DAILY BREAD

A Messianic One-Year Bible Reading Journal

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"Et lechem chukenu ten lanu ha-yom.
(Give us this day our daily bread)."

— Matthew 6:11

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Introduction

It is a great blessing to have a daily, balanced diet from the Word of God, and to read through the entire Bible in a year. The Master said: "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God'" (Matt. 4:4, Deut. 8:3). As disciples of Messiah, we need to study the Scriptures in a disciplined way. Therefore it is our great joy to publish *Daily Bread: A Messianic One-Year Bible Reading Journal.*

The Bible has come to us from the Jewish people. The one-year Bible reading plan in Daily Bread is unique in several ways: (1) it follows the same Jewish division of the Scriptures that Messiah and the Apostles were familiar with; (2) it takes you through a portion from each section every day; (3) it follows the same text portions that all of Israel studies each week; (4) it complements these with the rest of the biblical text; (5) it includes a generous amount of information about the Jewish calendar, the Feasts, and what has happened in the history of Israel on different days.

The Jewish division of the Hebrew Bible (OT) is the same as the one found in Luke 24:44. Every day, except Sabbaths and holidays (see below), Daily Bread takes you through:

- one portion from the Torah (the Five Books of Moses);
- one portion from the Prophets;
- one portion from the Writings;
- one portion from the Apostles (NT).

The weekly Torah portion is called the *parashah* and is read in every synagogue all over the world each Sabbath (see Acts 15:21). It is divided into seven shorter *aliyot* (plural), which constitute the daily Torah reading in this Bible reading plan. On the Sabbath, the

seventh *aliyah* is read, together with the accompanying portion from the Prophets, called the *haftarah* (see Luke 4:16). DAILY BREAD also adds suggested Messianic readings from the Apostles on Sabbaths and Holidays.

The books of the Prophets include: Joshua, Judges, Samuel I & II, and Kings I & II, followed by Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, and the twelve shorter Prophets. (Note that the entire Book of Jonah is read on the Day of Atonement.) The Writings start with Psalms, followed by Proverbs, Job, and the five Scrolls which are read on special occasions: Song of Songs (Passover), Ruth (Feast of Weeks), Lamentations (9th of Av), Ecclesiastes (Tabernacles), and Esther (Purim). After these come: Daniel, Ezra, Nehemiah and Chronicles I & II.

The composition of the Apostolic Scriptures (NT) is somewhat different in the East around the Land of Israel. In this earlier Greek manuscript tradition, the letters of Jacob (James), Peter, John, and Judah (Jude) follow directly after the Book of Acts. Paul writes in Galatians that "James, Cephas and John, those esteemed as pillars," were apostles before him in Jerusalem (Gal. 2:9, 1:17). Then come the letters of Paul, Hebrews, and the Book of Revelation.

We recommend reading all the daily Scripture portions early in the morning. If time does not allow, read the rest in the evening. Alternatively, you can read two portions in the morning and two in the evening. If you fall behind, you can catch up on the Sabbath, but a disciplined daily reading of the Word is best.

On each page in the journal you will find the Gregorian date, the Hebrew date, the Bible reading portions for the day, information about special events on the Hebrew calendar, and also the name of the Torah text for the week at the bottom of the page. Some days will have information about what happened in the Bible or in history on that specific day. On the empty lines, you can record what speaks to you from the Scriptures, prayer subjects, answers to prayer, etc.

We hope that you will be richly blessed by DAILY BREAD in your daily walk with the Master.

The Holy Books

Below are the books of Holy Scripture arranged according to the Jewish, Messianic tradition used in *Daily Bread*.

Torah

- Genesis
- Exodus
- Leviticus
- Numbers
- Deuteronomy

Prophets

- Joshua
- Judges
- Samuel I & II
- Kings I & II

- Isaiah
- Jeremiah
- Ezekiel
- The Twelve
  - I. Hosea
  - II. Joel
  - III. Amos
  - IV. Obadiah
  - V. Jonah
  - VI. Micah
  - VII. Nahum
  - VIII. Habakkuk
  - IX. Zephaniah
  - X. Haggai
  - XI. Zechariah
  - XII. Malachi

Writings

- Psalms
- Proverbs
- Job

- Song of Songs
- Ruth
- Lamentations
- Ecclesiastes
- Esther

- Daniel
- Ezra-Nehemiah
- Chronicles I & II

Apostles

- Matthew
- Mark
- Luke
- John

- Acts

- Jacob (James)
- 1 Peter
- 2 Peter
- 1 John
- 2 John
- 3 John
- Judah (Jude)

- Romans
- 1 Corinthians
- 2 Corinthians
- Galatians
- Ephesians
- Philippians
- Colossians
- 1 Thessalonians
- 2 Thessalonians
- 1 Timothy
- 2 Timothy
- Titus
- Philemon
- Hebrews

- Revelation

Blessings

Torah studies (all Scripture included) is of even higher importance than prayer and should be done daily. Since it is a commandment (see Dt. 6:6–7) and a spiritual undertaking, it is customary in Israel to first pray and bless God before reading. These blessings are considered to cover all Scripture reading and studies for the rest of the day.

