

JANUARY 2022: Matthew 6:25-7:14

Title: "The All-Knowing Provider"

This passage of scripture may be familiar to many. It's quoted often, used in song lyrics, and is preached time and time again. In these verses, we see the Sovereignty of God and His providence for all of Creation. It's a beauty to behold. The One who spoke the Universe into existence also cares for you and I. He dresses the blades of grass, and also provides for us. What a gift to unwrap.

This passage gives us hope. It reminds us that as the old Sunday School rhyme would tell us, "*He's Got the Whole World in His Hands*". He's got it covered. We don't have to worry, fret, or fear. Our most Holy LORD will handle all things.

***"Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?'
or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?'
For the Gentiles seek after all these things,
and your Heavenly Father knows that you need them all."
MATTHEW 6:32***

God already knows what we need. It's as simple as that. He knows what we need, when we will need it, and how we ought to go about getting it. He's thought of all the pieces.

I remember a time when I tried to plan a surprise party for my friend. I love surprises, and so I wanted to surprise my friend as well. I was so excited, and I couldn't wait to show my friend what I had planned! I had reserved a time for us to go kayaking out on a river with beautiful views. I just knew that it would be such a great time. The day came and the weather was just PERFECT. My friend had no idea what would be occurring because I wanted it to be the perfect surprise.

My friend showed up in a full birthday outfit---a nice top, jeans, nice shoes. I didn't think much of it because I was too excited about revealing the grand surprise. We pull up to the kayaking place, and my friend ever so kindly says, "Are we going kayaking?" I replied, so excitedly, "Surprise! Yes I have reservations!" My friend said, a little concerned, "If I had known, I would have worn different clothes."

That's the moment that it hit me. I didn't plan this well. I got so excited about revealing the surprise, that I left out some super important details. Luckily, my friend was in good spirits about the whole thing, but the day did end with a trip to the mall to get a new wardrobe after getting soaked on the kayak.

I made some mistakes. My humanity clashed with my provision, and resulted in error. But praise be to God--we serve a Perfect, Divine, Holy God. We serve a God who doesn't make mistakes. Matthew 6:32 reminds us that He will provide for you and not miss a single beat. He won't forget to mention the proper wardrobe attire. **He'll make sure you're dressed for every occasion.** He will gift you with things that will be far more abundant than you could ever hope, think or imagine. He thinks of all the small details. He knows just what you need.

WEEK 1: GENESIS, Ephesians, Matthew, Psalms

INTRO TO GENESIS:

- This is the first book in bible (Old Testament)
- "Genesis" means "beginning"
- Assumed that Moses is author of this book and 4 sequential books (Pentateuch)
- This book gives an introduction to the entire bible
 - Gives origin to humanity, sin, creation

INTRO TO EPHESIANS:

- 10th book in the New Testament (NT)
- Author: Paul (He wrote 13 books in NT)
- This was a letter written to church in Ephesus (Asia)
- Paul was a missionary. He came to this area, left, and then came back (spent 3 years there)
- This epistle (letter) was probably written while he was in jail (along with Colossians and Philemon)
- This book emphasizes **doctrine**, and instruction in practical Christian duties
- Theme: Church is body of Christ, Unity

INTRO TO PSALMS:

- The Hebrew title for this book is "Book of Praises"
- Collection of works from approximately six authors, with the main one being David
- These Psalms were used for liturgical (worship)

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<p>DAY 1 (SAT)</p> <p>Psalms 148; Genesis 1-2; Ephesians 1</p>	<p>GEN: <u>Ch.1:</u> Creation of Light, Heaven, Earth, land, seas, plants, sun, moon, stars, sea/land animals, livestock, and man.</p> <p><u>Ch.2:</u> God rests, breathes life into man, and planted Garden of Eden</p> <p>----</p> <p>EPH: <u>Ch.1.</u> This tells the story of gospel, what Jesus did, & who Jesus is.</p> <p>---</p> <p>PS: <u>Ch.148:</u> Praises to the God who created all things</p>	<p>GEN: There are several views of creation (dealing with timing, but not worth a debate)</p> <p>1:1: The word “God”= Elohim (Hebrew). It is plural, which can be an allusion to the Trinity</p> <p>2:15-17: God’s commandment to man</p> <p>-----</p> <p>EPH: 1:5: God set it up for us to have chance for adoption into His family</p> <p>1:19-23: This speaks of the power of Jesus</p> <p>-----</p> <p>PS: 148:5: This speaks directly about Genesis 1.</p>	<p>God created ALL things with intention</p> <p>God is worthy to be praised for all He created</p> <p>THEME: Creation, God’s Sovereignty</p>	<p><u>GEN 2:26-30 + EPH 1:21-23</u></p> <p>God gave a lot of power to man before Fall, but Jesus has ULTIMATE power. We see redemption and will continue to as we read Scripture.</p> <p><u>Ps. 148 + Gen 1</u></p> <p>God created all things and is worthy of praise. All of creation should worship Him.</p>

