

December 26th. - Revelation 17:1-18.

Reflect: The ancient City of Rome is symbolically described here as the representative of all the forces opposed to God. But Jesus, the Lamb, **has** and **will** overcome! *Prayer: "Lord Jesus, thank you that I share in your victory! Amen."*

December 27th. - Revelation 18:1-24.

Reflect: We are warned not to participate in the evils of our world. Don't be fooled by the bright lights! What evils would Christ warn you about in your local community? *Prayer: "Lord, save me from the temptations that surround me each day. Amen."*

December 28th. - Revelation 19:1-21.

Reflect: The end of this world will not mean judgement for the Christian (Jesus was judged in our place on the cross) but our wedding day as we unite eternally with Jesus. *Prayer: "Lord Jesus, I long for the time when we can be together for ever! Amen."*

December 29th. - Revelation 20:1-15.

Reflect: Satan does not have the power to destroy us (see John 10:27-28). Satan's power was broken on the cross and it will be finished for good on the Last Day. *Prayer: "Lord Jesus, thank you that I am perfectly safe with you. Amen."*

December 30th. - Revelation 21:1-27.

Reflect: The judgements of the Book of Revelation are meant to cause us to repent. The glory of heaven pictured here is meant to bring us great comfort and hope. *Prayer: "Lord Jesus, thank you that my name is written in the Book of Life. Amen."*

December 31st. - Revelation 22:1-21.

Reflect: Who has the right to eat of the tree of life and enter the city of heaven? Only those who have washed their robes in the blood of the Lamb (believe in Jesus). *Prayer: "Come Lord Jesus, come. Amen."*

CONGRATULATIONS ON READING RIGHT THROUGH
THE NEW TESTAMENT IN ONE YEAR!

WHY NOT DO IT AGAIN NEXT YEAR?! GOD BLESS YOU THROUGH IT.

Read the New Testament in a Year

(Daily Devotions with thought-starters and prayer)

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December 1st. - 2 Peter 3:1-18.

Reflect: How ready would you be if Jesus were to return today? Every day Jesus "delays" his return is another opportunity for us to repent and prepare to meet him. *Prayer: "Lord, help me to always be ready for your coming. Amen."*

December 2nd. - 1 John 1:1-10.

Reflect: The bad news is that we constantly fail God and others. The good news is that God's mercy and faithfulness are greater than our sin! We live by forgiveness! *Prayer: "Father, forgive my sin, for Jesus' sake. Amen."*

December 3rd. - 1 John 2:1-29.

Reflect: Instead of loving the world, we are to love God. The practical demonstration of this love of God is our love for other people. Such love shows we belong to Christ. *Prayer: "Lord Jesus, fill me with your love. Amen."*

December 4th. - 1 John 3:1-24.

Reflect: 1 John 1:8 reminds us that we continue to sin as Christians. 1 John 3:6-10 also reminds us that we are daily called to repentance and holy living. *Prayer: "Lord, may my love be not just talk, but be love in **action**! Amen."*

December 5th. - 1 John 4:1-21.

Reflect: We learn to love others as we experience God's great love for us in Christ. This is the power and motivation for us to be loving people. *Prayer: "Saviour Jesus, thank you that you love me without limits! Amen."*

December 6th. - 1 John 5:1-21.

Reflect: How do we overcome the troubles and temptations of life? Through faith in Jesus! Through our faith in him we have forgiveness and eternal life. *Prayer: "Lord Jesus, thank you that I have eternal life because of you. Amen."*

December 7th. - 2 John 1-13.

Reflect: What's the Christian life all about? Simply this: **Believe in Jesus Christ** (who reconciles us to God the Father) and **show love to one another** (as Jesus taught us to.) *Prayer: "Lord, help me to believe in the **truth** and to live by your **love**. Amen."*

December 8th. - 3 John 1-15.

Reflect: How do you know when your "soul is getting on well" (are spiritually healthy?) When you believe the truth (Gospel); show love; and are hospitable.

Prayer: "Lord, help me to walk in the truth and to faithfully serve others. Amen."

December 9th. - Jude 1-25.

Reflect: We are called to persevere in the faith. We are also reminded that God himself will keep us faithful. Salvation is by God's grace from beginning to end!
Prayer: "Lord, in your mercy, keep me close to you at all times. Amen."

