

READ THROUGH THE BIBLE SCHEDULE FOR 3/19/12 TO 3/25/12

MONDAY, MARCH 19, 2012 Read 3rd John 1:1-14

The church on earth. A little piece of heaven? Yes, at times. A whiff of acrid smoke from someplace else? That, too, at times. The holy writers never sugarcoat the truth as they describe life in Christ here on earth. Read John's last letter with an eye toward his experiences in one particular congregation or group of congregations. How do John's experiences mirror or contrast with your own?

TUESDAY, MARCH 20, 2012 Read Jude 1-29

Today you will read a sermon more than four millennia old! And ask yourself how Jude got his information-facts not recorded in the Old Testament.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21, 2012 Read Revelation 1:1-20

Before you begin to read today, speak the Apostles' Creed. Notice especially the Second Article- the words that describe Jesus Christ, the Father's "only Son, our Lord." Revelation picks up where the Second Article leaves off- "from thence (heaven) He will come to judge the living and the dead." Revelation teaches us about our Savior after His ascension. Revelation gives us great hope. Focus on Jesus, the source of that hope as you read now.

THURSDAY, MARCH 22, 2012 Read Revelation 2: 1-29

While some have tried to assign each of the letters you will read today to specific eras or epochs of history, they can perhaps be best understood as applying to congregations of the first century and to every church of every era as we struggle with temptation and persecution. As you read, pay particular attention to the picture of Jesus. Remember, Revelation reveals, first and foremost, Christ, our Lord and Savior!

FRIDAY, MARCH 23, 2012 Read Revelation 3:1-22

The three messages you will read in Revelation 3 today follow the general pattern established in Revelation 2. One of the three includes no word of warning or rebuke. Which one? Why? One has no commendations. Which one? Why?

SATURDAY, MARCH 24, 2012 Read Revelation 4:1-5:14

Some of what John will see in coming chapters will terrify even the bravest heart. And so, in grace, our Lord grants him- and us!- occasional glimpses of heaven's triumphant splendor. Despite the upheaval on earth, God still sits enthroned in glory and very much in charge. Let your heart join the saints and angels in worship as you read now.

SUNDAY, MARCH 25, 2012

JOIN US IN CHURCH TODAY TO WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS AND BAPTIZE ESABELLA ROOF. TAKE SOME TIME IN THE AFTERNOON TO CATCH UP ANY READINGS YOU MISSED THIS WEEK.