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<p>DAY 2 (SUN) Genesis 3-4; Ephesians 2</p>	<p>GEN: <u>Ch.3:</u> Fall of Man <u>Ch. 4:</u> Cain Kills Abel</p> <p>EPH: <u>CH. 2:</u> We read of the mercy of God through Christ Jesus and what He did for us.</p>	<p>GEN: <u>Ch.3:</u> This account is why we currently live in a sinful world and are born into sin.</p> <p><u>Ch.4:</u> This tells the story of the first murder</p> <p>EPH: 2:2: This refers to Satan 2:11-13: Jesus’ sacrifice brought us back into relationship with God.</p>	<p>God is a just God and also simultaneously merciful. Even in our mess, He desires relationship with us.</p> <p>THEME: God’s mercy, God’s grace, and relationship with God.</p>	<p><u>GEN 3 + EPH 2:1-3</u></p> <p>Sin entered the world due to Satan, and everyone is born into sin.</p>
<p>DAY 3 (MON) Genesis 5-6; Psalms 12; Ephesians 3</p>	<p>GEN: <u>Ch.5:</u> Genealogy <u>Ch.6:</u> God gets ready to judge the world but spares Noah</p> <p>EPH: <u>Ch.3:</u> We read of God’s grace demonstrated through Jesus Christ</p> <p>PS.: <u>Ch.12:</u> We read of God preserving those who live righteously.</p>	<p>GEN: <u>Ch.6:</u> Noah was in right standing with God and was spared.</p> <p>EPH: God’s grace and love was demonstrated through the gift of Jesus.</p> <p>PS.: God will preserve even in judgment and His Word is truth.</p>	<p>God will pass judgment when necessary, but is still merciful to the righteous.</p>	<p><u>GEN 6 + PSALM 12</u></p> <p>God prepares Noah for his preservation even with impending judgment. God sees evil and handles it how He sees fit.</p>
<p>DAY 4 (TUES) Genesis 7-8; Ephesians 4</p>	<p>GEN: <u>Ch.7:</u> The Flood of the Earth <u>Ch.8:</u> The Flood ends</p> <p>EPH:</p>	<p>GEN: <u>7:5:</u> It was necessary for Noah to obey all instructions from God.</p> <p>EPH:</p>	<p>God desires holiness. God wants His people to live for Him.</p>	<p><u>Gen. 7 + Eph. 4:18-19</u></p> <p>Holiness is something that God takes seriously. God does not want His people living in sin, without seeking Him. (Even look back to Gen. 6 too)</p>

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	<p><u>Ch.4:</u> These are commandments that God wants us to obey.</p>	<p>4:2: This is what we’re commanded to do</p> <p>4:8: Refer to Psalm 68:18</p> <p>4:9-10: Talking about Jesus</p> <p>4:23-24: This correlates with 2 Corinthians 5:17</p>		
<p>DAY 5 (WED)</p> <p>Psalms 8; Genesis 9-10; Ephesians 5</p>	<p>GEN:</p> <p><u>Ch.9:</u> God’s Promise to the World</p> <p><u>Ch.10:</u> Post-Flood Genealogy</p> <p>EPH:</p> <p><u>Ch.5:</u> More Commandments to live by</p> <p>PS:</p> <p><u>Ch.8:</u> God’s majesty God is the Creator of the world</p>	<p>GEN:</p> <p>9:17: God’s promise with the Rainbow</p> <p>EPH:</p> <p>5:22-33: This is how to have a marriage in the way God designed it to be.</p>	<p>God is a God of covenant. He is All-Powerful, and yet still desires covenant and communion with us.</p>	<p><u>Gen. 9:8-17 +Eph. 5:22-33</u> The importance and sacredness of covenant.</p> <p><u>Ps. 8 + Gen. 9:1-3</u> God gave dominion to humanity over the rest of His creation.</p>
<p>DAY 6 (THURS)</p> <p>Genesis 11-13; Ephesians 6</p>	<p>GEN:</p> <p><u>Ch.11:</u> Tower of Babel & Genealogy that leads to Abram</p> <p><u>Ch. 12:</u> Abram follows God in obedience</p> <p><u>Ch.13:</u> Abrahamic Covenant</p> <p>EPH:</p> <p><u>6:10-17:</u> The Armor of God</p>	<p>GEN:</p> <p>Genealogy is always important.</p> <p>Gen 12:1-7: Abram didn’t have all the instructions or steps, but He trusted God</p> <p>Gen 13:14-17: This covenant is A BIG DEAL</p> <p>EPH:</p> <p>6:3: This verse references Deuteronomy 12:28</p>	<p>God’s promises are truth. We can believe them.</p>	<p><u>Gen 12:1-7 + Eph 6:1-3</u></p> <p>Both of these commandments from God came with a promise.</p> <p><u>Eph 6:1-3 refers to Deuteronomy 12:28</u></p> <p>Both of these promises that we read of (Gen & Deut.) are seen in the New Testament</p>

