

2018 Fall Festival Readings

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The following are three different scripture readings for each of the 2018 Fall Festivals: The Feast of Trumpets, The Day of Atonement and the Feast of Tabernacles. The August 27 start date has no particular significations. In preparing these readings, I worked backward from October 1, the Eighth Day Assembly, and by chance ended on the 27th.

Feast of Trumpets Readings

Except for the August 27, and September 10 scripture readings. The Feast of Trumpets readings have two daily readings, one from the Old Testament, the other from the New Testament. The Old Testament verses are from the prophets describing the come new age, that Jesus' return will bring to pass. The New Testament verses focus on the importance of living a godly way of life, as we wait for Jesus' return.

August 27

Jesus' return, is a significant focus of the Feast of Trumpets. His second coming will occur at the sound of the seventh trumpet (Revelation 8:1-2; 6; 11:15-18), "the trumpet of God" (1 Thessalonians 4:14-17); "a loud trumpet call" (Matthew 24:30-31), also know as "the last trumpet" (1 Corinthians 15:51-52, All scriptures quoted are from the *English Standard Version*, unless otherwise noted).

August 28

Isaiah 2:1-5

Matthew 25:1-13

The coming return of Jesus should motivate us to be spiritually ready for His return.

August 29

Isaiah 11

Matthew 25:14-30

The coming return of Jesus should motivate us to use the "talents" or spiritual gifts God has given us.

August 30

Isaiah 12

Matthew 25:31-46

The coming return of Jesus should inspire us to love others and to help them in times of need, especially our brethren.

August 31

Isaiah 19:18-25

Luke 9:26

The coming return of Jesus should motivate us not to be ashamed of Jesus and His teachings.

September 1

Isaiah 35:1-10

Luke 21:34-36

The coming return of Jesus should motivate us not to let our lives get weighed down with cares of this world.

September 2

Jeremiah 16:14-21

John 14:1-4

The coming return of Jesus should motivate us to be at peace, and not have a troubled heart.

September 3

Daniel 2:36-45

1 Corinthians 4:1-5

The coming return of Jesus should motivate us not to judge the motives of others. Christ will take care of this after His return.

September 4

Daniel 7:13-27

Colossians 3:4-6

The coming return of Jesus and the glory we will share with him should motivate us to put to death sinful habits.

September 5

Amos 9:11-15

1 Thessalonians 3:11-13

The coming return of Jesus should motivate us to live holy lives by loving one another.

September 6

Zephaniah 3:14-20

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

The coming return of Jesus should comfort and inspire us in times of mourning for the dead.

September 7

Micah 4:1-7

Hebrews 10:35-39

The coming return of Jesus should motivate us to spiritually endure and not give up.

September 8

Zechariah 8:1-8

James 5:7-12

The coming return of Jesus should motivate us to patiently wait for His coming.

September 9

Zechariah 14

1 Peter 5:1-4

The coming return of Jesus should motivate elders to take care of God's people.

September 10 - Feast of Trumpets

Leviticus 23:23-25; Numbers 10:1-10; 29:1-6; Nehemiah 8:1-12; Psalm 81:1-4

Day of Atonement Readings

Except for the September 18, and 19 scripture readings. The Day of Atonement, readings have two daily readings, one from the Old Testament, the other from the New Testament. The Old Testament verses are from the Book of Psalms and are a type of Psalm, traditionally known as a penitential Psalm. This is "A psalm in which the speaker confesses sin, expresses sorrow for sin, describes the effects of guilt, and petitions God for forgiveness and/or celebrates God's forgiveness" (*The Literary Study Bible, English Standard Version, page 1894*).

