

JULY

FOCUS ON
GOD'S WORD
IN
2024

CHURCHWIDE BIBLE READING PLAN

Reading Scripture regularly is foundational to the life of a disciple and essential to accomplishing our Wildly Important Goal. We'd like everyone at Oakdale to engage in our Bible reading plan and weekly discussion group.

At the beginning of each month, we will publish 5 readings for each week, which are listed below, as well as on the website (oakdale.church/bible) and the Oakdale Church app.

- Try a rhythm of Mon-Fri, which gives you some "grace." Read on your own, with your family, or small group.
- As you read, write down your responses to what it tells you about God and about people, as well as other thoughts, impressions, questions, and how you hear God speaking to you personally through His Word.
- Then join us with your journal on Sundays at 10:45 a.m. in the Music Room. We'll talk about our discoveries, and how we can apply the Scriptures to our daily lives and share with others.

July 7-13 | Nehemiah 1:1-11 – *Grieving Over the Reality*

Nehemiah 1:1-11
2 Kings 23:36-24:20
2 Kings 25:1-30
Ezekiel 8:1-9:2
Ezekiel 9:3-10:22

July 14-20 | Nehemiah 2:1-20 – *Finding Courage & Casting Vision*

Nehemiah 2:1-20
Jeremiah 25:1-14
Daniel 9:1-19
Ezra 1:1-2:2a
Ezekiel 36:1-38

July 21-27 | Nehemiah 3:1-32 – *Restoring God's People*

Ezekiel 37:1-14
Ezekiel 40:1-16
Ezra 3:1-13
Zechariah 3:1-4:14
Ezra 6:13-22

July 28-Aug 3 | Nehemiah 4:1-23 – *Faith in the Face of Opposition*

Nehemiah 4:1-23
Esther 1-2
Esther 3:1-5:14
Esther 6:1-8:17
Esther 9:1-10:3

Exile and Return Timeline

● **Nebuchadnezzar** (Babylon)
(c. 605-562 BC)

● **Fall of Judah**
(c. 605-586 BC)
(2 Kings 23-24)

● **Belshazzar** (Babylon)
(c. 556-539 BC)

● **Cyrus** (Persia)
(c. 559-529 BC)

● **Zerubabel goes to
Jerusalem** (c. 538 BC)
(Ezra 1)

● **Haggai and Zechariah**
prophecy in Judah

● **Darius I** (Persia)
(c. 521-485 BC)

● **Temple Finished** (c. 516 BC)
(Ezra 5-6)

● **Xerxes/Ahasureus** (Persia)
(c. 485-464 BC)

● **Esther** (c. 479 BC)

● **Artaxerxes** (Persia)
(c. 464-424)

● **Ezra goes to Jerusalem**
(c. 458 BC)

● **Malachi Prophecies**
(c. 430 BC)

● **Nehemiah goes to
Jerusalem**
(c. 443 BC)