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<p>DAY 7 (FRI)</p> <p>Genesis 14-15; Psalms 47; Matthew 1</p>	<p>GEN: <u>Chapter 14:</u> war takes place. Abram’s nephew is taken captive. Abram fights back and wins and gets Lot back.</p> <p><u>Chapter 15:</u> God makes covenant again with Abram</p> <p>MATT: <u>Ch.1:</u> Genealogy leading to Jesus Christ</p> <p>PS.: Praises to God</p>	<p>GEN: <u>Gen 14:19-23:</u> God gets the glory and reverence both from Melchizedek and Abram</p> <p>MATT.: <u>Matt. 1:1:</u> God’s promises fulfilled—Jesus came through Abraham’s lineage</p> <p><u>Matt 1:17:</u> remember the promise made w/ Abram</p> <p><u>Matt 1:23:</u> Isaiah 7:14</p> <p>PS.: <u>Ps. 47:9:</u> Referred to as God of Abraham</p>	<p>Theme: Covenant. God’s covenant withstands time. Abrahamic covenant is seen in these scriptures</p>	<p><u>GEN 15+ Matt 1 + Ps. 47:9</u></p> <p>God’s covenant with Abraham. Look how it was fulfilled through JESUS.</p>
<p>DAY 8 (SAT)</p> <p>GEN 16-18, MATTHEW 2</p>	<p>GEN: <u>Ch. 16:</u> Ishmael is born</p> <p><u>Ch. 17:</u> Abram changed to Abraham & Sarai to Sarah. They receive the promise of a son being born to them in old age</p> <p><u>Ch. 18:</u></p>	<p>GEN:</p> <p>17:5: In Hebrew, Abram= “exalted father”, Abraham= “father of a multitude”</p> <p>18:23-33: We see God’s mercy</p> <p>MATT:</p>	<p>Themes: God’s faithfulness and mercy</p>	<p>All verses are congruent in speaking of generations, lineage, coming of Jesus.</p>

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	<p>Promise again to Abram & Sarah of son in old age</p> <p>Abram begging God not to destroy Sodom</p> <p>MATT: <u>Ch.2</u>: Jesus' birth (we will read more in detail in Luke). The wise men come to worship Jesus</p> <p>Herod trying to kill Jesus</p> <p>Joseph & fam flee to Egypt</p>	<p>2:6: Refers to Micah 5:2</p> <p>2:15: Refers to Hosea 11:1</p> <p>2:18: Refers to Jeremiah 31:15</p>		
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INTRO TO MATTHEW:

- 1st book of New Testament
- Matthew, the author, was a tax collector before he was a disciple
- This is the first of the “Gospels” (First four books of the New Testament)

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<p>DAY 9 (SUN)</p> <p>Psalms 11; Genesis 19-20; Matthew 3</p>	<p>GENESIS <u>Ch 19:</u> Judgment of Sodom & Gomorrah <u>Ch 20:</u> Judgment against Abimelech</p> <p>PSALMS <u>Ch 11:</u> The Lord is Holy and He judges the wicked</p> <p>MATTHEW Ch 3: Jesus being baptized by John the Baptist, and Holy Spirit descends</p>	<p>MATTHEW Ch 3: first mention of Holy Spirit</p>	<p>Themes: God will pronounce judgment. He is also a God of holiness</p>	<p><u>Gen 19 + Ps 11:5-6</u> Judgment with sulfur and fire</p> <p><u>Matt 3 + Ps 11:4</u> Our Lord’s throne is in heaven</p>
<p>DAY 10 (MON)</p> <p>Genesis 21-23; Matthew 4</p>	<p>GENESIS <u>Ch.21:</u> God fulfills His promise and Isaac is born <u>Ch.22:</u> God commands Abraham to sacrifice Isaac & God’s promise to Abraham Ch.23: Abraham buries Sarah</p> <p>MATTHEW <u>Ch.4:</u> Jesus is tempted by the devil & begins His ministry after</p>	<p>GENESIS 22:1: God does test us 22:1 Abraham knew God’s voice 22:2 Abraham didn’t have all the instructions (similar to Gen 12:1-7) 22:5,8: We see Abraham’s faith 22:14: Read in KJV to see “Jehovah-Jireh” is the name of the place 22:16-18: We see God’s promise</p> <p>Gen 23: We see that Abraham</p>	<p>God’s promises are true God’s provision is seen through Hagar/son</p>	<p>Gen 21 + Matt. 4</p> <p>Both passages speak of tempting situations. God will always provide a way of escape. In tempting situations, we should trust God and go to the Word of God.</p>

