

5-DAY

BIBLE READING PLAN



HIGH HOLIDAYS

Day 1: Preparing the Way of the Lord

Reading: Matthew 3:1-12

Devotional: John the Baptist's call to "prepare the way of the Lord" resonates deeply with the theme of Yom Teruah. As we approach this sacred time, we're reminded of our need for spiritual preparation. Just as John called people to repentance, we too are called to examine our hearts and turn away from sin. Reflect on areas of your life that need realignment with God's will. How can you make your paths straight? Remember, preparation isn't just about eliminating negatives, but also cultivating positives - developing virtues, deepening your prayer life, and growing in love for God and others. As you prepare, anticipate the joy of drawing closer to the Lord.

Day 2: The Trumpet Call of God

Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Devotional: The imagery of the trumpet call in this passage echoes the shofar blasts of Yom Teruah. It's a powerful reminder of God's ultimate plan for His people - resurrection and reunion with Yeshua. In a world often filled with sorrow and loss, this passage offers profound hope. Meditate on the comfort these words bring, especially if you're grieving. How does the promise of resurrection change your perspective on life and death? Let the anticipation of Yeshua's return motivate you to live with purpose and urgency, sharing the hope you have with others who may be struggling with grief or fear.

Day 3: Identity in Messiah Yeshua

Reading: 1 John 2:3-6

Devotional: Our identity as followers of Yeshua is central to our faith journey. This passage challenges us to align our actions with our professed beliefs. Keeping God's commandments isn't about earning salvation, but about living out our love for Him. Reflect on how your daily choices demonstrate your identity in Messiah. Are there areas where your walk doesn't match your talk? Remember, we're empowered by the Holy Spirit to live obediently. Pray for the grace to "walk as Yeshua walked," embracing your identity as a child of God and letting it shape every aspect of your life.

Day 4: Pressing Toward the Goal

Reading: Philippians 3:12-14

Devotional: The concept of "asah" - to prepare, produce, or press - aligns beautifully with Paul's attitude here. Like olives pressed for oil or grapes for wine, spiritual growth often involves pressure and challenges. What "pressing" are you experiencing in your life right now? Instead of resisting it, consider how God might be using it to refine you and produce spiritual fruit. Paul's focus on pressing on toward the goal reminds us that our journey with Yeshua is ongoing. Set your sights on the ultimate prize - knowing Yeshua more fully - and let that motivate you through any current struggles.

Day 5: The Victory in Messiah Yeshua

Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:50-58

Devotional: As we conclude our reading plan, we're reminded of the ultimate victory we have in Yeshua. The perishable putting on the imperishable is a powerful image of transformation. While we look forward to our future glorification, we're also called to live in light of that victory now. How does the assurance of victory over death and sin impact your daily life? Let it fill you with courage to face challenges, knowing that your labor for the Lord is never in vain. As you go about your day, carry the triumphant note of the final trumpet in your heart, letting it fuel your worship and your witness to the world.