Church of the Open Bible

Reading Guide



December 2021

Tuesday, December 1

- Hosea 7, 8, 9
- Psalm 115
- 3 John

Wednesday, December 2

- Hosea 10, 11, 12
- Psalm 116
- Jude

Thursday, December 3

- Hosea 13, 14
- Psalm 117
- Revelation 1

Friday, December 4

- Joel 1, 2
- Psalm 118
- Revelation 2:1–11

Saturday, December 5

- Joel 3, Amos 1
- Psalm 119:1-8
- Revelation 2:12-29

"The doctrine of the incarnation is an attempt at conceptual expansion of the church's confession that Jesus Christ is Lord. . . Because Jesus Christ is Lord, comprehending all other contexts but comprehended by none, thought about him must follow the particular path indicated by his self-presenting reality." (John Webster, Word and Church, 115–16)

Sunday, December 6

- Amos 2, 3
- Psalm 119:9-16
- Revelation 3:1-13

Monday, December 7

- Amos 4, 5
- Psalm 119:17-24

Revelation 3:14-22

- Tuesday, December 8
 - Amos 6, 7
 - Psalm 119:25-32
 - Revelation 4

Wednesday, December 9

- Amos 8, 9
- Psalm 119:33-40
- Revelation 5

Thursday, December 10

- Obadiah
- Psalm 119:41-48
- Revelation 6

Friday, December 11

- Johan 1, 2
- Psalm 119:49-56
- Revelation 7

Saturday, December 12

- Jonah 3, 4
- Psalm 119:57-64
- Revelation 8

"The incarnation of the Word is the great 'Thus says the Lord' to which theology can only give the assent that it has heard and understood it." (K. Barth, *Church Dogmatics*. 4.2, 59)

Sunday, December 13

- Micah 1, 2, 3
- Psalm 119:65-72
- Revelation 9

Monday, December 14

- Micah 4, 5
- Psalm 119:73-80
- Revelation 10

Tuesday, December 15

- Micah 6, 7
- Psalm 119:81-88
- Revelation 11

Wednesday, December 16

Nahum 1, 2, 3

- Psalm 119:89-96
- Revelation 12

Thursday, December 17

- Habakkuk 1, 2, 3
- Psalm 119:97-104
- Revelation 13

Friday, December 18

- Zephaniah 1, 2
- Psalm 119:105-112
- Revelation 14

Saturday, December 19

- Zephaniah 3
- Psalm 119:113-120
- Revelation 15

"Because according to the confession Jesus Christ is divine, he is that than which nothing greater can be conceived; theology, therefore, may not operate as if it were competent or permitted to occupy a position prior to, independent of, or outside his reality." (Webster, Word and Church, 118.)

Sunday, December 20

- Haggai 1, 2
- Psalm 119:121-128
- Revelation 16

Monday, December 21

- Zechariah 1, 2
- Psalm 119:129-136
- Revelation 17

Tuesday, December 22

- Zechariah 3, 4
- Psalm 119:137-144
- Luke 1:1-25

Wednesday, December 23

- Zechariah 5, 6
- Psalm 8
- Luke 1:26-38

Thursday, December 24

- Zechariah 7, 8
- Psalm 24
- Luke 1:39-56

Friday, December 25

- Zechariah 9
- Psalm 40
- Luke 2: 1-20

Saturday, December 26

- Zechariah 10
- Psalm 119:145-152
- Luke 2:21-40

"[The church does not uphold or determine the doctrine of the incarnation], it is, rather, that sphere of human life and fellowship which is besieged by, permanently under attack from, the Word made flesh. [In Bonhoeffer's words], . . . the church is relentlessly interrogated by the fact that at the heart of its life is the presence of the incarnate one who cannot be assimilated into or clothed by a form of religious life. . . There are only two ways possible of encountering Jesus: man must die or he must put Jesus to death. (Webster, Word and Church, 120)

Sunday, December 27

- Zechariah 11
- Psalm119:153-160
- Revelation 18

Monday, December 28

- Zechariah 12
- Psalm 119:161-168
- Revelation 19

Tuesday, December 29

- Malachi 1
- Psalm 119:169-176
- Revelation 20

Wednesday, December 30

- Malachi 2.
- Any Psalm
- Revelation 21

Thursday, December 31

- Malachi 3, 4
- Any Psalm
- Revelation 22

Verse of the Month

"7In order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus."

Ephesians 2:7