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		<p>was well-respected</p> <p>MATTHEW 4:6: The devil knows scripture too 4:15-16: refers to Isaish 9:1-2</p>		
<p>Day 11 (TUES)</p> <p>Genesis 24; Matthew 5</p>	<p>GENESIS <u>Ch.24:</u> Isaac gets a wife (Rebekah)</p> <p>MATTHEW <u>Ch.5:</u> These are the “Beautitudes” & Jesus’ teachings on divorce, anger, retaliation, and enemies</p>	<p>GENESIS</p> <p>MATTHEW 5:1-12: “Blessed” in Greek is “makarioi”= “fully satisfied”</p>	<p>Gen 24: God hears our prayers</p> <p>Matt 5: We can only be fully satisfied in Christ</p>	
<p>Day 12</p> <p>Genesis 25; Matthew 6; Psalms 127</p>	<p>GENESIS <u>Ch.25:</u> Abraham dies/is buried, Genealogy, Esau (Firstborn) sells birthright to Jacob</p> <p>MATTHEW <u>Ch.6:</u> Jesus’s teaching about giving & praying/fasting, The Lord’s Prayer, and how to deal with worry/anxiety</p>	<p>GENESIS Ch. 25: Genealogy is always important 25:21: God hears our prayers 25:25: “Esau”= “Rough” in texture 25:26: “Jacob”= “Heel-catcher” or “The one who supplants” (AMG Publishers, 2008) 25:27: Strife continued through their descendants (Israel [Jacob] vs Edomites [Esau]) 25:31-34: It was tradition for the firstborn son to be given the title of family name and also double portion of father’s inheritance (AMG Publishers, 2008)</p> <p>MATTHEW 6:9-13: This is known as the “Lord’s Prayer”. It’s good to memorize and pray</p>	<p>Genesis: God hears our prayers</p>	<p>Matt 6:19-21 + Gen 25:31-34</p> <p>The sons were so invested in the birthright and that actually caused more division. We are not put our worth and all our heart’s desire into earthly treasures.</p> <p>Ps 127 + Matt 6:27-38</p> <p>This speaks of combating worry and anxiety. Anxiety is vain. We can rest in God.</p>

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<p>Day 13 Genesis 26-27; Matthew 7</p>	<p>GENESIS <u>Ch.26:</u> Famine, Reiteration of Abrahamic Covenant, Isaac's Blessings <u>Ch.27:</u> Jacob cheats Esau again MATTHEW <u>Ch.7:</u> Jesus's teachings about judging others, Seeking God's help, the narrow way, and building on a firm foundation</p>	<p>GENESIS 26:2-4: Repetition of Abrahamic Covenant 26:5 Abraham's obedience brought generational blessings to his descendants 26:7-11: Similar to Gen 20 26:29-30: Others will notice God's blessings 27:36: The first time Esau was cheated was Gen 25:30-34</p>	<p>Genesis: God keeps and remembers His promises</p>	<p>Gen 27 + Matt. 7:15-20 Both passages speak of deceit and disguise and the effects that it has.</p>
<p>Day 14 - Genesis 28-29; Matthew 8</p>	<p>GENESIS <u>Ch.28:</u> Jacob goes away, Jacob has a dream and God confirms Abrahamic Covenant with Him <u>Ch.29:</u> Jacob arrives at Laban's House, Jacob works 14 years total for both wives, Leah births 4 sons MATTHEW <u>Ch.8:</u> Jesus heals several people (sick & demon-possessed) & calms a storm</p>	<p>GENESIS <u>28:10-22:</u> God promised Jacob two things: 1) He was promised carrier of the seed & covenant of Abraham 2) His personal safety and blessing (AMG Publishers, 2008) MATTHEW 8:17: refers to Isaiah 53:4</p>	<p>Genesis: God keeps and remembers His promises. His promises are true</p>	<p>Gen 28-29 + Matt 8:11 Both mention Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob</p>
<p>Day 15 - Genesis 30; Matthew 9</p>	<p>GENESIS Ch.30: Jacob's 5th-11th sons are born, Jacob makes bargain with Laban MATTHEW Ch.9: Jesus heals several people (sick & demon-possessed) and He mingles with sinners/tax collectors</p>	<p>GENESIS 30:24: We will read of Joseph more later on (very important) 30:27: Others will acknowledge God because of your life MATTHEW 9:10: "Publicans" were tax collectors. They had a bad reputation and no one wanted to be around them 9:13: You can read the prophecy of these words in Hosea 6:6</p>	<p>Matthew: God will draw near to the outcast. God came to redeem ALL.</p>	

