

August 5: Read **Esther 6-10**, then Pray **Psalm 55**. The stunning reversal goes into great detail about what happens to each of the people in the story. God's plan unfolds in such a way where us readers are challenged to go back and think about which circumstances were actually "bad" and how they led to "good".

August 6: Available Video → [Daniel](#). Read **Daniel 1-3**, then Pray **Psalm 56**. The Story of God has a recurring theme: He puts people into places they have no normal place being. His hand is always moving the plan forward...through His people.

August 7: Read **Daniel 4-6**, then Pray **Psalm 57**. The similarity to the story of Joseph in Egypt (see Genesis 41 and following) to Daniel in Babylon is not an accident. God is showing His faithfulness is a constant. His love and grace for His people is a constant. His sovereign rule is a constant.

August 8: Skim **Daniel 7-9**, then Pray **Psalm 58**. Daniel 7 is a critical moment in the overarching story of the Bible. Jesus quotes or refers to this prophesy in Matthew 24:30-35, 26:63-67 and Mark 11:13:26-31, 14:61-65. When Jesus refers to "coming with the clouds" or "coming on clouds" that is shorthand to Daniel 7:13-14. This is also the primary reason Jesus refers to Himself as "The Son of Man".

August 9: Skim **Daniel 10-12**, then Pray **Psalm 59**. We get a rare glimpse into the spiritual realm. Daniel gives us a full description of what this powerful being looks like and then we learn that this warrior had been "resisted" by the "prince of Persia" which indicates that the "powers" and the "principalities" (see Ephesians 6:10-18) engage in battle with these warriors of God. But what's more, is that Daniel's prayers played a role in this battle (Daniel 10:12-14)!!

August 10: Available Video → [Haggai](#). Read **Haggai** (skip the names!), then Pray **Psalm 60**. Haggai reminds us that there is an overarching plan even when it doesn't look like it. We put our trust in God's promises, not our accomplishments or failures.

August 11: Available Video → [Zechariah](#). Read **Zechariah 1-4**, then Pray **Psalm 61**. Reading Zechariah is like reading Revelation. Sometimes the imagery, metaphors and symbolism gets so thick we can feel lost. Keep reading. Many of the most dramatic prophecies of Jesus are here, as well as some of the most dramatic prophecies of the New Heavens and New Earth.