

Daily Bible Readings for October

This month begins with a series of readings from a little known book of Lamentations. Lamentations is a collection of poems, lamenting the fall of Jerusalem to the Babylonians in 586 BCE. It is attributed to the prophet Jeremiah “mourning the desertion of the city by God, its destruction, and the ultimate return of the divinity, and partly a funeral dirge in which the bereaved bewails and addresses the dead.” (John H Hayes, *The Hebrew Bible Today: An Introduction to Critical Issues*, 1998). Lamentations wrestles with the common feelings we all have when life crumbles under our feet. Where is God and why do we deserve this suffering? But through it all, Israel is assured that God will return and be faithful. The present suffering and alienation are but for the moment. God’s mercy is new every morning.

Our readings list comes from the Revised Common Lectionary recommended for use by the United Church of Christ and by many other Christian denominations in North America. The daily Bible readings are clustered into weeks with Sunday being the center of each week. The readings for Thursday, Friday, and Saturday of each week orient our prayer and preparation for the Sunday lessons; the readings for Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday reflect on Sunday’s lessons.

Oct 1 Lamentations 3:19-26

Lamentations 1:7-15
Matthew 20:29-34

Oct 7 Psalm 66:1-12

Jeremiah 27:1-22
2 Timothy 2:1-7

Oct 2 27th *Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Lamentations 1:1-6
Lamentations 3:19-26
or Psalm 137
2 Timothy 1:1-14
Luke 17:5-10

Oct 8 Psalm 66:1-12

Jeremiah 28:1-17
Luke 5:12-16

Oct 3 Psalm 137

Lamentations 1:16-22
James 1:2-11

Oct 9 28th *Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7
Psalm 66:1-12
2 Timothy 2:8-15
Luke 17:11-19

Oct 4 Psalm 137

Lamentations 2:13-22
1 John 5:1-5, 13-21

Oct 10

Psalm 102:1-17
Jeremiah 29:8-23
Acts 26:24-29

Oct 5 Psalm 137

Lamentations 5:1-22
Mark 11:12-14, 20-24

Oct 11

Psalm 102:1-17
Jeremiah 29:24-32
Ephesians 6:10-20

Oct 6 Psalm 66:1-12

Jeremiah 25:1-14
2 Timothy 1:13-18

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Oct 12	Psalm 102:1-17 Jeremiah 25:15-32 Matthew 10:5-15	Joel 2:23-32 Psalm 65 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18 Luke 18:9-14
Oct 13	Psalm 119:97-104 Jeremiah 26:1-15 Acts 17:22-34	Oct 24 Psalm 87 Joel 3:1-8 1 Peter 4:12-19
Oct 14	Psalm 119:97-104 Jeremiah 26:16-24 2 Timothy 2:14-26	Oct 25 Psalm 87 Joel 3:9-16 1 Peter 5:1-11
Oct 15	Psalm 119:97-104 Jeremiah 31:15-26 Mark 10:46-52	Oct 26 Psalm 87 Joel 3:17-20 Matthew 21:28-32
Oct 16	<i>29th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> Jeremiah 31:27-34 Psalm 119:97-104 2 Timothy 3:14 - 4:5 Luke 18:1-8	Oct 27 Psalm 119:137-144 Jeremiah 33:14-26 2 Corinthians 1:1-11
Oct 17	Psalm 129 Jeremiah 38:14-28 1 Corinthians 6:1-11	Oct 28 Psalm 119:137-144 Habakkuk 1:5-17 2 Peter 1:1-11
Oct 18	Psalm 129 Jeremiah 39:1-18 James 5:7-12	Oct 29 Psalm 119:137-144 Habakkuk 2:5-11 John 8:39-47
Oct 19	Psalm 129 Jeremiah 50:1-7, 17-20 Luke 22:39-46	Oct 30 <i>31st Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> <i>Reformation Sunday</i> Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4 Psalm 119:137-144 2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12 Luke 19:1-10
Oct 20	Psalm 65 Joel 1:1-20 2 Timothy 3:1-9	Oct 31 Psalm 142 Habakkuk 2:12-20 1 Corinthians 5:9-13
Oct 21	Psalm 65 Joel 2:1-11 2 Timothy 3:10-15	Nov 1 Psalm 142 Habakkuk 3:1-16 Jude 5-21
Oct 22	Psalm 65 Joel 2:12-22 Luke 1:46-55	Nov 2 Psalm 142 Habakkuk 3:17-19 Luke 19:11-27
Oct 23	<i>30th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	

