

Acts 24–28

Arrested in Jerusalem, Paul has been transferred to Caesarea and is brought before Felix, the Roman governor of Judea. The apostle defends himself against false accusations, but Paul remains in custody for two years. Festus, the new governor, and emperor-appointed King Agrippa will also hear Paul's case, where he defends himself and the gospel. Agrippa would free the apostle, except that he had appealed to Caesar. The journey to Rome will depict an account of faith, peril, and divine providence.

Ezekiel 33–48

Ezekiel's prophetic ministry continues with a message of deliverance and restoration. He emphasizes God's sovereignty and justice and the promise of a restored covenant with his people. He also points to the restoration of the temple and true worship, the coming Messiah, and God's kingdom at the end of the age.

John 12–17

In these chapters of John, as Jesus approaches the cross, we will witness his humility, his sacrificial love, and the fulfillment of prophecy. He will continue to teach through his words and actions that offer warnings, as well as promises. In his High Priestly Prayer, we will see not only Jesus' love that is beyond measure but also his deep concern for those who would believe in him.

Daniel

A Jewish exile, Daniel served in the royal court of Nebuchadnezzar and several rulers who followed Nebuchadnezzar. The book of Daniel records the prophet's actions and visions. His unwavering faith and prophesies about future empires and the coming of God's eternal kingdom demonstrate God's sovereignty. For those facing persecution, he urges trust in God's ultimate plan for redemption and restoration.

1 Peter

Written as an encouragement to first-century Christians facing intense persecution, Peter encourages them to stay strong, assuring them they are chosen by God and pointing to their hope in Christ's resurrection. They are to patiently endure hardship by imitating Jesus in his suffering, living lives that testify to the power of the gospel, and trusting in the promise of eternal life with him.

2 Peter

In his final epistle, Peter warns Christians facing outer pressures and inner threats from false teachers. He encourages them to grow in their faith and live godly lives, remembering the truth of the gospel found in Scripture, along with apostolic witness and rejection of heresy. Peter highlights Christ's promised return and judgment when he comes to issue in the new heaven and earth.

Scripture Union's Bible Reading Method

PRAY that God would speak to you from the Bible passage.

READ the Bible passage slowly and thoughtfully, perhaps more than once.

REFLECT on what you've read.

APPLY what you learn from the Bible to the situations in your life.

PRAY again, using your discoveries from the Bible to guide your prayers.