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו, וְצִוָּנוּ לַעֲסֹק בְּדִבְרֵי תוֹרָה. וְהַעֲרֶב נָא יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ אֶת דִּבְרֵי תוֹרָתְךָ בְּפִינוּ, וּבְפִי עַמְּךָ בֵּית יִשְׂרָאֵל, וְנִהְיֶה אֲנַחְנוּ וְצֶאֱצָאֵינוּ, וְצֶאֱצָאֵי עַמְּךָ בֵּית יִשְׂרָאֵל, כֻּלָּנוּ יוֹדְעֵי שְׁמֶךָ, וְלוֹמְדֵי תוֹרָתֶךָ לִשְׁמָהּ. בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ, הַמְּלַמֵּד תּוֹרָה לְעַמּוֹ יִשְׂרָאֵל.

Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of the universe, who has sanctified us with his commandments and has commanded us to engage in study of the words of Torah. Please, Lord our God, make the words of your Torah sweet in our mouth, and in the mouth of your people, the house of Israel. May we and our descendants, and the descendents of your people, the house of Israel, all know your name and study your Torah for its own sake. Blessed are you, Lord, who teaches Torah to his people Israel.

The Apostle Shaul Paul writes, "Then what advantage has the Jew? Or what is the benefit of circumcision? Great in every respect. First of all, that they were entrusted with the oracles of God" (Rom. 3:1–2).
Jews therefore pray:

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, אֲשֶׁר בָּחַר בָּנוּ מִכָּל הָעַמִּים,
וְנָתַן לָנוּ אֶת תּוֹרָתוֹ. בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ, נוֹתֵן הַתּוֹרָה.

Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of the universe, who has chosen us from all peoples and given us his Torah. Blessed are you, Lord, giver of the Torah.

For all believers in Messiah:

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, אֲשֶׁר נוֹתֵן תּוֹרַת אֱמֶת
וּבְשׂוֹרַת יְשׁוּעָה לְעַמּוֹ יִשְׂרָאֵל וּלְכָל הָעַמִּים עַל־יְדֵי בְּנוֹ יֵשׁוּעַ
הַמָּשִׁיחַ אֲדֹנֵינוּ.

Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of the universe, who gives the Torah of truth and the good news of salvation to his people Israel and to all peoples through his Son, Yeshua the Messiah, our Master.

☐ **TORAH** Deuteronomy 33:27–34:12
Genesis 1:1–2:3
Numbers 29:35–40[30:1]

☐ **PROPHETS** Joshua 1

☐ **WRITINGS** Psalms 1

☐ **APOSTLES** Matthew 1

2 Oct. / 23 Tishrei

◑ TUESDAY

OUTSIDE ISRAEL: **SIMCHAT TORAH***
(REJOICING OF THE TORAH)

TODAY IN HISTORY: King Solomon sends the people home after a 14-day celebration. "Then, on the twenty-third day of the seventh month he sent the people to their tents, rejoicing and happy of heart because of the goodness that the LORD had shown to David and to Solomon and to His people Israel" (2 Chr. 7:10). * It is the custom of the Jewish people, since ancient times, to double festival sabbaths outside Israel.

3 Oct. / 24 Tishrei

WEDNESDAY

Genesis 2:4–19	**TORAH**	☐
Joshua 2	**PROPHETS**	☐
Psalms 2	**WRITINGS**	☐
Matthew 2	**APOSTLES**	☐

TODAY IN HISTORY: Confession of sin in Israel. "Now on the twenty-fourth day of this month the sons of Israel assembled with fasting, in sackcloth and with dirt upon them" (Neh. 9:1f).

BERESHEET (IN THE BEGINNING)

4 Oct. / 25 Tishrei

THURSDAY

- ☐ **TORAH** Genesis 2:20–3:21
- ☐ **PROPHETS** Joshua 3
- ☐ **WRITINGS** Psalms 3
- ☐ **APOSTLES** Matthew 3

5 Oct. / 26 Tishrei

FRIDAY

Genesis 3:22–4:18 **TORAH** ☐

Joshua 4 **PROPHETS** ☐

Psalms 4 **WRITINGS** ☐

Matthew 4 **APOSTLES** ☐

CANDLE LIGHTING TIMES:

BERESHEET (IN THE BEGINNING)

☐ **TORAH** Genesis 4:19–6:8
☐ **HAFTARAH** Isaiah 42:5–43:10
☐ **APOSTLES** Romans 1:18–32

6 Oct. / 27 Tishrei

SHABBAT

7 Oct. / 28 Tishrei

SUNDAY

Genesis 6:9–22	**TORAH**	☐
Joshua 5	**PROPHETS**	☐
Psalms 5	**WRITINGS**	☐
Matthew 5:1–26	**APOSTLES**	☐

NOACH (NOAH)

8 Oct. / 29 Tishrei

MONDAY

- ☐ **TORAH** Genesis 7:1–16
- ☐ **PROPHETS** Joshua 6
- ☐ **WRITINGS** Psalms 6
- ☐ **APOSTLES** Matthew 5:27–48

9 Oct. / 30 Tishrei

TUESDAY ●

ROSH CHODESH (DAY 1)

Genesis 7:17–8:14 **TORAH** ☐

Joshua 7 **PROPHETS** ☐

Psalms 7 **WRITINGS** ☐

Matthew 6 **APOSTLES** ☐

NOACH (NOAH)

☐ **TORAH** Genesis 8:15–9:7
☐ **PROPHETS** Joshua 8
☐ **WRITINGS** Psalms 8
☐ **APOSTLES** Matthew 7

