

HIS LOVE ENDURES

I have good news. The steadfast love of the Lord endures forever. It will never fail. The prophet Ezekiel proclaimed difficult truths to the captives in Babylon. Israel was steeped in wickedness and idolatry, and in chapter 10 there is a heart-wrenching description of the glory of the Lord LEAVING the temple. Deuteronomy 31:17 foretold of God's anger and the hiding of his face from His people. The people would face evils and troubles and realize that God was no longer among them. This is a devastating time in Israel's history. God had raised up a mighty nation, delivered them from bondage, led them through the wilderness, established a kingdom, and dwelt among them. And now his glory was leaving the temple. But his love is steadfast and he had a plan to once again dwell with his people. There is still hope because his love endures forever.

Ezekiel 1-3; John 1

Ezekiel 4-6; Psalm 82; John 2

Ezekiel 7-9; John 3

Ezekiel 10-12; Psalm 83; John 4

Ezekiel 13-15; Psalm 136; John 5

Every week, you'll see the same five content questions. Use them as a guide as you read the scriptures. Pray for consistency in your Bible reading.

1. Who are the main characters in this text and is there anyone you can relate to?
2. Is there anything from this text that we are to do (obey, believe, heed or follow)?
3. What do you learn about God in these chapters and how has that changed what you believe about Him?
4. What do these passages reveal about human nature, sin and our need for God?
5. What's the Good News found in this text?

Every week, you'll see five unique application questions. Use them to help live out what you're learning in scripture. Pray for life transformation.

1. When have you experienced the steadfast love of the Lord? Do you believe that it endures forever? Spend time giving thanks to God.
2. When have you experienced God's discipline? Did it draw you closer to God? (See Psalm 83:16-18)
3. Does knowing that God is a just judge give you hope or fear? Why?
4. All scripture points to eternal life in Christ. How does your life bear witness to this truth?
5. What would it look like for Jesus to increase and you to decrease? How would living out John 3:30 affect your day to day life?

God's plan to dwell again with his people required sending his one and only son to dwell with us. His perfect life, death and resurrection mean that God can again dwell with his people. That is good news!