

Grace Episcopal Church

Read the Bible in a Year – **Bible in Time** – Chronological Bible

Reflection Class: Sunday, 6 December 2015; 9:10 am – 9:40 am, Grace Parish Hall.

Thoughts, Reflections, Insights, Questions of readings to date - Days 333 - 339

Prayer: Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.
BCP via Forward Movement

Readings

Day 333 | Sunday | November 29

When someone has wronged you - forgive them and move into new life in Christ Jesus; you should know that you are a letter of Christ to the people you come in contact with; because we have hope in Christ - we can be bold in life; we have this life in clay vessels until we are made new into Christ eternal; we live by faith, not by sight; We are God's ambassadors to this world we encounter; the old way is gone because the new is here!; Paul has hardships but opens heart to all.

Day 334 | Monday | November 30

We are the Temple of the Living God; God is with us; therefore keep pure; take correction so that you might grow; Macedonians example - fighting over the right to give generously to the Church even though they were poor; more about Titus; the fundraising appeal for the saints in Jerusalem for God loves a cheerful giver; Paul's authority is from God.

Day 335 | Tuesday | December 1

Paul - I preach Christ, watch for false teachers, I have had many trials not to boast for God be the glory, thorn in flesh to keep humble; Paul is concerned for the Corinthians and gives final instructions; he visits Troas and raises the dead.

Day 336 | Wednesday | December 2

Paul journey to Jerusalem and stops and encourages the saints along the way, he knows he is going to face arrest by the religious leadership. He is arrested and speaks to the crowd; it is so riotous that Paul is surrounded by the local Roman garrison.

Day 337 | Thursday | December 3

Paul speaks to the Romans in Greek and the people in Jerusalem in Aramaic; Tells his credentials and then his encounter with Jesus - hears Jesus, struck blind, healed by Ananias, Jews declare him not fit to live; Guards take him away only to learn that he is a Roman citizen, the Roman officials seeking what is going on bring to them Paul and the religious leaders; proclaims he is a Pharisee speaking before the Sanhedrin who did not believe in the resurrection; 40 men the next day declare a jihad on Paul vowing to kill him or die trying; Romans are tipped off and Paul is hustled out of town; Paul is sent to Caesarea to Governor Felix for protection and trial; he was held under house arrest at Herod's palace.

Day 338 | Friday | December 4

Paul after being arrest appears before Roman Governor Felix; the governor does not make a decision for two year but he and his wife listens to him often about Jesus to the point of saying "Enough"; Felix leaves his post and Paul in prison; Portus Festus takes over and hears Paul case; Festus hears case and wants to refer to Jerusalem and Paul appeals to the Emperor; King Agrippa and Bernice visit Festus and Festus shares this case - both rehear the case - Paul is convincing; this man does not deserve imprisonment or death. Festus - he could have been set free if he had not appealed to Caesar...

Day 339 | Saturday | December 5

Note the "We" in the text - not just Paul; began the his journey; storm and shipwrecked; Centurion spares Paul rather than getting killed as would be the practice of the Romans in this situation

Prayer

12/12/15 on 12/5/15