

# Through The Bible In One Year

## The Adventure of Many Lifetimes

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### Daily Scripture Selection

#### Week 52

**Day 358.** Zechariah 6.1-7.14; Revelation 15.1-8;  
Psalm 143.1-12; and Proverbs 30.24-28.

**Day 359.** Zechariah 8.1-23; Revelation 16.1-21;  
Psalm 144.1-15; and Proverbs 30.29-31.

**Day 360.** Zechariah 9.1-17; Revelation 17.1-18;  
Psalm 145.1-21; and Proverbs 30.32.

**Day 361.** Zechariah 10.1-11.17; Revelation 18.1-24;  
Psalm 146.1-10; and Proverbs 30.33.

**Day 362.** Zechariah 12.1-13.9; Revelation 19.1-21;  
Psalm 147.1-20; and Proverbs 31.1-7.

**Day 363.** Zechariah 14.1-21; Revelation 20.1-15;  
Psalm 148.1-14; and Proverbs 31.8-9.

**Day 364.** Malachi 1.1-2.17; Revelation 21.1-27;  
Psalm 149.1-9; and Proverbs 31.10-24.

**Day 365.** Malachi 3.1-4.6; Revelation 22.1-21;  
Psalm 150.1-6; and Proverbs 31.25-31.

## Through The Bible In One Year: Week 52 Sunday Worship Lessons

First Lesson (Old Testament): Zechariah 9.9-17

Psalm: 145.3-12

Second (New Testament) Lesson: Revelation 21.1-8

Theme: The End Is The Beginning

### **Sunday Scripture Selection and Theme Explanation, Week 52:**

The world will end, and the World-the-way-God-intends-it will begin. Throughout the Bible, God has foretold the coming day when this fallen world will end and the perfect new world God intends for his people to enjoy forever will begin. The prophet Zechariah foretells the key event in God creating that new world: the coming of the Messiah who will come humbly to his people riding on a donkey instead of a warhorse like a conqueror. He will proclaim peace to all nations and peoples. In the New Testament, John writes down the vision God revealed to him of the new heaven and earth that one day would be. God's promises are sure and true. You can count on God keeping this one, so live life now with faith and trust in God, with courage and confidence, and with love and compassion as one of God's people awaiting the certain fulfillment of God's Word. Be and act like a beacon in the darkness, a lighthouse in the storms, for everyone around you, because a new heaven and a new earth are coming. The best is yet to be!

### Alternate Readings & Themes:

1. **“Revering God, Or Robbing Him?”** Can someone actually rob God? Who would dare such a thing? And yet, it happens all the time, by most people, whenever we live in a way that goes against God's will and the way of life for everyone, we take away from God his due. Malachi provides one example from God's own people: failing to bring God their tithes (the 10% thank offering God asks of his people to his work in the world). Malachi also suggests that their refusal is really the reason life does not go as well as the people expect. Because they don't trust God to provide, they withhold their gifts. Life becomes a worrisome, miserly existence. God pleads with them to put him to the test and see if he will not provide everything they need if they tithe. In Revelation, John is given a vision of the new heaven and new earth God will one day create for those who trust in him to enjoy forever with him. Not everyone will, though, because outside are those who would not trust in God and whose lives and actions showed their basic mistrust of God and lack of faith. Revere God, don't rob him! Trust him totally and live a glad, generous life now...and forever. Go ahead, put God to the test. He will prove it to you! **Malachi 3.8-18; Psalm 143.1-10; Revelation 21.1-8.**
2. **“The King of Kings, Your King of Kings?”**; Who is your leader in life? Is he or she worthy? How can you even tell? Is he or she leading you to

have a better life...an eternal life? Jesus Christ is the King of Kings, as the Bible attests. He is the premier ruler, deserving to be Lord of our whole lives. The Old Testament prophet, Zechariah, prophesied his coming centuries before his triumphal ride into Jerusalem...on a donkey, and not a warhorse, because he came to bring peace to all people. Jesus came in obedience to God as a servant, to give life to all who believe and trust in him by his death on the cross. In Revelation, the last book of the Bible, John wrote down his vision of the King of Kings. All of heaven and earth joins in the celebration of the wedding of the Lamb who was slain as the sacrifice that reconciles all who believe with God. They are the Bride, and will enjoy his love forever. Written on his robe are the words King of King and Lord of Lords. You don't want to miss that sight...or the marriage supper of the Lamb who is King of Kings. You are a guest of honor. You are...or can be...the bride! Accept his leadership over your life now. You won't find one better or who loves you more than he does right now! **Zechariah 14.6-9; Psalm 147.1-11; Revelation 19.6-16.**