

The Story Devotional Plan 2023

Chapter 7: Prophets

Welcome to Chapter 7a of “The Story”, our exciting journey through the Bible in 2023.

Below you will see 21 days of Scripture to use in your time alone with God AND to prep for the upcoming Sunday.

Here are some tips to get you started:

- For all of these passages, we encourage you to [SOAP](#) the text.
- For each day, we provide a statement or question to help you observe the text in order to apply it to your life.
- For an overview video of each one of the books, click the appropriate [title](#) below.



Let's begin!

ISAIAH

	READ	REFLECT
07/17:	Isaiah 1	Where do you see man's sin? Where do you see God's justice? Where do you see God's mercy? Will the LORD listen to anyone's prayers? Why or why not? What does it take to pray so that the LORD would listen?
07/18:	Isaiah 6	What was it about Isaiah's experience in vv1-4 that led to his response in v5 ? What was it about Isaiah's experience in vv1-7 that led to his response in v8 ?
07/19:	Isaiah 8:11-9:7	Isaiah 8:12 says “do not fear what they fear”. What do most people fear? Can you fear God (8:13), wait for God (8:17), & hope in God (8:17) while fearing what others fear? Explain.
07/20:	Isaiah 40	Wow! Where do you see the greatness of God? Where do you see the weakness of man? Why do you think the only great God would care so much for people who are grass?
07/21:	Is. 52:13-53:12	In Isaiah 53:10 , “the will of the LORD” is mentioned twice. Consider the various reasons why it was the will of the LORD to crush Jesus. The Bible doesn't teach a “prosperity gospel”, but it does teach a prosperous gospel. What does it mean that the will of the LORD shall prosper in Jesus' hand?
07/22:	Isaiah 55	How is possible to buy something without money and price? Where do you see God's grace in ch55 and the specific implications it has on your life?
07/23:	Isaiah 61	Also read Luke 4:16-21 . Why do you think Jesus stopped the reading when He did? According to Isaiah 61 , why did Jesus come 2000 years ago? Why will He come again?

JEREMIAH

	READ	REFLECT
07/24:	Jeremiah 1	Consider God's intentional call of Jeremiah even before he was born. What kind of plans to you believe God had for you before you were born?
07/25:	Jer. 2:1-3:5	What are the two evils that Israel committed? (Hint: v13). How might all sins come out of these two sins? Where might you have made broken cisterns that can hold no water?
07/26:	Jer. 3:6-4:2	According to God's words in Jeremiah 3:6-4:2 , what does repentance look like? How does God relate to those who repent?
07/27:	Jeremiah 17	Have you heard the phrase: “Go with your heart”? What would Jeremiah say about that phrase? (v9) Who knows your heart better than you? (v10)
07/28:	Jer. 21, 25	How does God relate to those who do not repent? If you knew this kind of disaster was coming, would you warn your friends? How often do you warn others of the Hell that is coming for those who don't repent?
07/29:	Jer. 30:1-9	See also Jer. 31:31-34 . If you knew this kind of blessing was coming, would you tell your friends? Do you tell others of the Heaven that is coming for those who repent?
07/30:	Jeremiah 51	Notice in v41 that Babylon went from praise to horror in one verse. Consider how swift God's judgment can be.

EZEKIEL

	READ	REFLECT
07/31:	Ezekiel 1	If you were to draw an illustration of ch1 , how difficult would that be? Why? Notice Ezekiel's response in v28 . Have you ever had this kind of response to God?
08/01:	Ezk. 2:1-3:27	Evangelism success is not based on their conversions. It's based on your obedience. Are you committed to obeying God regardless of the results?
08/02:	Ezekiel 11	Notice that Israel “acted according to the rules of the nations that [were] around” them. (11:12) What principal can you apply to your life from that v12 ?
08/03:	Ezekiel 16	Notice the verses leading up to v15 , and then v15 . How have you used God's blessings to sin against Him?
08/04:	Ezk. 33:1-9	Read also Ezekiel 34:1-10 . What responsibilities has the LORD given spiritual leaders? Who has He called to be spiritual leaders? What responsibilities has He given you? Where do you see Jesus?
	Ezk. 34:11-32	
08/05:	Ezk. 36:22-32 Ezk. 37:1-14 Ezk. 37:24-28	Where do you see indications of the Gospel? See v11 . Consider the phrase <i>all hope is lost</i> . Should this ever be the case for a child of God? What are various implications of the Gospel?
08/06:	Ezk. 43:1-9	The last portion of the book of Ezekiel describes God's forever temple. What's the most important thing about God's forever temple? (Hint: vv4-5, 7, 9).