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<p>DAY 16</p> <p>Genesis 31; Matthew 10</p>	<p>GENESIS <u>Ch.31:</u> Jacob leaves Laban (uncle), Laban purses Jacob and then confronts him—argument leads to agreement</p> <p>MATTHEW <u>Ch.10:</u> Listing of 12 disciples, Jesus gives them authority and instruction</p>	<p>GENESIS 31:24, 29: God <u>protects</u> Jacob</p> <p>MATTHEW 10:5-26: It is important to operate in God’s power but also to follow His instruction</p>	<p>Themes: God’s protection</p>	<p>Gen 31 + Matt 10 Both chapters show God protecting His people</p>
<p>DAY 17</p> <p>Genesis 32-33; Matthew 11; Psalms 131</p>	<p>GENESIS <u>Ch.32:</u> Jacob sends word to Esau, Esau comes & receives peace token from Jacob, Jacob wrestles with angel/God, Jacob’s name is changed</p> <p><u>Ch.33:</u> Esau meets Jacob with grace</p> <p>MATTHEW <u>Ch.11:</u> Jesus calls out people/cities in His teachings</p> <p>PSALMS</p>	<p>GENESIS 32:21: We should be able to recognize when God meets us</p> <p>32:24-32: Jacob wrestles with God/angel</p> <p>32:28: Israel= “He who strives with God” (Makes sense when you know about how the Jews have denied Jesus to be Messiah)</p> <p>33:20: “El-Elohe-Israel”= “The mighty God of Israel”</p> <p>MATTHEW 10:10: Look at Malachi 3:1</p>		

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<p>DAY 18</p> <p>Genesis 34; Matthew 12; Psalms 64</p>	<p>GENESIS <u>Ch.34:</u> Dinah is taken advantage of, Jacob son's trick and killed a large group of males</p> <p>MATTHEW <u>Ch.12:</u> Jesus confronts "Sabbath" rules and heals man's withered hand, explains casting out of demons & Jesus' power over devil</p> <p>PSALMS <u>Ch.64:</u> This talks about what happens to the wicked</p>	<p>MATTHEW 12:6: This is referring to Jesus 12:7: Note Hosea 6:6 12:18-20: Note Isaiah 42:1-3</p> <p>12:24: They said Jesus was involved in Satanic behavior, not realizing that Jesus had Divine power</p> <p>12:39-40: Jonah in the whale was foreshadowing to Jesus being in the depths of the earth for 3 days/nights</p> <p>12:41: This is referring to Jesus</p>	<p>Themes: Justice</p>	<p>Gen 34 +Ps 64</p> <p>God will bring justice to protect His people</p>
<p>DAY 19</p> <p>Genesis 35; Matthew 13</p>	<p>GENESIS <u>Ch.35:</u> Jacob returns to Bethel, God reminds Jacob of his name change, Rachel gives birth & then dies</p> <p>MATTHEW <u>Ch.13:</u> Jesus teaches multiple parables</p>	<p>MATTHEW: Ch. 13: Jesus spoke in parables (analogies) so they could understand</p> <p>13:15: Note Hebrew 5:11 13:35: Note Ps. 78:2, Rom 16:25-26, 1 Cor. 2:7, Eph 3:9, Col. 1:26</p>		
<p>DAY 20</p> <p>Genesis 36; Matthew 14</p>	<p>GENESIS <u>Ch.36:</u> Esau's Genealogy</p> <p>MATTHEW <u>Ch.14:</u> John the Baptist is beheaded, 1st miracle of fish/loaves (it happens twice), Jesus walks on water & Peter walks with Him</p>	<p>MATTHEW 14:2:They did not want to believe that it was JESUS/Messiah</p>		

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<p>DAY 21</p> <p>Genesis 37-38; Matthew 15</p>	<p>GENESIS <u>Ch.37:</u> Joseph has a dream, Joseph's brothers try to kill him, Joseph becomes a slave, Israel/Jacob thinks Joseph is dead</p> <p><u>Ch.38:</u> Immorality between Judah & Tamar</p> <p>MATTHEW <u>Ch.15:</u> Jesus address Pharisees, Jesus performs more healings, Jesus feeds multitude (2nd miracle with fishes/loaves)</p>	<p>GENESIS 37:3: This is the "coat of many colors" you may have learned about in Sunday School</p> <p>37:29: tearing of clothes was a sign of immense grief/mourning</p> <p>MATTHEW 15:8-9: Note Isaiah 29:13</p>		<p>Matt 15:14 + Gen 37</p> <p>Joseph's brothers throw him in a pit thinking they have the upper hand, not knowing they will soon be in their own pit (spoiler alert)</p> <p>Matt 15:19 + Gen 38</p> <p>Both verses discuss sexual immorality</p>
<p>DAY 22</p> <p>Genesis 39-40; Matthew 16</p>	<p>GENESIS <u>Ch.39:</u> Potiphar's wife lies on Joseph, Joseph is sent to prison</p> <p><u>Ch.40:</u> Joseph interprets dreams from chief cupbearer & chief baker (prisoners)</p> <p>MATTHEW <u>Ch.16:</u> Jesus challenges disciples' faith, Jesus tells them that He has to die</p>	<p>GENESIS 39:3: This shows the favor of God</p> <p>39:6: This shows that Joseph was ATTRACTIVE</p> <p>39:21: Repeat of 39:2—God was with Joseph</p> <p>40:8: Joseph honored God with the gifts he was operating</p> <p>MATTHEW 16:34: Note Matt 12:39-40</p>	<p>Themes: God's faithfulness. God is with us even in hard times.</p>	<p>Gen 39-40 + Matt 16</p> <p>Joseph was sent to prison. Jesus was sent to the Cross. They were both sent for crimes that they didn't commit.</p>