10 Oct. / 1 Cheshvan

● WEDNESDAY
ROSH CHODESH (DAY 2)

11 Oct. / 2 Cheshvan

THURSDAY

Genesis 9:8–17	**TORAH**	☐
Joshua 9	**PROPHETS**	☐
Psalms 9	**WRITINGS**	☐
Matthew 8	**APOSTLES**	☐

NOACH (NOAH)

12 Oct. / 3 Cheshvan

FRIDAY

- ☐ **TORAH** Genesis 9:18–10:32
- ☐ **PROPHETS** Joshua 10
- ☐ **WRITINGS** Psalms 10
- ☐ **APOSTLES** Matthew 9

CANDLE LIGHTING TIMES:

13 Oct. / 4 Cheshvan

SHABBAT

Genesis 11:1–32 **TORAH** ☐
Isaiah 54:1–55:5 **HAFTARAH** ☐
2 Peter 3:1–14 **APOSTLES** ☐

NOACH (NOAH)

☐ **TORAH** Genesis 12:1–13
☐ **PROPHETS** Joshua 11
☐ **WRITINGS** Psalms 11
☐ **APOSTLES** Matthew 10:1–20

14 Oct. / 5 Cheshvan

SUNDAY

TODAY IN HISTORY: Death of the "Bram," the Messianic pioneer Abram Poljak (zt"l) year 5724 (1963 CE). Poljak was a Ukranian-born, Orthodox Jew. A musical prodigy, he played violin for the Czar at the age of eight. As a young man, he moved to Germany and took work as a journalist. The writings of Leo Tolstoy brought him to faith in Yeshua. After a miraculous release from a Nazi prison, he immigrated to Israel after the war and contributed to the pioneering of the twentieth-century Messianic Jewish movement in Israel and abroad (vineofdavid.org).

15 Oct. / 6 Cheshvan

MONDAY

Genesis 12:14–13:4	**TORAH**	☐
Joshua 12	**PROPHETS**	☐
Psalms 12	**WRITINGS**	☐
Matthew 10:21–42	**APOSTLES**	☐

☐ **TORAH** Genesis 13:5–18
☐ **PROPHETS** Joshua 13
☐ **WRITINGS** Psalms 13
☐ **APOSTLES** Matthew 11

16 Oct. / 7 Cheshvan

◐ TUESDAY

TODAY IN HISTORY: During the second Temple period, this was the time when the pilgrims who lived the farthest away (a 15-day journey) arrived home from Sukkot (Tabernacles) celebrations in Jerusalem (tradition). In Israel prayers for rain are added to the liturgy (tradition).

17 Oct. / 8 Cheshvan

WEDNESDAY

Genesis 14:1–20	**TORAH** ☐
Joshua 14	**PROPHETS** ☐
Psalms 14	**WRITINGS** ☐
Matthew 12:1–21	**APOSTLES** ☐

LECH LECHA (GO FORTH)

18 Oct. / 9 Cheshvan

THURSDAY

- ☐ **TORAH** Genesis 14:21–15:6
- ☐ **PROPHETS** Joshua 15
- ☐ **WRITINGS** Psalms 15
- ☐ **APOSTLES** Matthew 12:22–50

19 Oct. / 10 Cheshvan

FRIDAY

Genesis 15:7-17:6	**TORAH**	☐
Joshua 16–17	**PROPHETS**	☐
Psalms 16	**WRITINGS**	☐
Matthew 13:1–30	**APOSTLES**	☐

CANDLE LIGHTING TIMES:

LECHA LECHA (GO FORTH)

☐ **TORAH** Genesis 17:7–27
☐ **HAFTARAH** Isaiah 40:27–41:16
☐ **APOSTLES** Romans 4:1–12

20 Oct. / 11 Cheshvan

SHABBAT

TODAY IN HISTORY: Death of Methuselah (tradition, Gen. 5:27). "So all the days of Methuselah were nine hundred and sixty-nine years, and he died." Death of Rachel (tradition, Gen. 35:18–20). "It came about as her soul was departing (for she died), that she named him Ben-oni; but his father called him Benjamin. So Rachel died and was buried on the way to Ephrath (that is, Bethlehem). Jacob set up a pillar over her grave; that is the pillar of Rachel's grave to this day."

21 Oct. / 12 Cheshvan

SUNDAY

Genesis 18:1–14	**TORAH**	☐
Joshua 18	**PROPHETS**	☐
Psalms 17	**WRITINGS**	☐
Matthew 13:31–58	**APOSTLES**	☐

☐ **TORAH** Genesis 18:15–33
☐ **PROPHETS** Joshua 19
☐ **WRITINGS** Psalms 18
☐ **APOSTLES** Matthew 14

22 Oct. / 13 Cheshvan

MONDAY

23 Oct. / 14 Cheshvan

TUESDAY

Genesis 19:1–20	**TORAH** ☐
Joshua 20	**PROPHETS** ☐
Psalms 19	**WRITINGS** ☐
Matthew 15	**APOSTLES** ☐

☐ **TORAH** Genesis 19:21–21:4
☐ **PROPHETS** Joshua 21
☐ **WRITINGS** Psalms 20
☐ **APOSTLES** Matthew 16

24 Oct. / 15 Cheshvan

○ WEDNESDAY

TODAY IN HISTORY: Jeroboam institutes an imitation festival in Israel (1 King. 12:27–33). "Jeroboam instituted a feast in the eighth month on the fifteenth day of the month, like the feast which is in Judah." Death of Matityahu the Maccabee (tradition, 1 Maccabees 2:70). "Then he blessed them, and was gathered to his ancestors. He died in the one hundred forty-sixth year and was buried in the tomb of his ancestors at Modein. And all Israel mourned for him with great lamentation" (NRSV). Kristallnacht (Night of Broken Glass), November 9, 1938.

