

# Week 46, One Year Bible Challenge: “Dry Bones”

Christ the Rock Community Church, Saturday Morning Men’s Bible Study

**This week’s reading November 12-18**[1. If you are participating in the Saturday morning class, “*The One Year Bible Challenge*,” you should read the daily materials as set out in “[The One Year Bible](#).” The verses listed on this page will include a couple of extra days each week.]

Ezekiel 24:1 to 38:23

Hebrews 11:1 to James 2:17

Psalms 110:1 to 117:2

Proverbs 27:14 to 28:1

**Next Week’s Reading November 19-25**

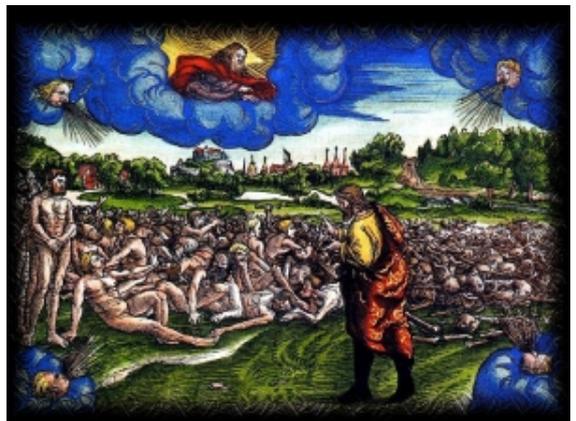
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**Discussion Questions:**



Ezekiel’s Vision of the Valley of Dry Bones, from the Luther Bible

## Old Testament

- God said he would destroy Egypt because it was proud and arrogant. Ezekiel 31:10-15. Is pride and arrogance really that bad in the modern world? Why or why not?
- In Ezekiel 33:20, God says, "I will judge every one of you after his ways." Is this standard different than what is expressed in Ephesians 2:8-9?
- God told Ezekiel the people would listen to his words with no intention of doing what he said. What was the motive of the people? Were they just wasting their time? Read Ezekiel 33:30-33

## New Testament

- Is it possible to please God without having faith in him? Hebrews 11:6. Does this mean an unbeliever can never please God, even if the non-believer is otherwise a good person?
- Hebrews 12:6 says God loves those who he disciplines. Does this mean God disciplines every believer; or only those who deserve discipline?
- James 1:14 says, "But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away and enticed by his own lust."<sup>1</sup> Has it been your experience that your temptation come from your own lust; or does temptation seem to just "come out of nowhere."

## FOOTNOTE:

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**Week 43, One Year Bible**

# Challenge: "The Word of God"

## Christ the Rock Community Church, Saturday Morning Men's Bible Study

**This week's reading October 22-28**[1. If you are participating in the Saturday morning class, "*The One Year Bible Challenge*," you should read the daily materials as set out in "[\*The One Year Bible\*](#)." The verses listed on this page will include a couple of extra days each week.]

Jeremiah 39:1 to 52:34

2 Timothy 1:1 to Titus 3:15

Psalms 90:1 to 100:5

Proverbs 26:1 to 26:19

### **Next Week's Reading October 29 to November 4**

Lamentations 1:1 to Ezekiel 11:25

Philemon 1:1 to Hebrews 6:20

Psalms 101:1 to 105:36

Proverbs 26:20 to 27:2

### **Discussion Questions:**

#### Old Testament

- Why did Jeremiah tell King Zedekiah he should surrender to the Babylonians? What did King Zedekiah do, and why? See Jeremiah 38:17-22.
- What was the fate of King Zedekiah? Jeremiah 39:6-8. Did this king get what he deserved? Jeremiah 37:1-2 and Jeremiah 52:1-3.
- Jeremiah prophesies terror for the people of Egypt (Jeremiah 46:5), Moab (Jeremiah 48:43-44), Ammon (Jeremiah 49:1-5), and Kedar and Hazor (Jeremiah 49:28-29). Is terror an appropriate consequence for these people? Why?

#### New Testament

- Why did Paul mention the mother and grandmother of

Timothy? What is the significance of these two women?  
2 Timothy 1:3-5.

- What does 2 Timothy 2:11 mean? “Faithful is the saying: For if we died with him, we shall also live with him.”
- Why does Paul advise to avoid “foolish and ignorant discussions?” 2 Timothy 2:23. What type of discussion is he referring to? Has it been your experience this type of discussion causes trouble? If so, give some examples.

FOOTNOTE:

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## **Week 41, One Year Bible Challenge: “Lawlessness”**

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**This week’s reading October 8-14**[1. If you are participating in the Saturday morning class, *“The One Year Bible Challenge,”* you should read the daily materials as set out in [\*“The One Year Bible.”\*](#) ]

Jeremiah 10:1 to Jeremiah 25:38

Colossians 3:18 to 2 Thessalonians 2:17

Psalms 78:56 to Psalm 84:12

Proverbs 24:28 to Proverbs 25:15

**Next Week’s Reading October 15-21**

Jeremiah 26:1 to Jeremiah 38:28

2 Thessalonians 3:1 to 1 Timothy 6:21

Psalms 85:1 to Psalm 89:52

Proverbs 25:16 to Proverbs 25:28

**Discussion Questions:**

## Old Testament

- In Jeremiah 12:1, the prophet asks God, “*Why are the wicked so prosperous? Why are evil people so happy?*” What is the answer to Jeremiah’s question?
- Jeremiah 17:9 says, “*The heart is deceitful above all things, and it is exceedingly corrupt. Who can know it?*” Is this a universal principle, or just something Jeremiah was directing to certain people in his time? Do his words apply today?
- What is the point of Jeremiah smashing the clay jar (or bottle) in Jeremiah 19.10? Read the 19th chapter of Jeremiah.

## New Testament

- In 1 Thessalonians 5:11, Paul says the church should “*encourage one another and build up each other, just as indeed you are doing.*” From your personal observations, do you see most believers still following this instruction? Is this an area in which you, personally, could improve? If so, how?
- God told the Thessalonians it was God’s will for them is to be holy and refrain from sexual immorality. Does this mean they all did so? Does Paul’s advice apply to modern believers? That is, do we all abstain from sexual sin because that is God’s will?  
1 Thessalonians 4:3.

## FOOTNOTE: