

2026 Bible Reading Guide - Semester 2

Our Mighty God — Weeks 17–32

Week 17 — Our God Who Reveals Himself

- **Genesis 17** — God reveals Himself to Abraham as the Almighty God and confirms His everlasting covenant.
- **Matthew 17** — Jesus reveals His divine glory to the disciples through the Transfiguration.
- **Nehemiah 7** — God reveals His faithfulness by preserving the names and heritage of His people.
- **Acts 17** — Paul reveals the true God to people who worshiped without fully knowing Him.
- **Psalms 19** — God reveals Himself through creation and through the truth of His Word.

Week 18 — Our God of Certain Hope

- **Genesis 18** — God assures Abraham and Sarah that His promise will be fulfilled, even when it appears impossible.
- **Matthew 18** — Jesus offers hope for the wandering, the broken, and those in need of forgiveness and restoration.
- **Nehemiah 8** — God's people rediscover hope as they hear His Word and are reminded that the joy of the Lord is their strength.
- **Acts 18** — God encourages Paul not to be afraid or give up because He is with him and still has a purpose for his ministry.
- **Psalms 130** — We can wait confidently for the Lord because our hope rests in His Word, mercy, and redemption.

Week 19 — Our God Who Saves

- **Genesis 19** — God rescues Lot and his family before judgment falls upon Sodom.
- **Matthew 19** — Jesus teaches that salvation is impossible through human effort but possible through the power of God.
- **Nehemiah 9** — Israel remembers how God repeatedly saved His people despite their repeated rebellion.
- **Acts 19** — The gospel delivers people from idolatry, spiritual bondage, and the power of darkness.
- **Psalms 18** — God is our rock, fortress, deliverer, and Savior in times of trouble.

Week 20 — Our God Who Guides Us

- **Genesis 20** — God intervenes to guide, warn, and protect Abraham and Abimelech from a destructive decision.
- **Matthew 20** — Jesus leads His disciples toward the cross and teaches them the true path of humility and service.
- **Nehemiah 10** — God's people commit themselves to following the direction and instruction of His Word.
- **Acts 20** — The Holy Spirit guides Paul's ministry and calls church leaders to faithfully shepherd God's people.
- **Psalms 25** — God teaches His paths and guides the humble in the way they should go.

Week 21 — Our God of Unending Grace

- **Genesis 21** — God graciously fulfills His promise to Sarah and compassionately hears Hagar and Ishmael in the wilderness.
- **Matthew 21** — Jesus enters Jerusalem as the promised King and continues calling people to repentance despite their rejection.
- **Nehemiah 11** — God graciously restores Jerusalem and raises up people willing to serve and live within the city.
- **Acts 21** — God's grace strengthens Paul to remain faithful despite warnings, opposition, misunderstanding, and suffering.
- **Psalms 86** — God is compassionate, gracious, patient, and abundant in mercy and truth.

Week 22 — Our God Who Provides

- **Genesis 22** — God provides a ram as a substitute when Abraham obeys Him in faith.
- **Matthew 22** — God provides an invitation into His kingdom and calls people to respond to His gracious offer.
- **Nehemiah 12** — God provides leaders, worshipers, and great joy as Jerusalem's restored wall is dedicated.
- **Acts 22** — God provides Paul with a testimony, a calling, and the strength to speak before a hostile crowd.
- **Psalms 23** — The Lord is our Shepherd who provides, leads, restores, protects, and cares for His people.

Week 23 — Our God Who Prepares a Home for Us

- **Genesis 23** — Abraham purchases a burial place in Canaan as an expression of faith in God's promise of a future homeland.
- **Matthew 23** — Jesus grieves over Jerusalem and expresses His desire to gather its people beneath His protection.
- **Nehemiah 13** — Nehemiah restores order and purity within Jerusalem so it can remain a place devoted to God.
- **Acts 23** — Jesus assures Paul that Rome is part of his future and protects him as God's plan continues to unfold.
- **Psalms 84** — The psalmist celebrates the beauty, joy, and security of dwelling in the presence of God.

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Week 24 — Our God Who Rules and Reigns Forever

- **Genesis 24** — God sovereignly directs Abraham's servant and accomplishes His covenant purposes through ordinary decisions.
- **Matthew 24** — Jesus declares that He will return in power and glory as the everlasting King.
- **Esther 1** — The weakness and instability of an earthly king remind us that human power is limited.
- **Acts 24** — Paul testifies before a Roman governor about righteousness, judgment, and the resurrection.
- **Psalms 93** — The Lord reigns in majesty, and His throne is established forever.

Week 25 — Our God Who Goes Before Us

- **Genesis 25** — God's covenant plan continues into a new generation through Isaac, Jacob, and Esau.
- **Matthew 25** — Jesus prepares His followers for His return and calls them to live faithfully while they wait.
- **Esther 2** — God goes before Esther, positioning her within the palace before the coming crisis is revealed.
- **Acts 25** — Paul's appeal to Caesar moves him closer to God's purpose of taking the gospel to Rome.
- **Psalms 68** — God goes before His people, leads them forward, and makes a way through the wilderness.

Week 26 — Our God Who Gives Us Courage to Stand

- **Genesis 26** — God gives Isaac courage to remain faithful and peaceful despite conflict, hostility, and opposition.
- **Matthew 26** — Jesus stands firm in obedience to the Father even as He faces betrayal, abandonment, and the cross.
- **Esther 3** — Mordecai refuses to bow before Haman, choosing conviction over personal safety.
- **Acts 26** — Paul courageously shares the gospel and his testimony before King Agrippa.
- **Psalms 27** — Confidence in God gives us courage when enemies rise and fear surrounds us.

Week 27 — Our God Who Is Present in Crisis

- **Genesis 27** — God continues working even amid deception, broken trust, family conflict, and painful consequences.
- **Matthew 27** — God's redemptive purpose is being accomplished even during the darkness and suffering of the crucifixion.

- **Esther 4** — God's hidden presence gives Esther courage during a crisis that threatens the lives of her people.
- **Acts 27** — God remains with Paul through a violent storm, shipwreck, and circumstances beyond his control.
- **Psalms 91** — God is our refuge, shelter, and faithful protector in moments of danger.

Week 28 — Our God Who Is Always at Work

- **Genesis 28** — God meets Jacob while he is running from home and reveals that His covenant plan is still advancing.
- **Matthew 28** — God raises Jesus from the dead and sends His followers to make disciples throughout the world.
- **Esther 5** — God quietly works through Esther's courage, the king's favor, and the timing of the banquets.
- **Acts 28** — Despite imprisonment, the gospel reaches Rome and continues to be proclaimed without hindrance.
- **Psalms 138** — God faithfully fulfills His purposes and continues working on behalf of His people.

Week 29 — Our God Who Never Wastes Anything

- **Genesis 29** — God works through Jacob's disappointment, Leah's rejection, and the pain within a broken family.
- **Mark 1** — Jesus uses wilderness, interruptions, sickness, and human need as opportunities to reveal His authority and advance His mission.
- **Esther 6** — God uses a sleepless night and a forgotten act of faithfulness to begin reversing Haman's evil plan.
- **Romans 1** — The darkness of human sin reveals our desperate need for the saving power and righteousness of the gospel.
- **Psalms 66** — God uses trials to refine His people and bring them into a place of greater strength and blessing.

Week 30 — Our God Who Sees the Heart

- **Genesis 30** — God sees the desires, disappointments, rivalries, and deep pain within Jacob's household.
- **Mark 2** — Jesus sees genuine faith, hidden motives, religious pride, and the true spiritual needs of people.
- **Esther 7** — Haman's wicked intentions are exposed, and Esther's courageous heart is revealed.
- **Romans 2** — God judges impartially and sees beyond outward religion to the true condition of the heart.
- **Psalms 7** — God is a righteous Judge who examines the thoughts, motives, and hearts of all people.

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Week 31 — Our God Who Rescues Us

- **Genesis 31** — God rescues Jacob and his family from Laban's control and brings them safely toward their promised home.
- **Mark 3** — Jesus rescues people from disease, spiritual oppression, and the destructive effects of sin.
- **Esther 8** — God provides a way for the Jewish people to be rescued from Haman's deadly decree.
- **Romans 3** — God rescues sinners by offering justification freely through faith in Jesus Christ.
- **Psalms 107** — God hears His people when they cry out and rescues them from trouble, bondage, danger, and distress.

Week 32 — Our God Who Gives Victory Through Faith

- **Genesis 32** — Jacob learns that true victory comes through surrendering himself to God and depending upon His blessing.
- **Mark 4** — Jesus calls His disciples to trust Him during storms and believe in the unstoppable growth of His kingdom.
- **Esther 9** — God gives His people victory over those who intended to destroy them.
- **Romans 4** — Abraham is declared righteous through faith rather than through his own accomplishments.
- **Psalms 20** — Victory does not come through human strength but through trusting in the name of the Lord.