

THE ONE YEAR BIBLE Reading for April 29:

Judges 9:22-10:18:

Here we read of the downfall of Abimilech as judgment from God for what he had done (9:22-57). In chapter 10 the sin/discipline/repentance/deliverance cycle continues through the accounts of two other judges (Tola and Jair) and the circumstances leading up to another Judge (Jephthah) are introduced.

Of significance in 10:10-16 is the language used by the LORD to clarify that they are in the predicament they are since they have broken covenant with Him.

Luke 24:13-53:

In today's New Testament reading the risen Jesus appears to two disciples making their way to Emmaus from Jerusalem which was about a seven mile journey (24:13-35). What is significant here is the fact that we learn the Old Testament points toward Jesus (27). This is certainly the view found throughout the New Testament, namely, that the entire Old Testament in some way shape or form prepares the world for and points toward Jesus Christ (Matthew 5:17-19; Acts 10:43; Romans 15:4; 1 Corinthians 10:4, 6; Ephesians 5:32; Colossians 2:16-17; Hebrews 8-10; 11:26). This entails more than just the direct prophecies to Him, but shows that much of what we read about in the Old Testament was designed by God to point forward to Him.

Additionally, Jesus appears to the rest of the disciples and shows them He truly has been bodily raised from the dead; as well as the fact that all which has happened (His death and resurrection) is in accordance with what the Old Testament said must necessarily take place (24:36-48). He then tells them to stay in the city until they receive the promised power from the Father—the Holy Spirit (49). Afterward, He ascended back to heaven (50-53). His ascension is important since He intercedes for His people before the Father continually (Romans 8:34; Hebrews 7:25; 10:12).

Psalms 100:1-5:

This short celebration of God as king calls us to praise Him, serve Him, know that He is God and the one who made us, know God is the one to whom we belong, and give Him thanks for His goodness and eternal faithful steadfast love.

Proverbs 14:11-12:

After stating the contrast between the way of the wicked and upright that is so frequent in the Proverbs (11), we are instructed to forsake the way of life which often seems to make sense to mankind, since it ends in death (12). This way to forsake is the self-sufficient way and/or the way that lives merely for pleasure in this world. The unspoken implication of verse 12 is that we are to seek the way of the wisdom of God.