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<p>DAY 23 (SUN): Genesis 41; Psalms 40; Matthew 17</p>	<p>GEN:</p> <p><u>Ch.41:</u> Joseph is still in prison, Pharaoh has a dream that nobody can interpret but Joseph</p> <p><u>Matt 17:</u> Jesus' transfiguration, Jesus casts out a demon, Jesus prophesied of His death and resurrection</p> <p><u>Ps 40:</u> A heartfelt psalm of David</p>	<p>GEN:</p> <p>41:16: Joseph honors God with the gift that He has given him</p> <p>41:39-41: The favor of God put Joseph in high position with Pharaoh</p> <p>41:42: The signet ring was symbolic of a seal</p> <p>41:45: Joseph's "new name given by Pharaoh = "A revealer of secrets" or "Man to whom secrets are revealed" (This name is from the Coptic language, the language of ancient Egyptians)</p> <p>MATT:</p> <p>17:10: You can find previous scriptures correlated with this in Malachi 4:5 and Matthew 11:14. Revelation 11:3-13 is also connected.</p>	<p>God gives us gifts that we should be using to honor Him/</p>	<p>Ps. 40 + Gen 41</p> <p>What David writes in Psalm 40 is very similar to what Joseph experienced in Genesis</p>
<p>DAY 24 (MON): Genesis 42; Matthew 18</p>	<p>GEN:</p> <p><u>Ch.42:</u> Joseph's brothers come to buy food/ don't recognize Joseph</p> <p>MATT:</p> <p><u>Ch. 18:</u> Jesus's teaching on humility, parable of lost sheep, and forgiveness</p>	<p>GEN:</p> <p>42:1: Jacob (Joseph's father) is also in famine</p> <p>42:6: This is fulfillment of Joseph's dream</p> <p>42:8: They may not recognize Joseph because he's been away from them for so long, and also may speak and dress different after being submerged into Hebrew culture</p>		<p>Gen 42 + Matt 18</p> <p>The themes of forgiveness and blessings are seen in both passages of scripture.</p> <p>Also, we see the humility that Jesus was teaching about displayed in how Joseph treated his brothers.</p>

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		<p>42:16: This is referring to Benjamin, who didn't come with the other brothers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Benjamin was the only other son that was from his beloved wife, Rachel. He clung to Benjamin in fear of losing him too. <p>42:23: This shows that Joseph and his brothers weren't even speaking the same language (explains why they didn't recognize him)</p>		
<p>DAY 25 (TUES): Genesis 43-44; Matthew 19</p>	<p><u>GEN:</u></p> <p><u>Ch. 43:</u> Joseph's brothers return to Egypt (for 2nd time) & dine with Joseph</p> <p><u>Ch. 44:</u> Joseph sets plot for silver cup to go missing</p> <p><u>MATT:</u></p> <p><u>Ch. 15:</u> Jesus' teaching on divorce and the parable of the rich young man</p>	<p><u>GEN:</u></p> <p>43:16: All brothers are with Joseph this time, including Benjamin</p> <p>43:26: This is the fulfillment of the dream from Ch. 37</p> <p>43:30: The brothers still don't realize that it's him</p> <p><u>MATT:</u></p> <p>19:5: Other related scriptures are Ephesians 5:31 & 1 Corinthians 6:16</p>		

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<p>DAY 26 (WED): Genesis 45-46; Matthew 20</p>	<p>GEN: <u>Ch. 45:</u> Joseph finally reveals himself to his brothers & they get favor from Pharaoh <u>Ch. 46:</u> Jacob + family relocates to Egypt MATT: <u>Ch. 20:</u> Jesus teaches on the parable of the laborers, heals blind man, & reminds disciples of Crucifixion/Resurrection</p>	<p>GEN: 45:5-7: God will preserve a remnant of Israel (This is prophetic for the end times) MATT: 20:1-16: This is Jesus' answer to Peter's question (Matthew 19:27)</p>		
<p>DAY 27 (THURS): Genesis 47; Matthew 21</p>	<p>GEN: <u>Ch. 47:</u> Joseph's family settles in Egypt MATT: <u>Ch.21:</u> Jesus enters Jerusalem (Palm Sunday), He cleanses the table, Jesus teaches about the unfruitful fig tree & the parable of 2 sons and wicked husbandmen</p>	<p>GEN: 47:29: Putting a hand under the thigh was a sign of submission to authority MATT: 21:1-16: This is what we know as Palm Sunday 21:5: Refers to prophecies in Zechariah 9:9 21:16: Refers to Psalm 8:2 21:42: Refers to Isaiah 28:16, Psalm 118:22-23</p>	<p>God is a man of His word. His word will not return void.</p>	

