



Bible Reading 2021

## *Chart the Course*

Old Testament

Week of July 11, 2021

We are picking up steam in Hebrew Poetry, reading the books of Job and Psalms. In Job, notice the three friends who've come to console Job. Their intentions were good, but most of their consolation involves prodding Job to discover what wrong thing he has done to warrant God's punishment. Job is stymied and frustrated with them, to say the least! We know from chapters 1-2 that Job was blameless and upright and that his suffering is not the direct consequence of sin, but rather a showdown of sorts between God and the devil.

The Psalms contain several types of songs. Some are straight Praise Psalms, some are called Lament Psalms, where the author complains to God over his circumstances and asks for relief. There are also a number of Messianic (prophetic) Psalms that point to the future Messiah's reign. Read pensively with a special emphasis on learning more of how to pray to God and praise him for who he is. The Psalms contain a wealth of learning about the nature of God. They deserve your careful attention.

Monday, July 12: Read [\*Job 11-12, Psalms 11-12\*](#)

\*Chapter highlights:

\*A key passage for me:

\*One point of application from today's reading:

***Monday: Pray for yourself:***

My relationship with God

My life roles and responsibilities

My personal needs/weak areas

My goals and objectives for 2021

Tuesday, July 13: Read [\*Job 13-14, Psalms 13-14\*](#)

\*Chapter highlights:

\*A key passage for me:

\*One point of application from today's reading:

***Tuesday: Pray for Family by Name.***

Wednesday, July 14: Read [\*Job 15-17, Psalms 15-16\*](#)

\*Chapter highlights:

\*A key passage for me:

\*One point of application from today's reading:

***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 more musicians to help lead the church in worship, including a pianist. Pray for the development of a youth praise team.
3. Fellowship: Ask God to deepen our love and commitment to one another as a family of believers. Pray that we incorporate newcomers into our church fellowship. Take some time to pray through this past Sunday's congregational prayer requests.
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

1. community so that many would come to Christ. Ask God to embolden our people to intentionally reach out to others through the Kingdom Assignment “*Dare to Care*”.
2. Future Faith Goals: Ask God to give our congregation a united vision for the future. Pray for God’s clear leading in our future plans as we call our members to a greater love and commitment to the Lord and his service. Ask God to bless our finances so that we can better accomplish his purposes for our congregation.

**Thursday**, July 15: Read [\*Job 6-7, Psalms 17-18\*](#)

\*Chapter highlights:

\*A key passage for me:

\*One point of application from today’s reading:

***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?
- Community -- Ask God to bring revival and a spiritual awakening to Branch County, even through the Coronavirus crisis.
- Pray for the area churches and a greater spirit of unity and cooperation, especially as churches reunite after the quarantine.
- Pray for the community parachurch ministries serving our county, including Beginnings Care for Life Center, Branch County Right to Life, Joppa Recovery/ Celebrate Recovery, Coach Eby Center, Family Promise, Forgotten Man Ministries, Freedom Recovery Center, God’s Choice Church, Jacob’s Well Ministry, Presbyterian Free Health Clinic, Shelterhouse, Tommy’s House, the Gideons and the Bronson Food Pantry.
- America: Continue to pray for the nation, our national leaders and a revival in America. Pray that God would use the Coronavirus outbreak to lead people to faith in Jesus Christ. Pray for God’s guidance and protection for our nation in the coming weeks and months.

Friday, July 16: Read [Job 20, Psalms 19-20](#)

\*Chapter highlights:

\*A key passage for me:

\*One point of application from today's reading:

***Friday: Pray for Our Missionaries***

***David & Miriam Trott*** (Tucuman, Argentina), ***Dan and DeAnn Gerard*** (San Antonio, TX), ***Craig and Shelly Schafer*** (Asia-Pacific Region), ***Sue Saunders*** (Bosnia), ***Matt and Becky Kooi*** (Tijuana), ***Daniel Jezowski*** (Wycliffe), ***Brad and Christa Babjack*** (University of West Virginia), ***Salomon and Megan Guzman*** (Tijuana), ***Alvaro and Raquel Garriga*** (Central Asia), ***Brendan and Ashley Camp*** (Columbia)