25 Oct. / 16 Cheshvan

THURSDAY

Genesis 21:5–21 **TORAH** ☐
Joshua 22 **PROPHETS** ☐
Psalms 21 **WRITINGS** ☐
Matthew 17 **APOSTLES** ☐

VAYERA (HE APPEARED)

☐ **TORAH** Genesis 21:22–34
☐ **PROPHETS** Joshua 23
☐ **WRITINGS** Psalms 22
☐ **APOSTLES** Matthew 18

26 Oct. / 17 Cheshvan

FRIDAY

CANDLE LIGHTING TIMES:

TODAY IN HISTORY: The Great Flood begins (possible date, Gen. 7:11). "In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month [counting from Tishrei], on the seventeenth day of the month, on the same day all the fountains of the great deep burst open, and the floodgates of the sky were opened."

27 Oct. / 18 Cheshvan

SHABBAT

Genesis 22:1–24 **TORAH** ☐
2 Kings 4:1–37 **HAFTARAH** ☐
Hebrews 11:8–19 **APOSTLES** ☐

☐ **TORAH** Genesis 23:1–16
☐ **PROPHETS** Joshua 24
☐ **WRITINGS** Psalms 23
☐ **APOSTLES** Matthew 19

28 Oct. / 19 Cheshvan

SUNDAY

29 Oct. / 20 Cheshvan

MONDAY

Genesis 23:17–24:9	**TORAH** ☐
Judges 1	**PROPHETS** ☐
Psalms 24	**WRITINGS** ☐
Matthew 20	**APOSTLES** ☐

30 Oct. / 21 Cheshvan

TUESDAY

- ☐ **TORAH** Genesis 24:10–26
- ☐ **PROPHETS** Judges 2
- ☐ **WRITINGS** Psalms 25
- ☐ **APOSTLES** Matthew 21:1–22

31 Oct. / 22 Cheshvan

WEDNESDAY ◑

Genesis 24:27–52	**TORAH** ☐
Judges 3	**PROPHETS** ☐
Psalms 26	**WRITINGS** ☐
Matthew 21:23–46	**APOSTLES** ☐

☐ **TORAH** Genesis 24:53–67
☐ **PROPHETS** Judges 4
☐ **WRITINGS** Psalms 27
☐ **APOSTLES** Matthew 22:1–22

1 Nov. / 23 Cheshvan

THURSDAY

TODAY IN HISTORY: The Maccabees remove the defiled stones from the Temple (tradition, 1 Maccabees 4:43). Death of Messianic pioneer Rabbi Daniel Zion (z"l) year 5740 (1979 CE). Daniel Zion was one of the chief rabbis of Sofia, Bulgaria during World War II and believer in Messiah Yeshua. He was warned about the holocaust in a vision of the Master, and he helped save 800 Jews of Sofia from the Nazis but was himself interned in a concentration camp in 1943. In 1949 he emigrated to Israel (vineofdavid.org).

2 Nov. / 24 Cheshvan

FRIDAY

Genesis 25:1–11	**TORAH**	☐
Judges 5	**PROPHETS**	☐
Psalms 28	**WRITINGS**	☐
Matthew 22:23–46	**APOSTLES**	☐

CANDLE LIGHTING TIMES:

CHAYEI SARAH (SARAH'S LIFE)

☐ **TORAH** Genesis 25:12–18
☐ **HAFTARAH** 1 Kings 1:1–31
☐ **APOSTLES** Galatians 4:21–31

3 Nov. / 25 Cheshvan

SHABBAT

4 Nov. / 26 Cheshvan

SUNDAY

Genesis 25:19–26:5	**TORAH**	☐
Judges 6	**PROPHETS**	☐
Psalms 29	**WRITINGS**	☐
Matthew 23	**APOSTLES**	☐

TOLDOT (GENERATIONS)

☐ **TORAH** Genesis 26:6–12
☐ **PROPHETS** Judges 7
☐ **WRITINGS** Psalms 30
☐ **APOSTLES** Matthew 24:1–28

5 Nov. / 27 Cheshvan

MONDAY

TODAY IN HISTORY: Noah leaves the ark (possible date, Gen 8:14f). "In the second month [counting from Tishrei], on the twenty-seventh day of the month, the earth was dry. Then God spoke to Noah, saying, 'Go out of the ark, you and your wife and your sons and your sons' wives with you.'"