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<p>DAY 28 (FRI): Genesis 48-49; Matthew 22</p>	<p>GEN:</p> <p>Ch.48: Jacob gives blessing to Joseph's sons</p> <p>Ch. 49: Jacob gives prophetic blessings to all sons and Jacob dies</p> <p>MATT:</p> <p>Ch.22: Jesus teaches the parable of the wedding banquet, the Pharisees approach Jesus about taxes, Jesus silences questioners</p>	<p>GEN:</p> <p>48:17-19: Israel broke "tradition" in the way that he gave the blessings</p> <p>49:10: This scripture is referred to as a Messianic prophecy (Prophecy about the Messiah)</p> <p>49:24: Refer to Isaiah 28:16</p> <p>MATT:</p> <p>22:1-14: Refer to Matthew 8:11-12 This is referring to eschatological times (end-of-the-world times) when we will be reunited with Christ</p> <p>22:30: This explains that there is no marriage in Heaven</p>	<p>Prophecies are important when it comes to things of God and they will come to pass.</p>	
<p>DAY 29 (SAT): Genesis 50; Exodus 1; Matthew 23</p>	<p>GEN:</p> <p>Ch.50: Joseph buries Jacob, Joseph tells brothers that God will take them to Promised Land</p> <p>EX:</p> <p>Ch.1: Israelites become slaves in Egypt, Egyptian king orders all Hebrew sons that are born to die</p> <p>MATT</p> <p>Ch. 23: Jesus condemns scribes/Pharisees, Jesus weeps over Jerusalem</p>	<p>EXODUS:</p> <p>1:7: At the time, the Israelites were prospering</p> <p>1:13: Israelites became slaves but were still prospering</p> <p>MATT:</p> <p>23:15: "proselyte"= sojourner/foreigner</p>		

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WEEK 5 READING PLAN (DAY 30-36)

Introduction to EXODUS:

- This the 2nd book in the Old Testament
- "Exodus"= departure
- This book describes the Israelites' journey both in and out of Egypt & the developing nation of Israel
- Main theme: Redemption
- You can parallel Moses leading Israelites out of Egypt to Jesus redeeming us

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<p>DAY 30 (SUN): Exodus 2-3, Matthew 24</p>	<p>EXODUS: <u>Ch.2:</u> Moses is born, Moses kills an Egyptian, Moses runs away after his murder secret gets out, Moses meets/ marries Zipporah</p> <p><u>Ch.3:</u> Moses and burning bush, God sends Moses to Egypt</p> <p>MATTHEW: <u>Ch.24:</u> Jesus gives Mount Olivet discourse, Jesus preaches end times & 2nd coming through parables</p>	<p>EXODUS:</p> <p>2:24: God remembers His promises 3:7: God listens to our prayers</p> <p>Chapter 3: God gets our attention/calls us and THEN gives us instruction</p> <p>MATTHEW:</p> <p>24:4-25:46: This is known as the Mount Olivet discourse in response to the questions in 24:3</p>	<p>God remembers His Word & hears the cries of His people.</p>	
<p>DAY 31 (MON): Exodus 4, Matthew 25</p>	<p>EXODUS <u>Ch.4:</u> Moses sees God's power, Moses makes excuses to why He shouldn't answer God's call, Moses gathers with Aaron + Israelites</p> <p>MATTHEW <u>Ch.25:</u> Jesus continues Mount Olivet discourse (parable of ten virgins & parable of talents</p>	<p>EXODUS:</p> <p>4:13: This shows that God is serious about obedience to His instruction</p> <p>4:27: Aaron went and obeyed God without even knowing why</p> <p>MATTHEW:</p> <p>25:14-30: The issue with the man who had one talent is that he didn't even do anything with it</p>	<p>God wants us to live a life of obedience and his anger is kindled when we live in disobedience</p>	

