



October
Week 3

Personal and Family Devotions • Small Groups • Church meetings

1 Invocation

Make the sign of the cross and say:
In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

2 Psalm

Why are the nations in turmoil,
and why do the peoples make plots that will fail?
The kings of the earth take their stand together
and the rulers conspire together
against Yahweh
and against his Messiah.
He who sits in the heavens will sneer at them;
the Lord mocks them.
Then he will speak to them in his anger
and terrify them in his rage,
saying, "I myself have anointed my king on Zion, my
holy mountain."
I will announce a decree of Yahweh.
He said to me, "You are my son!
This day I have become your father.

Psalm 2:1-2, 4-7

Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit.
As it was in the beginning
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

3 Hymns

Hark, the Voice of Jesus Crying (page 5)
Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us (page 6)

4 Lessons



BIBLE BOOKS

OT Major Prophets

Ezekiel

Summary Statement

Words, actions and visions from Babylon

Outline

I. Judah's Fall (1-24)

II. Judah's Foes (25-32)

III. Judah's Future (33-48)

Key Verses

3:18-19; 11:19; 18:4; 34:23; 37:4

Daily Readings

Su	Eze 1:4-14,26-28	Eze 3:1-9,16-21
Mo	Eze 5:1-13	Eze 8:1-18
Tu	Eze 11:14-25	Eze 12:1-16
We	Eze 16:1-14,59-63	Eze 18:1-4,23-32
Th	Eze 28:1-19	Eze 33:1-16
Fr	Eze 34:1-16	Eze 37:1-14
Sa	Eze 43:1-12	Eze 47:1-12



BIBLE EVENTS

Divided Kingdom Era

2 Kings 11:1-21

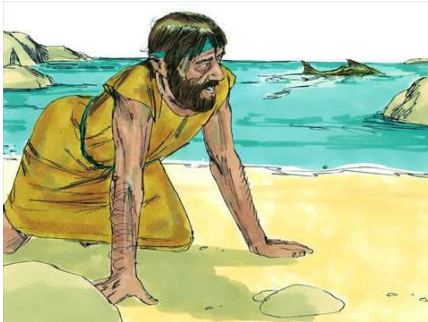
Joash Is Saved



- Who was the queen that Jehosheba hid Joash from? (11:2)
- What did Jehoiada present to Joash after crowning him king? (11:12)
- What did the people tear down after Jehoiada made a covenant between them and Yahweh? (11:18)
- How old was Joash when he was made king? (11:21)

Jonah 1:1-17 ★

Jonah Runs from Yahweh



- Where did Yahweh tell Jonah to go? (1:2)
- Where did Jonah attempt to go when he ran away from the presence of Yahweh? (1:3)
- What did Jonah tell the sailors to do to him to make the sea calm? (1:12)
- How long was Jonah in the stomach of the great fish? (1:17)

Events labeled with a star (★) are appropriate for disciples of all ages. Other events may contain more mature content.

Jonah 3:1—4:11 ★

Jonah Goes to Nineveh



- What was the message Jonah preached to Nineveh? (3:4)
- Who did the king of Nineveh order to fast and wear sackcloth? (3:7-8)
- What did God prepare that attacked the plant that was providing shade for Jonah? (4:7)
- Though Jonah had compassion for the plant, what did Yahweh say He had compassion for? (4:11)

2 Kings 17:1-23

The End of Israel



- What did the king of Assyria do after a three-year siege of Samaria? (17:6)
- How did Yahweh testify to Israel and Judah? (17:13)
- What did Israel make and worship that led to their punishment? (17:16)
- When Israel was removed from Yahweh's presence, which tribe was left? (17:18)

For application: IDEA What is stated in the verse, passage or selection? **THANK** What does this verse, passage or selection make me thankful for? **CONFESS** What does this verse, passage or selection make me sorry for? **HELP** What help do I need from God to act on what I have read?



BIBLE TEACHINGS

Confession & Absolution

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What is confession?

Confession has two parts: first, that we confess our sins; second, that we receive absolution, or forgiveness, from the confessor, as from God Himself, and that we in no way doubt, but firmly believe, that by it our sins are forgiven before God in heaven.

What sins should we confess?

