



# DECEMBER 4

GCC 2021 READING PLAN

II Chronicles 3-4

I John 3

Nahum 2

**PRAY:**

*Father show us who you are. Show us your person, your power, your purposes. Overwhelm us with a knowledge of you that penetrates our minds and imbeds itself in the deepest recesses of our hearts. Let this knowledge so change our hearts that it results in our lives being lived in light of who you are, what you have done and what you say is true about us in Jesus Christ.*

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**AS YOU READ THROUGH TODAY'S PASSAGES REFLECT ON THESE QUESTIONS:**

**What are some things revealed in these passages about the person and character of God? Who is he? What is he like?**

**What are some things that God has done to reveal who he is?**

**Who are you in light of God's work? What is it that God is saying about you?**

**How should knowing who God is, what he has done and what he says about you change how you live?**



## II CHRONICLES 3-4

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### Solomon Builds the Temple

**3** Then Solomon began to build the house of the LORD in Jerusalem on Mount Moriah, where the LORD had appeared to David his father, at the place that David had appointed, on the threshing floor of Ornan the Jebusite. **2** He began to build in the second month of the fourth year of his reign. **3** These are Solomon's measurements for building the house of God: the length, in cubits of the old standard, was sixty cubits, and the breadth twenty cubits. **4** The vestibule in front of the nave of the house was twenty cubits long, equal to the width of the house, and its height was 120 cubits. He overlaid it on the inside with pure gold. **5** The nave he lined with cypress and covered it with fine gold and made palms and chains on it. **6** He adorned the house with settings of precious stones. The gold was gold of Parvaim. **7** So he lined the house with gold—its beams, its thresholds, its walls, and its doors—and he carved cherubim on the walls.

**8** And he made the Most Holy Place. Its length, corresponding to the breadth of the house, was twenty cubits, and its breadth was twenty cubits. He overlaid it with 600 talents of fine gold. **9** The weight of gold for the nails was fifty shekels. And he overlaid the upper chambers with gold.

**10** In the Most Holy Place he made two cherubim of wood and overlaid them with gold. **11** The wings of the cherubim together extended twenty cubits: one wing of the one, of five cubits, touched the wall of the house, and its other wing, of five cubits, touched the wing of the other cherub; **12** and of this cherub, one wing, of five cubits, touched the wall of the house, and the other wing, also of five cubits, was joined to the wing of the first cherub. **13** The wings of these cherubim extended twenty cubits. The cherubim stood on their feet, facing the nave. **14** And he made the veil of blue and purple and crimson fabrics and fine linen, and he worked cherubim on it.

**15** In front of the house he made two pillars thirty-five cubits high, with a capital of five cubits on the top of each. **16** He made chains like a necklace and put them on the tops of the pillars, and he made a hundred pomegranates and put them on the chains. **17** He set up the pillars in front of the temple, one on the south, the other on the north; that on the south he called Jachin, and that on the north Boaz.

### The Temple's Furnishings

**4** He made an altar of bronze, twenty cubits long and twenty cubits wide and ten cubits high. **2** Then he made the sea of cast metal. It was round, ten cubits from brim to brim, and five cubits high, and a line of thirty cubits measured its circumference. **3** Under it were figures of gourds, for ten cubits, compassing the sea all around. The gourds were in two rows, cast with it when it was cast. **4** It stood on twelve oxen, three facing north, three facing west, three facing

south, and three facing east. The sea was set on them, and all their rear parts were inward. <sup>5</sup> Its thickness was a handbreadth. And its brim was made like the brim of a cup, like the flower of a lily. It held 3,000 baths. <sup>6</sup> He also made ten basins in which to wash, and set five on the south side, and five on the north side. In these they were to rinse off what was used for the burnt offering, and the sea was for the priests to wash in.

<sup>7</sup> And he made ten golden lampstands as prescribed, and set them in the temple, five on the south side and five on the north. <sup>8</sup> He also made ten tables and placed them in the temple, five on the south side and five on the north. And he made a hundred basins of gold. <sup>9</sup> He made the court of the priests and the great court and doors for the court and overlaid their doors with bronze. <sup>10</sup> And he set the sea at the southeast corner of the house.

