

Friday, January 25: Read [Revelation 5](#)

Chapter five continues the scene from heaven, this time introducing Jesus into the mix. Note how Jesus is described, the response of his audience when he approaches the throne, and the choice of words used to acknowledge him and his accomplishments. Keep in mind the scroll he receives. We'll see him open it and unveil its contents in the next two chapters. Note also the progression in worship that has occurred in chapters four and five. We begin with four living creatures, then 24 Elders, next thousands of angels followed by every living thing everywhere! Recall that you are reading the Revelation of Jesus Christ. You are learning just who he is as the one and only divine Son of God. Join in the heavenly scene and worship him!

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), **Craig & Shelly Shafer** (Sentani, Indonesia), **Sue Saunders** (Bosnia), **Matt and Becky Kooi** (Tijuana), **Daniel Jezowski** (Wycliffe), **Andrew & Sara Williams** (Ethnos360), **Brad and Christa Babjack** (University of West Virginia), **Salomon and Megan Guzman** (Tijuana), **Alvaro and Rachel Garriga** (Central Asia), **William and Salma Garcia** (Tijuana)

Thru the New!

(Reading through the New Testament)

- *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, January 21 Read [Revelation 1](#)

We are rounding the corner toward the end of the New Testament. We will take the next four weeks to read the final and most mysterious book of the Bible -- Revelation. John the Apostle is commissioned to write what he has seen (past), what is now (present), and what is yet to take place (future) (Revelation 1:19). Chapter one begins with an introduction to this revelation of Jesus and the promise of blessings for those who need it. John sets the scene from Patmos, where he sees his visions of glory, specifically the resurrected, glorified Son of God, Jesus Christ.

Notes:

Pray for: ---My relationship with God

---My life roles

---My personal needs/weak areas

---My goals and objectives.

Tuesday, January 22: Read [Revelation 2](#)

Chapters two and three contain personal messages to seven churches in Asia Minor. There is speculation as to whether these messages are for that actual time or whether they are symbolic of churches yet to be. I'll vote for the actual contemporary churches of Asia Minor in John's day. Note the specific descriptions of each church, the exhortations given encouragement to repent or endure, and the specific promises pertaining to each church's situation.

Pray for family and friends by name.

Wednesday January 23: Read [Revelation 3](#)

We continue in chapter three with the last three messages to the churches. Notice Philadelphia, along with Smyrna, in chapter 2 is not rebuked for wrongdoing. Go back over the seven churches and ask yourself, "Which one most approximates the church in America at present?" What about Bethel Gilead? What words of encouragement or correction might Jesus give us if he were to send his Angel to speak to our congregation?

Wednesday: Pray for Bethel Gilead Community Church

1. **Leadership:** 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. Pray for the church council and the various ministry team leaders. Ask the Lord of the harvest to raise up more workers for the harvest ([Matthew 9:38](#))
2. **Worship:** Ask God to strengthen our devotion to Him, in prayer, praise and thanksgiving. Pray for the development of a youth praise team and more musicians to help lead the church in worship.
3. **Fellowship:** Pray that God would deepen our love and commitment to one another as a family of believers. Pray that we incorporate newcomers into our church fellowship.
4. **Discipleship:** Ask God to develop the faith, dedication, and leadership of our people. Pray for the children and youth ministries at BGCC. Ask God to bless our small group ministry, to raise up new groups, new teachers and more leaders.
5. **Outreach:** Pray that God will use Bethel Gilead to make a positive impact on our community so that many would come to Christ. Ask God to embolden our people to intentionally reach out to others, especially through the upcoming Kingdom Initiative.
6. **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 as we call our members to a greater love and commitment to the Lord and his service. Ask God to bless our finances to be able to accomplish his purposes for our congregation.

Thursday, January 24: Read [Revelation 4](#)

Chapters four and five now lay open the throne of heaven where John sees amazing things occurring. What impresses you about the scene at the throne room of God. Note how God is described in comparison to how both Isaiah and Ezekiel describe Him in glory ([Isaiah 6](#) and [Ezekiel 1](#)). What words do the angelic beings choose to honor God with? What else are they busy doing?

Notes:

Thursday Pray for "My World"

(Write down names as God brings people to mind.)

- 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.