Before God we should plead guilty of all sins, even those of which we are unaware, as we do in the Lord's Prayer. But before the confessor we should confess only those sins which we know and feel in our hearts.

Which are these?

Consider your place in life according to the Ten Commandments. Are a father, mother, son, daughter, employer or worker? Have you been disobedient, unfaithful or lazy? Have you grieved anyone by your words or deeds? Have you stolen, neglected or wasted anything, or done other harm?

Church Discipline

173. How should we approach someone caught in sin?

- A. First, we approach the person one-on-one
- B. If the person remains unrepentant, we involve one or two others
- C. If the person still remains unrepentant, we involve the church

Matthew 18:15-18

174. Whose sins should not be forgiven?

Those who are openly unrepentant of their sins

1 Corinthians 5:5; 1 John 1:8, 10

Younger disciples should focus on the content in the yellow box from Martin Luther's Small Catechism.

175. What is the purpose of excommunication?

- A. To lead the person to genuine repentance and faith
- B. To prevent the person from causing others to sin

A – Matthew 18:15; 1 Corinthians 5:5; B – 1 Corinthians 5:6, 13

176. How do we treat the excommunicated sinner who repents?

We forgive them and welcome them back into full fellowship

2 Corinthians 2:7-8

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5 Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

6 Prayers

Pray for your family and friends, your church, your community, your nation, your world, and your own personal needs. As you C.H.A.T. with God, remember to Confess your sins, Honor and praise God, Ask Him your requests, and Thank Him for His blessings.



Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank You that unto this time You have granted us peace and graciously spared us from war and foreign dominion. We pray, graciously let us continue to live in Your fear according to Your will, giving no cause for wars or other punishment. Govern and direct our leaders, that they may not hinder the obedience due to You, but maintain righteousness, that we may enjoy happiness and blessing under their government. Lord, in Your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**



We ask You, O Lord, in Your clemency to show us Your unspeakable mercy that You may both set us free from our sins, and rescue us from the punishments which, for our sins, we deserve. Lord, in Your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Luther's Morning Prayer

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and all evil, that all my actions and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

OR

Luther's Evening Prayer

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

7 Blessing

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with all of you. (2 Corinthians 13:14) Amen.

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Hark, the Voice of Jesus Crying

1. Hark, the voice of Je - sus cry - ing, "Who will go and work to - day?
 2. If you can - not speak like an - gels, If you can - not preach like Paul,
 3. If you can - not be a watch - man, Stand - ing high on Zi - on's wall,
 4. Let none hear you id - ly say - ing, "There is noth - ing I can do,"

5
 Fields are white and har - vests wait - ing, Who will bear the sheaves a - way?"
 You can tell the love of Je - sus, You can say He died for all.
 Point - ing out the path to heav - en, Off - 'ring life and peace to all,
 While the mul - ti - tudes are dy - ing And the Mas - ter calls for you,

9
 Loud and long the Mas - ter call - eth; Rich re - ward He of - fers thee.
 If you can - not rouse the wick - ed With the judg - ment's dread a - larms,
 With your prayers and with your boun - ties You can do what God com - mands;
 Take the task He gives you glad - ly, Let His work your plea - sure be;

13
 Who will an - swer, glad - ly say - ing, "Here am I, send me, send me"?
 You can lead the lit - tle chil - dren To the Sav - ior's wait - ing arms.
 You can be like faith - ful Aar - on, Hold - ing up the proph - et's hands.
 An - swer quick - ly when He call - eth, "Here am I, send me, send me!"



Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us



1. Sav - ior, like a shep-herd lead us; Much we need Your ten - der care.
 2. We are Yours; in love be - friend us, Be the guard-ian of our way;
 3. You have prom-ised to re - ceive us, Poor and sin - ful though we be;
 4. Ear - ly let us seek Your fa - vor, Ear - ly let us do Your will;



In Your pleas - ant pas-tures feed us, For our use Your fold pre - pare. Bless-ed
 Keep Your flock, from sin de - fend us, Seek us when we go a - stray. Bless-ed
 You have mer - cy to re - lieve us, Grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free. Bless-ed
 Bless - ed Lord and on - ly Sav - ior, With Your love our spir - its fill. Bless-ed



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