

Ezekiel 37: 12 - 14

### A Reading from the Book of Ezekiel:

Therefore prophesy, and say to them,  
Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves,  
and bring you up from your graves, O my people;  
and I will bring you back to the land of Israel.

And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves,  
and bring you up from your graves, O my people.

I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you  
on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and  
will act, says the LORD.”

The Word of the Lord



Ecclesiastes 3: 1-8, 11, 14-15

### A Reading from the Book of Ecclesiastes

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:

a time to be born, and a time to die;  
a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;  
a time to kill, and a time to heal;  
a time to break down, and a time to build up;  
a time to weep, and a time to laugh;  
a time to mourn, and a time to dance;  
a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together;  
a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;  
a time to seek, and a time to lose;  
a time to keep, and a time to throw away;  
a time to tear, and a time to sew;  
a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;  
a time to love, and a time to hate;  
a time for war, and a time for peace.

God has made everything suitable for its time; moreover he has put a sense of past and future into their minds, yet they cannot find out what God has done from the beginning to the end. I know that whatever God does endures forever; nothing can be added to it, nor anything taken from it; God has done this, so that all should stand in awe before him. That which is, already has been; that which is to be, already is; and God restores what would otherwise be displaced.

The Word of the Lord



Isaiah 35: 4-7, 10

A Reading from the Book of Isaiah:

Say to those who are of a fearful heart,  
“Be strong, do not fear!  
Here is your God.

He will come with vengeance,  
with terrible recompense.  
He will come and save you.”

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,  
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;  
then the lame shall leap like a deer,  
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.  
For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,  
and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool,  
and thirsty ground springs of water.

And the ransomed of the LORD shall return,  
and come to Zion with singing;  
everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;  
they shall obtain joy and gladness,  
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

The Word of the Lord



Isaiah 43: 1-3

A Reading from the Book of Isaiah:

But now thus says the LORD,  
he who created you, O Jacob,  
he who formed you, O Israel:  
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;  
I have called you by name, you are mine.

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;  
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;  
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,  
and the flame shall not consume you.  
For I am the LORD your God,  
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.

Because you are precious in my sight,  
and honored, and I love you,  
Do not fear, for I am with you;

The Word of the Lord



Micah 6: 6-8

A Reading from the Book of Micah:

“With what shall I come before the LORD,  
and bow myself before God on high?  
Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,  
with calves a year old?  
Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams,  
with ten thousands of rivers of oil?  
Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,  
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”  
He has told you, O mortal, what is good;  
and what does the LORD require of you  
but to do justice, and to love kindness,  
and to walk humbly with your God?

The Word of the Lord



Isaiah 60: 19-20

**A reading from the book of Isaiah:**

No longer shall the sun be your light by day,

Nor the brightness of the moon shine upon you at night;

The Lord shall be your light forever, your God shall be your glory.

No longer shall your sun go down, or your moon withdraw,

For the Lord will be your light forever,

And the days of your mourning shall be at an end.

**The Word of the Lord.**



Proverbs 31: 10-12, 20, 25-31

## A Reading from the Book of Proverbs:

When one finds a worthy wife,  
She is far more precious than jewels.  
The heart of her husband trusts in her,  
and he will have no lack of gain.  
She does him good, and not harm,  
all the days of her life.  
She opens her hand to the poor,  
and reaches out her hands to the needy.  
Strength and dignity are her clothing,  
and she laughs at the time to come.  
She opens her mouth with wisdom,  
and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue.  
She looks well to the ways of her household,  
and does not eat the bread of idleness.  
Her children rise up and call her blessed;  
her husband also, and he praises her:  
“Many women have done excellently,  
but you surpass them all.”  
Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain,  
but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised.  
Give her of the fruit of her hands,  
and let her works praise her in the gates.

The Word of the Lord



Wisdom 3: 1-6, 9

### A Reading from the Book of Wisdom

The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God,  
and no torment will ever touch them.

In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died,  
and their departure was thought to be a disaster,  
and their going from us to be their destruction;  
but they are at peace.

For though in the sight of others they were punished,  
their hope is full of immortality.

Having been disciplined a little, they will receive great good,  
because God tested them and found them worthy of himself;  
like gold in the furnace he tried them,  
and like a sacrificial burnt offering he accepted them.

Those who trust in him will understand truth,  
and the faithful will abide with him in love,  
because grace and mercy are upon his holy ones,  
and he watches over his elect.

The Word of the Lord