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<p>DAY 32 (TUES): FEB 1</p> <p>Exodus 5 Matthew 26 Psalm 41</p>	<p>EXODUS</p> <p>Ch.5: Moses/Aaron meet Pharaoh, Pharaoh declines request to free Israelites (1st time)</p> <p>MATTHEW 26: Multiple events leading up to the Cross: Passover Lord's Supper Gethsemane Garden prayer Judas betrays Jesus Jesus is arrested Peter denies Jesus</p> <p>PSALM Ch.41: This is David's prayer in sickness</p>	<p>MATTHEW</p> <p>26:2 Jesus was reminding them of the upcoming Crucifixion</p> <p>26:26-30: Lord's Supper= What we refer to as Communion today</p> <p>26:53-54: This shows the divinity of Jesus and also shows His restraint out of love to fulfill Scriptures</p>		<p>Ps. 41 + Matt 26:36-46</p> <p>This psalm is similar to Jesus praying in the garden of Gethsemane.</p> <p>Ps. 41:9 + Matt 26:14-16 + 26: 69-75</p> <p>Refer to Psalm 41:9 and see the congruency of betrayal & denial.</p>
<p>DAY 33 (WED) FEB 2</p> <p>Exodus 6 Matthew 27</p>	<p>EXODUS</p> <p>Ch.6: God's promises to deliver Israel, Aaron and Moses' genealogy</p> <p>MATTHEW Ch.27: Jesus delivered to Pilate, Judas' suicide, Jesus sentenced to death, Jesus' crucifixion, Jesus' death + burial</p>	<p>EXODUS</p> <p>6:8: God remembers His promise</p> <p>MATTHEW 27:9-10: Refer to Zechariah 11:12-13 27:23: This is the same people that were shouting "Hosanna" the week before 27:33: "Golgotha"= Place of a Skull (it's actually shaped like that) 27:40: Remember that some thought Jesus was still a false prophet 27:50: Jesus dies</p>	<p>God will fulfill His promises and keep His Word.</p>	

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<p>DAY 34 (THURS) FEB 3</p> <p>Exodus 7-8 Matthew 28 Psalm 67</p>	<p>EXODUS</p> <p><u>Ch.7:</u> Pharaoh has a hardened heart, 1st plague-Water turns to blood</p> <p><u>Ch.8:</u> 2nd plague-frogs, 3rd plague- Gnats, 4th plague-flies</p> <p>MATTHEW</p> <p><u>Ch.28:</u> Jesus' Resurrection, The Great Commission</p> <p>PSALM</p> <p><u>Ch. 67:</u> A psalm of praise</p>	<p>EXODUS</p> <p>7:1-5: God gives instruction and forward vision of what would happen</p> <p>8:22: God protects His people</p> <p>MATTHEW</p> <p>28:18-20: The Great Commission</p>	<p>God is a protector of His people. He will do whatever it takes for His people and to make sure that He stays faithful to His Word</p>	
<p>DAY 35 (FRI) FEB 4</p> <p>Exodus 9-10 Psalm 105</p>	<p>EXODUS</p> <p><u>Ch.9:</u> 5th plague-Livestock die 6th plague-Boils 7th plague- Hail</p> <p><u>Ch.10:</u> 8th plague-Locusts 9th plague-Darkness</p> <p>PSALM</p> <p><u>Ps. 105:</u> Remembering and praising what God did</p>	<p>EXODUS</p> <p>9:4, 9:26, 10:23: God provided protection for the Israelites again</p> <p>10:2: We see this often in Scripture. God wants to get the glory and wants to to fear Him (reverence Him)</p>	<p>God is a protector. God will go to extreme measures to get the attention of the people.</p>	<p>Ps. 105 + Exodus 7-10</p> <p>This Psalm is directly correlated to what is taking place in the Exodus readings. The Psalmist was looking back on what God had brought them out of.</p>

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<p>DAY 36 (SAT) FEB 5</p> <p>Exodus 11-12 Psalm 91</p>	<p>EXODUS</p> <p><u>Ch.11:</u> Warning that 10th plague is coming soon</p> <p><u>Ch.12:</u> Passover, 10th plague-Death of Firstborn, Exodus begins</p> <p>PSALM</p> <p><u>Ps. 91:</u> A psalm of protection and God's care</p>	<p>EXODUS</p> <p>12:13: This the foreshadowing of Jesus' blood being shed</p> <p>12:14: The Passover became an annual celebration. Refer to Matt. 26:17-20, Mark 14:12-21, Luke 22:7-14, John 13:21-30</p> <p>12:35: This is the fulfillment of Genesis 15:13-14. It was tradition to give a parting gift to others.</p> <p>12:46: This scripture was fulfilled in John 19:36. Jesus's legs weren't broken during His crucifixion. Refer to 1 Corinthians 5:7 as Paul (author) refers to Jesus as our Passover Lamb.</p>	<p>God protects. He makes sure that His people are taken care of.</p>	<p>Exodus 11-12 + Ps. 91</p> <p>God will protect those who abide in Him and put their trust in Him. A lot of what is mentioned in Psalms is related to what takes place in Ex. 11-12.</p>
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