6 Nov. / 28 Cheshvan

TUESDAY

Genesis 26:13–22	**TORAH** ☐
Judges 8	**PROPHETS** ☐
Psalms 31	**WRITINGS** ☐
Matthew 24:29–51	**APOSTLES** ☐

☐ **TORAH** Genesis 26:23–29
☐ **PROPHETS** Judges 9
☐ **WRITINGS** Psalms 32
☐ **APOSTLES** Matthew 25:1–23

7 Nov. / 29 Cheshvan

WEDNESDAY

8 Nov. / 30 Cheshvan

THURSDAY ●

ROSH CHODESH (DAY 1)

Genesis 26:30–27:27	**TORAH**	☐
Judges 10	**PROPHETS**	☐
Psalms 33	**WRITINGS**	☐
Matthew 25:24–46	**APOSTLES**	☐

☐ **TORAH** Genesis 27:28–28:4
☐ **PROPHETS** Judges 11
☐ **WRITINGS** Psalms 34
☐ **APOSTLES** Matthew 26:1–30

9 Nov. / 1 Kislev

● FRIDAY
ROSH CHODESH (DAY 2)

CANDLE LIGHTING TIMES:

TODAY IN HISTORY: The official start of winter in the Holy Land (tradition, *b.Bava Metzia* 106b).

10 Nov. / 2 Kislev

SHABBAT

Genesis 28:5–9 **TORAH** ☐
Malachi 1:1–2:7 **HAFTARAH** ☐
Romans 9:1–16 **APOSTLES** ☐

TOLDOT (GENERATIONS)

11 Nov. / 3 Kislev

SUNDAY

- ☐ **TORAH** Genesis 28:10–22
- ☐ **PROPHETS** Judges 12-13
- ☐ **WRITINGS** Psalms 35
- ☐ **APOSTLES** Matthew 26:31–56

12 Nov. / 4 Kislev

MONDAY

Genesis 29:1–17	**TORAH**	☐
Judges 14-15	**PROPHETS**	☐
Psalms 36	**WRITINGS**	☐
Matthew 26:57–75	**APOSTLES**	☐

TODAY IN HISTORY: Zechariah recieves a prophecy about "true" fasting (Zec. 7:1–14). In the fourth year of King Darius, the word of the LORD came to Zechariah on the fourth day of the ninth month, the month of Kislev" (NIV).

VAYETZE (HE WENT OUT)

13 Nov. / 5 Kislev

TUESDAY

- ☐ **TORAH** Genesis 29:18–30:13
- ☐ **PROPHETS** Judges 16
- ☐ **WRITINGS** Psalms 37
- ☐ **APOSTLES** Matthew 27:1–31

14 Nov. / 6 Kislev

WEDNESDAY

Genesis 30:14-27 **TORAH** ☐
Judges 17 **PROPHETS** ☐
Psalms 38 **WRITINGS** ☐
Matthew 27:32–66 **APOSTLES** ☐

VAYETZE (HE WENT OUT)

☐ **TORAH** Genesis 30:28–31:16
☐ **PROPHETS** Judges 18
☐ **WRITINGS** Psalms 39
☐ **APOSTLES** Matthew 28

15 Nov. / 7 Kislev

◐ THURSDAY

16 Nov. / 8 Kislev

FRIDAY

Genesis 31:17–42	**TORAH**	☐
Judges 19	**PROPHETS**	☐
Psalms 40	**WRITINGS**	☐
Mark 1:1–20	**APOSTLES**	☐

CANDLE LIGHTING TIMES:

VAYETZE (HE WENT OUT)

☐ **TORAH** Genesis 31:43–32:2[3]
☐ **HAFTARAH** Hosea 12:12[13]–14:9[10]
☐ **APOSTLES** John 1:43–51

17 Nov. / 9 Kislev

SHABBAT

18 Nov. / 10 Kislev

SUNDAY

Genesis 32:3[4]–12[13] **TORAH** ☐

Judges 20 **PROPHETS** ☐

Psalms 41 **WRITINGS** ☐

Mark 1:21–45 **APOSTLES** ☐

VAYISHLACH (HE SENT)

☐ **TORAH** Genesis 32:13[14]–29[30]
☐ **PROPHETS** Judges 21
☐ **WRITINGS** Psalms 42
☐ **APOSTLES** Mark 2

19 Nov. / 11 Kislev

MONDAY

20 Nov. / 12 Kislev

TUESDAY

Genesis 32:30[31]–33:5	**TORAH**	☐
1 Samuel 1	**PROPHETS**	☐
Psalms 43	**WRITINGS**	☐
Mark 3	**APOSTLES**	☐

VAYISHLACH (HE SENT)

☐ **TORAH** Genesis 33:6–20
☐ **PROPHETS** 1 Samuel 2
☐ **WRITINGS** Psalms 44
☐ **APOSTLES** Mark 4:1–20

21 Nov. / 13 Kislev

WEDNESDAY

22 Nov. / 14 Kislev

THURSDAY

Genesis 34:1–35:11	**TORAH** ☐
1 Samuel 3	**PROPHETS** ☐
Psalms 45	**WRITINGS** ☐
Mark 4:21–41	**APOSTLES** ☐

TODAY IN HISTORY: Birth of Reuben (tradition, Gen. 29:32). "Leah conceived and bore a son and named him Reuben, for she said, 'Because the LORD has seen my affliction; surely now my husband will love me.'"