December 10th. - Revelation 1:1-20.

Reflect: John pictures Jesus standing in the midst of the seven Churches. He knew their troubles. He loved them. He had won the victory for them. So too for us! *Prayer: "Saviour, thank you that you are always with me. Amen."*

December 11th. - Revelation 2:1-29.

Reflect: What things would Jesus commend you for in your Christian life? What things would he want you to change? Which of his promises here encourages you? *Prayer: "Lord, thank you for giving me the right to eat of the tree of life. Amen."*

December 12th. - Revelation 3:1-22.

Reflect: Ask yourself the same questions as you did yesterday. How would you describe your relationship with Jesus? Hot? Cold? Lukewarm? Getting warmer? *Prayer: "I hear your voice Lord, come and renew my heart. Amen."*

December 13th. - Revelation 4:1-11.

Reflect: In the Sunday Liturgy, and especially in the Lord's Supper, we already on earth participate in this worship in heaven. How does that encourage you? *Prayer: "You are worthy Lord, to receive glory, honour and power. Amen."*

December 14th. - Revelation 5:1-14.

Reflect: The future (the scroll) is in the hands of our Lord Jesus, who is the Lamb who was slain to win forgiveness and eternal life for us. We are safe in his care! *Prayer: "All praise to you, Jesus, my Lord and Redeemer. Amen."*

December 15th. - Revelation 6:1-17.

Reflect: The Lord will not be mocked. Judgement is coming. Despite the troubles of life and despite those who oppose God's will, the victory is ultimately God's! *Prayer: "Lord Jesus, thank for saving me from the wrath to come. Amen."*

December 16th. - Revelation 7:1-17.

Reflect: The symbolic number 144,000 reminds us that God will rescue his people and that none will be forgotten. How does this encourage you in tough times? *Prayer: "Lord, salvation belongs to you, all glory to your name! Amen."*

December 17th. - Revelation 8:1-13.

Reflect: The opening of the seventh seal ushers in the seven trumpets. The theme of judgement and God being in control is repeated again. *Prayer: "Lord, you always hear my prayers. Make me more eager to pray. Amen."*

December 18th. - Revelation 9:1-21.

Reflect: Despite all this suffering, people still refused to repent! Are we in Australia today also this stubborn? Too deaf to hear? Lord have mercy!
Prayer: "Jesus, move our nation to repent. Begin with my own heart. Amen."

December 19th. - Revelation 10:1-11.

Reflect: God calls each of us to announce his message to the people around us (calling them to repent and believe). How is this task both sweet and bitter to you? *Prayer: "Lord, give me the faith and courage to speak for you. Amen."*

December 20th. - Revelation 11:1-19.

Reflect: Despite persecution of his people, God remains in charge. As these troubles happen on earth, God is praised in all eternity. We are invited to join in this worship of God. *Prayer: "Heavenly Father, help me to trust that the future is in your hands. Amen."*

December 21st. - Revelation 12:1-18.

Reflect: Satan wasn't able to defeat Christ, so he next attempts to destroy Christ's followers. We too will overcome, not by ourselves, but by the blood of the Lamb! *Prayer: "Lord, thank you that you have given me the victory. Amen."*

December 22nd. - Revelation 13:1-18.

Reflect: In the midst of our troubles we are called to show patient endurance and faithfulness. We know that in the end, even the worst of enemies can not defeat us. *Prayer: "When things get hard, keep me close to you, Lord! Amen."*

December 23rd. Revelation 14:1-20.

Reflect: We do not have the mark of the beast. Instead, **in Baptism**, we have been given the mark of God's name (we are his people). Let's live accordingly!
Prayer: "Holy Father, keep me faithful to Jesus, by your Spirit. Amen."

December 24th. - Revelation 15:1-8.

Reflect: This Christmas Eve we echo the words of the heavenly choir, "Great and marvellous are your deeds, Lord God Almighty." The victory began in a manger! *Prayer: "Lord, you are both Almighty and all compassionate. Amen."*

December 25th. - Revelation 16:1-21.

Reflect: A blessed Christmas to you! Remember that Jesus was born **in order to** save us from this future wrath of God (His just judgement on those who refuse to repent.) *Prayer: "Lord Jesus, thank you that by your birth I have received new life. Amen."*