were opened.”

VAYERA (HE APPEARED)

11 Nov. / 24 Cheshvan
WEDNESDAY

Genesis 24:27-52 TORAH

Judges 10-11 PROPHETS

Psalm 36 WRITINGS

Matthew 26:1-35 (Romans 7) APOSTLES

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13 Nov. / 26 Cheshvan
FRIDAY

Genesis 25:1-11 **TORAH**

Judges 14-15 **PROPHETS**

Psalm 38 **WRITINGS**

Matthew 27:1-31 (Romans 9) **APOSTLES**

CANDLE LIGHTING TIMES:

CHAYEI SARAH (SARAH'S LIFE)

- TORAH Genesis 25:12–18
- HAFTARAH 1 Kings 1:1–31
- APOSTLES Galatians 4:21–31

14 Nov. / 27 Cheshvan
SHABBAT

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TODAY IN HISTORY: Noah leaves the ark (possible date, Gen 8:14f). "In the second month [counting from Tishrei], on the twenty-seventh day of the month, the earth was dry. Then God spoke to Noah, saying, 'Go out of the ark, you and your wife and your sons and your sons' wives with you.'"

15 Nov. / 28 Cheshvan

SUNDAY

Genesis 25:19–26:5 **TORAH**

Judges 16 **PROPHETS**

Psalms 39 **WRITINGS**

Matthew 27:32–66 (Romans 10) **APOSTLES**

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TOLDOT (GENERATIONS)

25 Nov. / 9 Kislev

WEDNESDAY

Genesis 30:14-27 TORAH

1 Samuel 6-7 PROPHETS

Psalms 50 WRITINGS

Mark 7 (1 Corinthians 3) APOSTLES

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VAYETZE (HE WENT OUT)

- TORAH** Genesis 30:28–31:16
- PROPHETS** 1 Samuel 8–9
- WRITINGS** Psalm 51
- APOSTLES** Mark 8 (1 Corinthians 4)

26 Nov. / 10 Kislev
THURSDAY

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27 Nov. / 11 Kislev
FRIDAY

Genesis 31:17–42 **TORAH**

1 Samuel 10–11 **PROPHETS**

Psalms 52–53 **WRITINGS**

Mark 9:1–29 (1 Corinthians 5) **APOSTLES**

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CANDLE LIGHTING TIMES:

VAYETZE (HE WENT OUT)

- TORAH** Genesis 32:13–29[14–30]
- PROPHETS** 1 Samuel 14
- WRITINGS** Psalms 56–57
- APOSTLES** Mark 10:1–31 (1 Corinthians 7:1–24)

30 Nov. / 14 Kislev

○ MONDAY

TODAY IN HISTORY: Birth of Reuben (tradition, Gen. 29:32). "Leah conceived and bore a son and named him Reuben, for she said, 'Because the LORD has seen my affliction; surely now my husband will love me.'"

VAYISHLACH (HE SENT)

1 Dec. / 15 Kislev

TUESDAY

Genesis 32:30[31]–33:5 **TORAH**

1 Samuel 15–16 **PROPHETS**

Psalms 58–59 **WRITINGS**

Mark 10:32–52 (1 Corinthians 7:25–40) **APOSTLES**

- TORAH** Genesis 35:12–36:19
- PROPHETS** 1 Samuel 19
- WRITINGS** Psalms 64–65
- APOSTLES** Mark 13 (1 Corinthians 10)

4 Dec. / 18 Kislev

FRIDAY

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CANDLE LIGHTING TIMES:

..... **VAYISHLACH (HE SENT)**

7 Dec. / 21 Kislev

MONDAY

Genesis 37:12–22 **TORAH**

1 Samuel 21–22 **PROPHETS**

Psalms 68 **WRITINGS**

Mark 14:43–72 (1 Corinthians 12) **APOSTLES**

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VAYESHEV (HE SETTLED)

9 Dec. / 23 Kislev

WEDNESDAY

Genesis 38:1–30 **TORAH**

1 Samuel 25 **PROPHETS**

Psalms 70–71 **WRITINGS**

Mark 16 (1 Corinthians 14:1–19) **APOSTLES**

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VAYESHEV (HE SETTLED)

- TORAH** Genesis 39:1–6
- PROPHETS** 1 Samuel 26–27
- WRITINGS** Psalm 72
- APOSTLES** Luke 1:1–38 (1 Corinthians 14:20–40)

10 Dec. / 24 Kislev
THURSDAY
CHANUKAH EVE

TODAY IN HISTORY: Haggai receives prophecy for Israel and Zerubbabel (Hag. 2:10,18). "On the twenty-fourth of the ninth [month], in the second year of Darius, the word of the LORD came to Haggai the prophet... 'Do consider from this day onward, from the twenty-fourth day of the ninth month; from the day when the temple of the LORD was founded, consider.'"