VAYISHLACH (HE SENT)

☐ **TORAH** Genesis 35:12–36:19
☐ **PROPHETS** 1 Samuel 4-5
☐ **WRITINGS** Psalms 46
☐ **APOSTLES** Mark 5:1–20

23 Nov. / 15 Kislev

○ FRIDAY

CANDLE LIGHTING TIMES:

VAYISHLACH (HE SENT)

24 Nov. / 16 Kislev

SHABBAT

Genesis 36:20–43 **TORAH** ☐

Obadiah 1:1–21 **PROPHETS** ☐

1 Corinthians 5:1–13 **WRITINGS** ☐

APOSTLES ☐

VAYISHLACH (HE SENT)

25 Nov. / 17 Kislev

SUNDAY

- ☐ **TORAH** Genesis 37:1–11
- ☐ **PROPHETS** 1 Samuel 6-7
- ☐ **WRITINGS** Psalms 47
- ☐ **APOSTLES** Mark 5:21–43

26 Nov. / 18 Kislev

MONDAY

Genesis 37:12–22	**TORAH** ☐
1 Samuel 8	**PROPHETS** ☐
Psalms 48	**WRITINGS** ☐
Mark 6:1–29	**APOSTLES** ☐

☐ **TORAH** Genesis 37:23–36
☐ **PROPHETS** 1 Samuel 9
☐ **WRITINGS** Psalms 49
☐ **APOSTLES** Mark 6:30–56

27 Nov. / 19 Kislev

TUESDAY

28 Nov. / 20 Kislev

WEDNESDAY

Genesis 38	**TORAH** ☐
1 Samuel 10	**PROPHETS** ☐
Psalms 50	**WRITINGS** ☐
Mark 7	**APOSTLES** ☐

TODAY IN HISTORY: Ezra the Scribe addresses the people (Ezr. 10:9–15). "So all the men of Judah and Benjamin assembled at Jerusalem within the three days. It was the ninth month on the twentieth of the month."

VAYESHEV (HE SETTLED)

☐ **TORAH** Genesis 39:1–6
☐ **PROPHETS** 1 Samuel 11
☐ **WRITINGS** Psalms 51
☐ **APOSTLES** Mark 8

29 Nov. / 21 Kislev

THURSDAY

30 Nov. / 22 Kislev

FRIDAY ◑

Genesis 39:7–23	**TORAH** ☐
1 Samuel 12	**PROPHETS** ☐
Psalms 52	**WRITINGS** ☐
Mark 9:1–29	**APOSTLES** ☐

CANDLE LIGHTING TIMES:

VAYESHEV (HE SETTLED)

☐ **TORAH** Genesis 40:1–23
☐ **HAFTARAH** Amos 2:6–3:8
☐ **APOSTLES** John 19:14–22

1 Dec. / 23 Kislev

SHABBAT

2 Dec. / 24 Kislev

SUNDAY
CHANUKAH EVE

Genesis 41:1–14	**TORAH** ☐
1 Samuel 13	**PROPHETS** ☐
Psalms 53	**WRITINGS** ☐
Mark 9:30–50	**APOSTLES** ☐

TODAY IN HISTORY: Haggai receives prophecy for Israel and Zerubbabel (Hag. 2:10,18). "On the twenty-fourth of the ninth [month], in the second year of Darius, the word of the LORD came to Haggai the prophet… 'Do consider from this day onward, from the twenty-fourth day of the ninth month; from the day when the temple of the LORD was founded, consider.'"

MIKETZ (AT THE END)

☐ **TORAH** Genesis 41:15–38
Numbers 7:1–17
☐ **PROPHETS** 1 Samuel 14
☐ **WRITINGS** Psalms 54
☐ **APOSTLES** Mark 10:1–31

3 Dec. / 25 Kislev

MONDAY
CHANUKAH DAY 1

TODAY IN HISTORY: The Maccabees liberate the Temple (1 Maccabees 4). "…the twenty-fifth day of the ninth month, which is the month of Chislev…At the very season and on the very day that the Gentiles had profaned it, it was dedicated with songs and harps and lutes and cymbals" (NRSV). Messiah is at the Temple during Chanukah (possible date, Jn. 10:22f). "At that time the Feast of the Dedication took place at Jerusalem; it was winter, and Yeshua was walking in the temple in the portico of Solomon."

Suggested Historical Reading: First Book of Maccabees 1–2

4 Dec. / 26 Kislev

TUESDAY

CHANUKAH DAY 2

Genesis 41:39–52 **TORAH** ☐
Numbers 7:18–29
1 Samuel 15 **PROPHETS** ☐
Psalms 55 **WRITINGS** ☐
Mark 10:32–52 **APOSTLES** ☐

Suggested Historical Reading: First Book of Maccabees 3–4

MIKETZ (AT THE END)

☐ **TORAH** Genesis 41:53–42:18
Numbers 7:24–35
☐ **PROPHETS** 1 Samuel 16
☐ **WRITINGS** Psalms 56
☐ **APOSTLES** Mark 11

5 Dec. / 27 Kislev

WEDNESDAY
CHANUKAH DAY 3

Suggested Historical Reading: First Book of Maccabees 5–6

6 Dec. / 28 Kislev

THURSDAY

CHANUKAH DAY 4

Genesis 42:19–43:15 **TORAH** ☐
Numbers 7:30–41

1 Samuel 17 **PROPHETS** ☐

Psalms 57 **WRITINGS** ☐

Mark 12:1–27 **APOSTLES** ☐

TODAY IN HISTORY: Possible date of Gabriel's visit to Miriam in Nazareth, nine months before *Rosh HaShanah* and the fall feasts in the seventh month (Lk. 1:26–38).

