

BIBLE READING LIST FOR AUGUST 7-13

<p><u>August 7</u> Jeremiah 1-2</p>	<p>This week's reading is all about Jeremiah, who wrote more of the Bible than any of the other major prophets. He begins by telling about his call to the prophetic ministry. God reveals in 1:5 that he knew Jeremiah would be born, and He had a plan already in mind. This is a similar statement to that of the psalmist in Psalm 139:16: "Thine eyes did see my substance, yet being imperfect; and in thy book all my members were written, which in continuance were fashioned, when as yet there was none of them." God knew about you before you were born too, and He has a purpose for your being here.</p>
<p><u>August 8</u> Jeremiah 3-5</p>	<p>In Jeremiah 8:20, we are warned against procrastination; time does eventually run out on us. Verse 22 reveals that there is no need for one to remain unsaved; full provision has been made in the blood of Christ—our "balm of Gilead."</p>
<p><u>August 9</u> Jeremiah 6-7</p>	<p>In Jeremiah 12:5, God answers Jeremiah's confusion about the way things were (verses 1-4). Jeremiah thought it had been bad; God tells him it's about to get a lot worse and asks how he will get along if he is already having trouble. We are to be conquerors in our Christian life (Romans 8:37), not just being satisfied to "get by." If we are just doing enough to scrape by under present conditions, we will not make it when the "horsemen" arrive.</p>
<p><u>August 10</u> Jeremiah 8-10</p>	<p>In Jeremiah 18:4, we see that God is the great Potter. When there is a mess-up, He is able to put everything together again. Our failures are not final; trust yourself to the hands of the Potter.</p>
<p><u>August 11</u> Jeremiah 11-13</p>	<p>Jeremiah didn't like the way people treated him and decided to just quit (20:9). What he found is that quitting is not the cure-all he thought it would be. Like the fire in his bones, we have the Holy Spirit living in us. As James tells us, "The spirit that dwelleth in us lusteth to envy" (4:5). He is jealous for that which is due to God, and He will see that we are not happy ignoring God's will for our lives.</p>
<p><u>August 12</u> Jeremiah 14-16</p>	
<p><u>August 13</u> Jeremiah 17-20</p>	