VAYESHEV (HE SETTLED)

11 Dec. / 25 Kislev

FRIDAY

CHANUKAH DAY 1

Genesis 39:7–23 **TORAH**

Numbers 7:1–17

1 Samuel 28–29 **PROPHETS**

Psalm 73 **WRITINGS**

Luke 1:39–80 (1 Corinthians 15:1–28) **APOSTLES**

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CANDLE LIGHTING TIMES:

TODAY IN HISTORY: The Maccabees liberate the Temple (1 Maccabees 4). "...the twenty-fifth day of the ninth month, which is the month of Chislev...At the very season and on the very day that the Gentiles had profaned it, it was dedicated with songs and harps and lutes and cymbals" (NRSV). Messiah is at the Temple during Chanukah (possible date, Jn. 10:22f). "At that time the Feast of the Dedication took place at Jerusalem; it was winter, and Yeshua was walking in the temple in the portico of Solomon."

Suggested Historical Reading: First Book of Maccabees 1–2

VAYESHEV (HE SETTLED)

- TORAH** Genesis 40:1–23
Numbers 7:18–29
- HAFTARAH** Zechariah 2:14–4:7
- APOSTLES** John 19:14–22

12 Dec. / 26 Kislev

SHABBAT CHANUKAH DAY 2

Suggested Historical Reading: First Book of Maccabees 3–4

17 Dec. / 2 Tevet

THURSDAY

CHANUKAH DAY 7

Genesis 42:19–43:15

TORAH

Numbers 7:48–59

2 Samuel 4–5

PROPHETS

Psalm 78:40–72

WRITINGS

Luke 5 (2 Corinthians 3)

APOSTLES

Suggested Historical Reading: First Book of Maccabees 13–14

MIKETZ (AT THE END) -----

21 Dec. / 6 Tevet

MONDAY

Genesis 44:31–45:7 **TORAH**

2 Samuel 10–11 **PROPHETS**

Psalms 82–83 **WRITINGS**

Luke 7 (2 Corinthians 6) **APOSTLES**

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VAYIGASH (HE DREW NEAR)

25 Dec. / 10 Tevet

FRIDAY

FAST OF TEVET

Genesis 46:28–47:10 **TORAH**

2 Samuel 15 **PROPHETS**

Psalms 87 **WRITINGS**

Luke 9:27–62 (2 Corinthians 10) **APOSTLES**

SYNAGOGUE READINGS

Exodus 32:11–34:10 ; Isaiah 55:6–56:8 (afternoon)

CANDLE LIGHTING TIMES:

TODAY IN HISTORY: Nebuchadnezzar begins the siege of Jerusalem (2 Ki. 25:1). "Now in the ninth year of his reign, on the tenth day of the tenth month, Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came, he and all his army, against Jerusalem, camped against it and built a siege wall all around it." In Babylon, God tells Ezekiel of Jerusalem's siege 880 miles (1416 km) away (Eze. 24). "And the word of the LORD came to me in the ninth year, in the tenth month, on the tenth of the month, saying, 'Son of man, write the name of the day, this very day. The king of Babylon has laid siege to Jerusalem this very day.'" "Esther was taken to King Ahasuerus to his royal palace in the tenth month which is the month [Tevet], in the seventh year of his reign" (Est. 2:16). The fast of the tenth month (Zec. 8:19). The Fast of Tevet (*Asara BeTevet*) is a shorter fast on the Jewish calendar and lasts from sunrise to sunset. It is one of four similar, biblical fast days and commemorates the siege and destruction of Jerusalem and the Temple. It has no connection to Chanukah despite the fact that it occurs only a week after it.

VAYIGASH (HE DREW NEAR)

27 Dec. / 12 Tevet

SUNDAY

Genesis 47:28– 48:9 **TORAH**

2 Samuel 16 **PROPHETS**

Psalms 88 **WRITINGS**

Luke 10 (2 Corinthians 11) **APOSTLES**

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TODAY IN HISTORY: The Prophet Ezekiel receives one in a series of seven prophecies (nearly all dated) against Egypt (Eze. 29–32). "In the tenth year, in the tenth month, on the twelfth of the month, the word of the LORD came to me saying, 'Son of man, set your face against Pharaoh king of Egypt and prophesy against him and against all Egypt.'"

VAYECHI (HE LIVED)

“Blessed is the man [whose]... delight is in the Torah of the LORD, and on his Torah he meditates day and night.” — Psalm 1

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