Suggested Historical Reading: First Book of Maccabees 7–8

MIKETZ (AT THE END)

7 Dec. / 29 Kislev

FRIDAY

CHANUKAH DAY 5

- ☐ **TORAH** Genesis 43:16–29
  Numbers 7:36–47
- ☐ **PROPHETS** 1 Samuel 18
- ☐ **WRITINGS** Psalms 58
- ☐ **APOSTLES** Mark 12:28–44

CANDLE LIGHTING TIMES:

Suggested Historical Reading: First Book of Maccabees 9–10

MIKETZ (AT THE END)

8 Dec. / 30 Kislev

SHABBAT ●
ROSH CHODESH (DAY 1)
CHANUKAH DAY 6

Genesis 43:30–44:17 **TORAH** ☐
Numbers 28:9–15; 7:42–47
Zechariah 2:10[14]–4:7 **HAFTARAH** ☐
Philippians 2:1–11 **APOSTLES** ☐

Suggested Historical Reading: First Book of Maccabees 11–12

MIKETZ (AT THE END)

☐ **TORAH** Genesis 44:18–30
Numbers 28:1–15; 7:48–53
☐ **PROPHETS** 1 Samuel 19
☐ **WRITINGS** Psalms 59
☐ **APOSTLES** Mark 13

9 Dec. / 1 Tevet

● SUNDAY
ROSH CHODESH (DAY 2)
CHANUKAH DAY 7

TODAY IN HISTORY: Ezra investigates the matter of foreign wives among Israel (Ezr. 10:16). "So they convened on the first day of the tenth month to investigate the matter." Esther is made queen (Est. 2:16–17). "So Esther was taken to King Ahasuerus to his royal palace in the tenth month which is the month Tebeth, in the seventh year of his reign."

Suggested Historical Reading: First Book of Maccabees 13–14

10 Dec. / 2 Tevet

MONDAY

CHANUKAH DAY 8

Genesis 44:31–45:7 **TORAH** ☐
Numbers 7:54–8:4

1 Samuel 20 **PROPHETS** ☐

Psalms 60 **WRITINGS** ☐

Mark 14:1–26 **APOSTLES** ☐

Suggested Historical Reading: First Book of Maccabees 15–16

VAYIGASH (HE DREW NEAR)

11 Dec. / 3 Tevet

TUESDAY

- ☐ **TORAH** Genesis 45:8–18
- ☐ **PROPHETS** 1 Samuel 21
- ☐ **WRITINGS** Psalms 61
- ☐ **APOSTLES** Mark 14:27–52

12 Dec. / 4 Tevet

WEDNESDAY

Genesis 45:19–27	**TORAH** ☐
1 Samuel 22	**PROPHETS** ☐
Psalms 62	**WRITINGS** ☐
Mark 14:53–72	**APOSTLES** ☐

VAYIGASH (HE DREW NEAR)

☐ **TORAH** Genesis 45:28–46:27
☐ **PROPHETS** 1 Samuel 23
☐ **WRITINGS** Psalms 63
☐ **APOSTLES** Mark 15:1–24

13 Dec. / 5 Tevet
THURSDAY

TODAY IN HISTORY: The Prophet Ezekiel receives a report in Babylon. "Now in the twelfth year of our exile, on the fifth of the tenth month, the refugees from Jerusalem came to me, saying, 'The city has been taken.' (Eze. 33:21).

14 Dec. / 6 Tevet

FRIDAY

Genesis 46:28–47:10	**TORAH**	☐
1 Samuel 24	**PROPHETS**	☐
Psalms 64	**WRITINGS**	☐
Mark 15:25–47	**APOSTLES**	☐

CANDLE LIGHTING TIMES:

VAYIGASH (HE DREW NEAR)

☐ **TORAH** Genesis 47:11–27
☐ **HAFTARAH** Ezekiel 37:15–28
☐ **APOSTLES** Acts 3:11–26

15 Dec. / 7 Tevet

◐ **SHABBAT**

16 Dec. / 8 Tevet

SUNDAY

Genesis 47:28–48:9 **TORAH** ☐
1 Samuel 25 **PROPHETS** ☐
Psalms 65 **WRITINGS** ☐
Mark 16 **APOSTLES** ☐

TODAY IN HISTORY: 72 Jewish scholars complete the Greek translation of the Torah on behalf of the Greco-Egyptian king Ptolemy II. The translation is later called the Septuagint which means "seventy" (tradition, 246 BCE).

VAYECHI (HE LIVED)

☐ **TORAH** Genesis 48:10–16
☐ **PROPHETS** 1 Samuel 26–27
☐ **WRITINGS** Psalms 66
☐ **APOSTLES** Luke 1:1–25

17 Dec. / 9 Tevet

MONDAY

TODAY IN HISTORY: The martyrdom of the Apostle Shimon Peter (Kefa) bar Yonah (rabbinic tradition, *Megillat Ta'anit*, *Orach Chaim* 580). Death of Ezra the Scribe (tradition).