<sup>11</sup> Hiram also made the pots, the shovels, and the basins. So Hiram finished the work that he did for King Solomon on the house of God: <sup>12</sup> the two pillars, the bowls, and the two capitals on the top of the pillars; and the two latticeworks to cover the two bowls of the capitals that were on the top of the pillars; <sup>13</sup> and the 400 pomegranates for the two latticeworks, two rows of pomegranates for each latticework, to cover the two bowls of the capitals that were on the pillars. <sup>14</sup> He made the stands also, and the basins on the stands, <sup>15</sup> and the one sea, and the twelve oxen underneath it. <sup>16</sup> The pots, the shovels, the forks, and all the equipment for these Hiram-abi made of burnished bronze for King Solomon for the house of the LORD. <sup>17</sup> In the plain of the Jordan the king cast them, in the clay ground between Succoth and Zeredah. <sup>18</sup> Solomon made all these things in great quantities, for the weight of the bronze was not sought.

<sup>19</sup> So Solomon made all the vessels that were in the house of God: the golden altar, the tables for the bread of the Presence, <sup>20</sup> the lampstands and their lamps of pure gold to burn before the inner sanctuary, as prescribed; <sup>21</sup> the flowers, the lamps, and the tongs, of purest gold; <sup>22</sup> the snuffers, basins, dishes for incense, and fire pans, of pure gold, and the sockets of the temple, for the inner doors to the Most Holy Place and for the doors of the nave of the temple were of gold.

## I JOHN 3

**3** See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him.

<sup>2</sup> Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. <sup>3</sup> And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

<sup>4</sup> Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness.

<sup>5</sup> You know that he appeared in order to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. <sup>6</sup> No one

who abides in him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen him or known him. <sup>7</sup> Little children, let no one deceive you. Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as he is righteous. <sup>8</sup> Whoever makes a practice of sinning is of the devil, for the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil. <sup>9</sup> No one born of God makes a practice of sinning, for God's seed abides in him; and he cannot keep on sinning, because he has been born of God. <sup>10</sup> By this it is evident who are the children of God, and who are the children of the devil: whoever does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor is the one who does not love his brother.

### Love One Another

<sup>11</sup> For this is the message that you have heard from the beginning, that we should love one another. <sup>12</sup> We should not be like Cain, who was of the evil one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his own deeds were evil and his brother's righteous. <sup>13</sup> Do not be surprised, brothers, that the world hates you. <sup>14</sup> We know that we have passed out of death into life, because we love the brothers. Whoever does not love abides in death.

<sup>15</sup> Everyone who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him.

<sup>16</sup> By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. <sup>17</sup> But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? <sup>18</sup> Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.

<sup>19</sup> By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before him; <sup>20</sup> for whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and he knows everything.

<sup>21</sup> Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God; <sup>22</sup> and whatever we ask we receive from him, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him.

<sup>23</sup> And this is his commandment, that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. <sup>24</sup> Whoever keeps his commandments abides in God, and God in him. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit whom he has given us.

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## NAHUM 2

### The Destruction of Nineveh

**2** The scatterer has come up against you.

Man the ramparts;

watch the road;

dress for battle;

collect all your strength.

<sup>2</sup> For the LORD is restoring the majesty of Jacob

as the majesty of Israel,

for plunderers have plundered them

and ruined their branches.

<sup>3</sup> The shield of his mighty men is red;

his soldiers are clothed in scarlet.

The chariots come with flashing metal

on the day he musters them;

the cypress spears are brandished.

<sup>4</sup> The chariots race madly through the streets;

they rush to and fro through the squares;

they gleam like torches;

they dart like lightning.

<sup>5</sup> He remembers his officers;

they stumble as they go,

they hasten to the wall;

the siege tower is set up.

<sup>6</sup> The river gates are opened;

the palace melts away;

<sup>7</sup> its mistress is stripped; she is carried off,

her slave girls lamenting,

moaning like doves

and beating their breasts.

<sup>8</sup> Nineveh is like a pool

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whose waters run away.

"Halt! Halt!" they cry,

but none turns back.

<sup>9</sup> Plunder the silver,

plunder the gold!

There is no end of the treasure

or of the wealth of all precious things.

<sup>10</sup> Desolate! Desolation and ruin!

Hearts melt and knees tremble;

anguish is in all loins;

all faces grow pale!

<sup>11</sup> Where is the lions' den,

the feeding place of the young lions,

where the lion and lioness went,

where his cubs were, with none to disturb?

<sup>12</sup> The lion tore enough for his cubs

and strangled prey for his lionesses;

he filled his caves with prey

and his dens with torn flesh.

<sup>13</sup> Behold, I am against you, declares the LORD of hosts, and I will burn your chariots in smoke, and the sword shall devour your young lions. I will cut off your prey from the earth, and the voice of your messengers shall no longer be heard.

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