The New Testament readings focus on Jesus' role as the one who makes possible the atoning sacrifice for our sins. In reading these verses, depending on your Bible translation, you may come across a form of the English word propitiation. The *New Oxford American Dictionary* defines propitiation as "the action of propitiating or appeasing a god, spirit, or person: he lifted his hands in propitiation. atonement, especially that of Jesus Christ." The *Pocket Dictionary of Theological Terms*, gives us a more theological definition of propitiation, "An offering that turns away the wrath of God directed against sin. According to the NT, God has provided the offering that removes the divine wrath, for in love the Father sent the Son to be the propitiation (or atoning sacrifice) for human sin (1 Jn 4:10)."

In our day, most readers of the Bible are not familiar with the word propitiation. . To make it easier to understand the verses that use this word, translations such as the *New Revised Standard Version*, use some form of the phrase "atoning sacrifice" or "sacrifice of atonement."

September 11

Psalm 6

Romans 3:25

"[W]hom God put forward as **a sacrifice of atonement by his blood**" (*New Revised Standard Version – NRSV*)

September 12

Psalm 32

Hebrews 2:17

"Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make **a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people.**" (NRSV)

September 13

Psalm 38

Hebrew 9:28

"[S]o **Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many**, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him." (NRSV)

September 14

Psalm 51

1 Peter 2:24

"**He himself bore our sins in his body** on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed." (NRSV)

September 15

Psalm 102

1 John 2:2

"[A]nd he is **the atoning sacrifice for our sins**, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world." (NRSV)

September 16

Psalm 130

1 John 3:4-7

"You know that **he appeared in order to take away sins**, and in him there is no sin."

September 17

Psalm 143

1 John 4:10

"In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and **sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins.**" (NRSV)

September 18

Isaiah 58:1-12
Matthew 6:16-18

September 19 - Day of Atonement

Leviticus 23:26-32
Hebrews 9-10

Feast of Tabernacle Readings

The Scripture readings between the Day of Atonement and the Feast of Tabernacles focus on the events of Jesus' second coming, His thousand-year reign, the Great White Throne Judgment, the New Heavens and New Earth, and the New Jerusalem.

September 20

Revelation 19

September 21

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September 22

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September 23

Revelation 22

September 24-30 - Feast of Tabernacles

Among Christians, keeping the biblical festivals of Leviticus 23. There is a disagreement over which verses in the Gospel of John refer to the Festival of Tabernacles, and which refer to the Eighth Day Assembly, a festival immediately following Tabernacles (Leviticus 23:33-36, 39; Nehemiah 8:14, 18). Because the Eighth Day falls right after Tabernacles, it became incorporated into the Festival, but it is actually a separate holy day. Some think the verses in John 7:1-36 refer to the Feast of Tabernacles, with John 7:37-39 referring the Eighth Day Assembly. While others, including myself, think the verses in John 7:37-39 are referring to the seventh day or last day of the Feast of Tabernacles; with the verses in John 8:1-10:21, referring to the Eighth Day Assembly.

These scripture readings focus on Jesus' Festival teachings recorded in John 7:1-10:21. Because only 53 verses cover Jesus' teachings during the whole seven days of Tabernacles. And 121 verses cover Jesus' teachings on the Eighth Day. I have evened out the readings over eight days. In addition to Jesus' Festival teachings, the readings on September 24, and October 1, will have readings from the Old Testament.

September 24 - First Day

Leviticus 23:33-43, Nehemiah 8:14-18
John 7:1-24 Jesus' Festival Teachings

September 25 - Second Day

John 7:25-39 Jesus' Festival Teachings

September 26 - Third Day

John 7:40-8:11 Jesus' Festival Teachings

September 27 - Fourth Day

John 8:12-38 Jesus' Festival Teachings

September 28 - Fifth Day

John 8:39-59 Jesus' Festival Teachings

September 29 - Sixth Day

John 9:1-23 Jesus' Festival Teachings

September 30 - Seventh Day

John 9:24-41 Jesus' Festival Teachings

October 1 - Eighth Day Assembly

Leviticus 23:33-36, 39, Nehemiah 8:14,18
John 10:1-21 Jesus' Festival Teachings