

**Friday**, June 1: Read [Revelation 19-20](#)

The closing chapters of Revelation again review the final demise of the devil, the Antichrist and the False Prophet with the eventual victory of Christ and his people. Armageddon, judgment and the millennial reign pave the way for an all new heaven and earth depicted in chapters 21-22. Reading Revelation leaves us wondering what generation will experience these things. Possibly John thought he would see the fulfillment in his day. Two thousand years have come and gone since. We are left with Jesus' admonition from his Olivet Discourse -- "Be on your guard. I have told you everything ahead of time". ([Mark 13:23](#)) Are you ready?

Notes:

### **Pray for Our Missionaries**

**Juan & Adriana Palacios** (Angola, Africa), **David & Miriam Trott** (Cochabamba, Bolivia), **Mario Bloise** (Argentina), **Dan & DeAnn Gerard** (San Antonio, TX), **Robert and Kailey Newkirk** (South Sudan), **Mike and Fran VanBruggen**, (Word of Life), **Craig & Shelly Shafer** (Sentani, Indonesia), **Sue Saunders** (Bosnia), **Matt Kooi** (Tijuana), **Daniel Jezonski** (Wycliffe), **Andrew & Sara Williams** (Ethnos360), **Brad and Christa Babjack** (InterVarsity), **Salomon and Megan Guzman** (Tijuana), **Alvaro and Rachel Garriga** (Interserve USA)



## ***Spiritual Disciplines***

- *Invite the Holy Spirit to guide your reading each day.*
- *Read the chapters and underline any meaningful verses and take note of specific advice or wisdom gleaned from your reading.*
- *Note any unclear passages or teaching and seek insight, answers or help.*
- *Think about what you're reading. Ask:*
  1. *How does this apply to me?*
  2. *Are there any temptations to avoid, sins to confess, commands to obey or promises to claim?*
  3. *What insight do I gain on God, myself, others, or life?*
- *Ask God to show you any specific action you need to take as you read.*

**Monday**, May 28 Read [Daniel 7](#)

This week we will take our devotional times to broaden our view of Jesus' teaching on the last days. Daniel is the Old Testament counterpart to Revelation. It is apocalyptic in nature, written in figurative language during the Babylonian exile, just as John wrote his revelation of Jesus in exile on Patmos.

Daniel envisions four beasts, representing world empires. The final beast likely represents the Roman empire out of which will come 10 kings and then the Antichrist. The Son of man's apparition will save the day and establish his universal kingdom over humanity.

Notes:

**Pray for:** ---My relationship with God  
---My life roles  
---My personal needs/weak areas  
---My goals and objectives.

## Tuesday, May 29: Read [Daniel 9](#)

In answer to Daniel's prayer, God reveals the future days of Israel's history encoded in seven year periods or "weeks".  $70 \times 7 = 490$  years, which are covered in this prophecy. The last or 70th week (7 years) is distant from the 69 "weeks" which begin with Artaxerxes' decree to rebuild Jerusalem ([Nehemiah 2](#) @ 445 BC) and conclude with the death of Christ and the destruction of the Temple. The last seven years deal specifically with the future rule of the Antichrist.

*Pray for family and friends by name.*

## Wednesday May 30: Read [Daniel 12](#)

The mysterious book of Daniel ends with predictions of the great tribulation and the second coming of Christ. Verses 11-12 rehearse the timing when the Abomination that causes Desolation is set up and the Antichrist makes his final stand. A parallel chapter to read here would be [2 Thessalonian 2](#).

Notes:

### **Wednesday: Pray for Bethel Gilead Community Church (Consider fasting one, two, or all meals this day.)**

- a. Pastors: Pray for God's grace and guidance in Pastor Jim and Pastor David's ministries and families. Pray for Linda Penn in her work at BGCC.
- b. Worship: Ask God to strengthen our devotion to Him, in prayer, praise, and thanksgiving.
- c. Fellowship: Ask God to deepen our love and commitment to one another as a family of believers.
- d. Discipleship: ask God to develop the faith, dedication, and leadership of our people. Pray for the children and youth ministries here at BGCC.
- e. Outreach: Pray that God will use Bethel Gilead to make a positive impact on our community so that many would come to Christ.
- f. Future Faith Goals: Ask God to give our congregation a united vision for the future. Pray for God's clear leading in our 2020 plan. Pray for our upcoming 150th celebration. Ask God to use it as a testimony to Branch County.

## Thursday, May 31: Read [Revelation 13-14](#)

Today we will fast forward to the book of Revelation. Like Daniel, Revelation is apocalyptic literature written in coded language to reveal the final days on earth. Chapters 13 and 14 set forth the uprising of the Antichrist and his False Prophet (depicted as Beasts) and the eventual conquest of both by The Lamb (Jesus Christ). Read these two chapters with imagination and wonder. How and when will all these things come to be? And what will be the state of the church, Israel, and all who go through the final tribulation? The Promise we hold to in Revelation is that Jesus is coming soon! ([Revelation 22:12](#))

### Notes:

### Thursday Pray for "My World"

- Neighbors • People who live around me.
- People at Work • Others God brings into my life. Take note of specific needs around you and ask God what he wants you to do to help. Who can you invite to church this Sunday?
- Ask God to bring revival and a spiritual awakening to Branch County. Pray for the area churches and a greater spirit of unity and cooperation.
- Continue to pray for the nation, our national leaders and a revival in America.