

Day 1

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah (56:5-7)

I will give them, in my house
and within my walls, a monument and a name
Better than sons and daughters;
an eternal name, which shall not be cut off, will I give them.
And foreigners who join themselves to the LORD,
to minister to him,
To love the name of the LORD,
to become his servants—
All who keep the sabbath without profaning it
and hold fast to my covenant,
Them I will bring to my holy mountain
and make them joyful in my house of prayer;
Their burnt offerings and their sacrifices
will be acceptable on my altar,
For my house shall be called
a house of prayer for all peoples.

The Word of God.

Day 2

A reading from the book of the prophet, Isaiah (2:2-4)

In days to come,
The mountain of the LORD's house
shall be established as the highest mountain
and raised above the hills.
All nations shall stream toward it.
Many peoples shall come and say:
"Come, let us go up to the LORD's mountain,
to the house of the God of Jacob,
That he may instruct us in his ways,
and we may walk in his paths."
For from Zion shall go forth instruction,
and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.
He shall judge between the nations,
and set terms for many peoples.
They shall beat their swords into plowshares
and their spears into pruning hooks;
One nation shall not raise the sword against another,
nor shall they train for war again.

The Word of God.

Day 3

A reading from the book of the prophet, Zephaniah (3:14-17)

Shout for joy, daughter Zion!

sing joyfully, Israel!

Be glad and exult with all your heart,
daughter Jerusalem!

The LORD has removed the judgment against you,
he has turned away your enemies;

The King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst,
you have no further misfortune to fear.

On that day, it shall be said to Jerusalem:

Do not fear, Zion,
do not be discouraged!

The LORD, your God, is in your midst,
a mighty savior,

Who will rejoice over you with gladness,
and renew you in his love,

Who will sing joyfully because of you.

The Word of God.

Day 4

A reading from the first book of Chronicles (17:9-14)

I will assign a place for my people Israel
and I will plant them in it to dwell there;
they will never again be disturbed,
nor shall the wicked ever again oppress them,
as they did at the beginning,
and during all the time when I appointed judges
over my people Israel.

And I will subdue all your enemies.

Moreover, I declare to you that the LORD will build you a house:
when your days have been completed
and you must join your ancestors,
I will raise up your offspring after you
who will be one of your own sons,
and I will establish his kingdom.

He it is who shall build me a house,
and I will establish his throne forever.

I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me,
and I will not withdraw my favor from him
as I withdrew it from the one who was before you;
but I will maintain him in my house and in my kingdom forever,
and his throne shall be firmly established forever.

The Word of God.

Day 5

A reading from the book of the prophet, Isaiah (11:1-5)

But a shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse,
and from his roots a bud shall blossom.

The spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him:

a spirit of wisdom and of understanding,

A spirit of counsel and of strength,

a spirit of knowledge and of fear of the LORD,

and his delight shall be the fear of the LORD.

Not by appearance shall he judge,

nor by hearsay shall he decide,

But he shall judge the poor with justice,

and decide fairly for the land's afflicted.

He shall strike the ruthless with the rod of his mouth,

and with the breath of his lips he shall slay the wicked.

Justice shall be the band around his waist,

and faithfulness a belt upon his hips.

The Word of God.

Day 6

A reading from the prophet, Ezekiel (36:26-30)

I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you.

I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh
and give you a heart of flesh.

I will put my spirit within you so that you walk in my statutes,
observe my ordinances, and keep them.

You will live in the land I gave to your ancestors;
you will be my people, and I will be your God.

I will deliver you from all your impurities.

I will summon the grain and make it plentiful;

I will not send famine against you.

I will increase the fruit on your trees

and the crops in your fields

so that you no longer endure reproach from the nations
because of famine.

The Word of God.

Day 7

A reading from the book of the prophet, Micah (5:2-4)

From you shall come forth for me
one who is to be ruler in Israel;
Whose origin is from of old,
from ancient times.
He shall take his place as shepherd
by the strength of the LORD,
by the majestic name of the LORD, his God;
And they shall dwell securely, for now his greatness
shall reach to the ends of the earth:
he shall be peace.

The Word of God.

Day 8

A reading from the book of the prophet, Isaiah (60:1-5)

Arise! Shine, for your light has come,
the glory of the LORD has dawned upon you.
Though darkness covers the earth,
and thick clouds, the peoples,
Upon you the LORD will dawn,
and over you his glory will be seen.
Nations shall walk by your light,
kings by the radiance of your dawning.
The Nations Come to Zion
Raise your eyes and look about;
they all gather and come to you—
Your sons from afar,
your daughters in the arms of their nurses.
Then you shall see and be radiant,
your heart shall throb and overflow.
For the riches of the sea shall be poured out before you,
the wealth of nations shall come to you.

The Word of God.