18 Dec. / 10 Tevet

TUESDAY

FAST OF TEVET

Genesis 48:17–22 **TORAH** ☐

1 Samuel 28–29 **PROPHETS** ☐

Psalms 67 **WRITINGS** ☐

Luke 1:26–56 **APOSTLES** ☐

SYNAGOGUE READINGS ☐

Exodus 32:11–14; 34:1–10

TODAY IN HISTORY: Nebuchadnezzar begins the siege of Jerusalem (2 Ki. 25:1). "Now in the ninth year of his reign, on the tenth day of the tenth month, Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came, he and all his army, against Jerusalem, camped against it and built a siege wall all around it." In Babylon, God tells Ezekiel of Jerusalem's siege 880 miles (1416 km) away (Eze. 24). "And the word of the LORD came to me in the ninth year, in the tenth month, on the tenth of the month, saying, 'Son of man, write the name of the day, this very day. The king of Babylon has laid siege to Jerusalem this very day.'" "Esther was taken to King Ahasuerus to his royal palace in the tenth month which is the month [Tevet], in the seventh year of his reign" (Est. 2:16). The fast of the tenth month (Zec. 8:19). The Fast of Tevet (*Asara BeTevet*) is a shorter fast on the Jewish calendar and lasts from sunrise to sunset. It is one of four similar, biblical fast days and commemorates the siege and destruction of Jerusalem and the Temple. It has no connection to Chanukah despite the fact that it occurs only a week after it.

VAYECHI (HE LIVED)

19 Dec. / 11 Tevet

WEDNESDAY

- ☐ **TORAH** Genesis 49:1–18
- ☐ **PROPHETS** 1 Samuel 30
- ☐ **WRITINGS** Psalms 68
- ☐ **APOSTLES** Luke 1:57-80

20 Dec. / 12 Tevet

THURSDAY

Genesis 49:19–26	**TORAH**	☐
1 Samuel 31	**PROPHETS**	☐
Psalms 69	**WRITINGS**	☐
Luke 2:1–21	**APOSTLES**	☐

TODAY IN HISTORY: The Prophet Ezekiel receives one in a series of seven prophecies (nearly all dated) against Egypt (Eze. 29–32). "In the tenth year, in the tenth month, on the twelfth of the month, the word of the LORD came to me saying, 'Son of man, set your face against Pharaoh king of Egypt and prophesy against him and against all Egypt.'"

VAYECHI (HE LIVED)

21 Dec. / 13 Tevet

FRIDAY

- ☐ **TORAH** Genesis 49:27–50:20
- ☐ **PROPHETS** 2 Samuel 1
- ☐ **WRITINGS** Psalms 70
- ☐ **APOSTLES** Luke 2:22–52

CANDLE LIGHTING TIMES:

VAYECHI (HE LIVED)

22 Dec. / 14 Tevet

SHABBAT ○

Genesis 50:21–26 **TORAH** ☐
1 Kings 2:1–12 **HAFTARAH** ☐
Revelation 7:1–17 **APOSTLES** ☐

VAYECHI (HE LIVED)

23 Dec. / 15 Tevet

SUNDAY

- ☐ **TORAH** Exodus 1:1–17
- ☐ **PROPHETS** 2 Samuel 2
- ☐ **WRITINGS** Psalms 71
- ☐ **APOSTLES** Luke 3

24 Dec. / 16 Tevet

MONDAY

Exodus 1:18–2:10	**TORAH**	☐
2 Samuel 3	**PROPHETS**	☐
Psalm 72	**WRITINGS**	☐
Luke 4:1–21	**APOSTLES**	☐

SHMOT (NAMES)

25 Dec. / 17 Tevet

TUESDAY

- ☐ **TORAH** Exodus 2:11–25
- ☐ **PROPHETS** 2 Samuel 4–5
- ☐ **WRITINGS** Psalm 73
- ☐ **APOSTLES** Luke 4:22–44

26 Dec. / 18 Tevet

WEDNESDAY

Exodus 3:1–15	**TORAH** ☐
2 Samuel 6	**PROPHETS** ☐
Psalms 74	**WRITINGS** ☐
Luke 5	**APOSTLES** ☐

SHMOT (NAMES)

27 Dec. / 19 Tevet

THURSDAY

- ☐ **TORAH** Exodus 3:16–4:17
- ☐ **PROPHETS** 2 Samuel 7
- ☐ **WRITINGS** Psalms 75
- ☐ **APOSTLES** Luke 6:1–26

28 Dec. / 20 Tevet

FRIDAY

Exodus 4:18–31	**TORAH** ☐
2 Samuel 8–9	**PROPHETS** ☐
Psalms 76	**WRITINGS** ☐
Luke 6:27–49	**APOSTLES** ☐

CANDLE LIGHTING TIMES:

SHMOT (NAMES)

☐ **TORAH** Exodus 5:1–6:1
☐ **HAFTARAH** Isaiah 27:6–28:13; 29:22–23
☐ **APOSTLES** Acts 7:17–37

29 Dec. / 21 Tevet

◑ **SHABBAT**

TODAY IN HISTORY: Birth of Simeon (tradition, Gen. 29:33). "Then she conceived again and bore a son and said, 'Because the LORD has heard that I am unloved, He has therefore given me this son also.' So she named him Simeon."

30 Dec. / 22 Tevet

SUNDAY

Exodus 6:2-13	**TORAH** ☐
2 Samuel 10	**PROPHETS** ☐
Psalms 77	**WRITINGS** ☐
Luke 7:1–23	**APOSTLES** ☐

31 Dec. / 23 Tevet

MONDAY

- ☐ **TORAH** Exodus 6:14–28
- ☐ **PROPHETS** 2 Samuel 11
- ☐ **WRITINGS** Psalms 78
- ☐ **APOSTLES** Luke 7:24–50

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