

**READ THROUGH THE BIBLE SCHEDULE FOR 04/09/12 TO 04/15/12**

**(Front and back! This week only!)**

**MONDAY, APRIL 9, 2012 Read Revelation 20:1-5**

People who read Revelation in the same way they read Genesis or I Kings- as chronological history<sup>0</sup> will shake their heads by the time they get to chapter 20. Seen as one long timeline, Revelation can only confuse, not comfort us. But it's not *one* timeline! Rather, it's a series of vignettes, one after the next. Each makes a specific set of points about Christ's victory for us. Read chapter 20 as the next in a series of descriptions- this one outlining the history of God's kingdom, probably from the time of Christ's ascension until His glorious return to judge the living and the dead. From this perspective, what do you see?

**TUESDAY, APRIL 10, 2012 Read Revelation 21: 1-27**

People who win the lottery say a last goodbye to many aspects of their old lives and a hopeful hello to many things they had only dreamed about before. As Christ returns, to what things will you say a glad goody? What new experiences will you welcome? Read with these questions in mind now.

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11, 2012 Read Revelation 22:1-21**

Everyday our lives are filled with uncertainty. As Revelation 22 ends, we do many things *for sure*, even though the day of our Lord's return has not yet come. Look for these certainties as you read.

**BECAUSE OF STATING WITH THE NEW TESTAMENT WE ARE GOING TO HAVE DO SOME COMBINING OF READINGS THIS WEEK. IF YOU HAVE THE BIBLE WITH THE SCHEDULE FOLLOW THIS SCHEDULE THIS WEEK ONLY AND YOU SHOULD CATCH UP TO START ON MONDAY NEXT WEEK!**

**THURSDAY, APRIL 12, 2012 Read Genesis 1 through 3**

Genesis records many firsts- the first people, the first family, the first sin, the first city, the first musician, and more first besides. Today's reading zeroes in on the first week of our world's existence and the first home God gave His human creatures and how the people lost that home. As you read, note the care God took as He made this home for us- the first paradise.

**FRIDAY, APRIL 13, 2012 READ Genesis 4 through 6:8**

The firsts of Genesis continue with the first human death- by murder. Genesis 5 tolls the somber note of sin's consequences through one generation after another "And then he died." Even so, hope flickers in the darkness. As you read, look for evidence that God is active, calling sinners to come to Him for relief.

**SATURDAY, APRIL 14, 2012 Read Genesis 6 :9 through 8:22**

Today's reading describes a time when human wickedness became a tidal wave that threatened to drown out faith on the earth. God acts in mercy to rescue Noah and his family-eight believers in all, out of what may have been tens of thousands or even millions of people on earth. As you read, notice how the Lord's grace and his judgment form two sides of the same coin.

**SUNDAY, APRIL 15, 2012 Read Genesis 9 through 12:9**

The world system that tempted and ridiculed Noah's family had been washed away like so many dead leaves. When Noah walked off the ark, external temptations had vanished. Nevertheless, the eight survivors of the great flood faced an internal enemy just as treacherous: their own sin-stained nature. The flood did not drown this enemy- not in Noah, not in his descendants. God would need to give his promise to Abraham to take care of that.