



# DECEMBER 8

GCC 2021 READING PLAN

II Chronicles 8

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Habakkuk 3

**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 8

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### Solomon's Accomplishments

**8** At the end of twenty years, in which Solomon had built the house of the LORD and his own house, <sup>2</sup> Solomon rebuilt the cities that Hiram had given to him, and settled the people of Israel in them.

<sup>3</sup> And Solomon went to Hamath-zobah and took it. <sup>4</sup> He built Tadmor in the wilderness and all the store cities that he built in Hamath. <sup>5</sup> He also built Upper Beth-horon and Lower Beth-horon, fortified cities with walls, gates, and bars, <sup>6</sup> and Baalath, and all the store cities that Solomon had and all the cities for his chariots and the cities for his horsemen, and whatever Solomon desired to build in Jerusalem, in Lebanon, and in all the land of his dominion. <sup>7</sup> All the people who were left of the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites, who were not of Israel, <sup>8</sup> from their descendants who were left after them in the land, whom the people of Israel had not destroyed—these Solomon drafted as forced labor, and so they are to this day. <sup>9</sup> But of the people of Israel Solomon made no slaves for his work; they were soldiers, and his officers, the commanders of his chariots, and his horsemen. <sup>10</sup> And these were the chief officers of King Solomon, 250, who exercised authority over the people.

<sup>11</sup> Solomon brought Pharaoh's daughter up from the city of David to the house that he had built for her, for he said, "My wife shall not live in the house of David king of Israel, for the places to which the ark of the LORD has come are holy."

<sup>12</sup> Then Solomon offered up burnt offerings to the LORD on the altar of the LORD that he had built before the vestibule, <sup>13</sup> as the duty of each day required, offering according to the commandment of Moses for the Sabbaths, the new moons, and the three annual feasts—the Feast of Unleavened Bread, the Feast of Weeks, and the Feast of Booths. <sup>14</sup> According to the ruling of David his father, he appointed the divisions of the priests for their service, and the Levites for their offices of praise and ministry before the priests as the duty of each day required, and the gatekeepers in their divisions at each gate, for so David the man of God had commanded. <sup>15</sup> And they did not turn aside from what the king had commanded the priests and Levites concerning any matter and concerning the treasuries.

<sup>16</sup> Thus was accomplished all the work of Solomon from the day the foundation of the house of the LORD was laid until it was finished. So the house of the LORD was completed.

<sup>17</sup> Then Solomon went to Ezion-geber and Eloth on the shore of the sea, in the land of Edom. <sup>18</sup> And Hiram sent to him by the hand of his servants ships and servants familiar with the sea, and they went to Ophir together with the servants of Solomon and brought from there 450 talents of gold and brought it to King Solomon.



## III JOHN 1

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### Greeting

<sup>1</sup> The elder to the beloved Gaius, whom I love in truth.

<sup>2</sup> Beloved, I pray that all may go well with you and that you may be in good health, as it goes well with your soul. <sup>3</sup> For I rejoiced greatly when the brothers came and testified to your truth, as indeed you are walking in the truth. <sup>4</sup> I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth.

### Support and Opposition

<sup>5</sup> Beloved, it is a faithful thing you do in all your efforts for these brothers, strangers as they are, <sup>6</sup> who testified to your love before the church. You will do well to send them on their journey in a manner worthy of God. <sup>7</sup> For they have gone out for the sake of the name, accepting nothing from the Gentiles. <sup>8</sup> Therefore we ought to support people like these, that we may be fellow workers for the truth.

<sup>9</sup> I have written something to the church, but Diotrephes, who likes to put himself first, does not acknowledge our authority. <sup>10</sup> So if I come, I will bring up what he is doing, talking wicked nonsense against us. And not content with that, he refuses to welcome the brothers, and also stops those who want to and puts them out of the church.

<sup>11</sup> Beloved, do not imitate evil but imitate good. Whoever does good is from God; whoever does evil has not seen God. <sup>12</sup> Demetrius has received a good testimony from everyone, and from the truth itself. We also add our testimony, and you know that our testimony is true.

### Final Greetings

<sup>13</sup> I had much to write to you, but I would rather not write with pen and ink. <sup>14</sup> I hope to see you soon, and we will talk face to face.

<sup>15</sup> Peace be to you. The friends greet you. Greet the friends, each by name.



## HABAKKUK 3

### Habakkuk's Prayer

**3** A prayer of Habakkuk the prophet, according to Shigionoth.

- <sup>2</sup> O LORD, I have heard the report of you,  
and your work, O LORD, do I fear.  
In the midst of the years revive it;  
in the midst of the years make it known;  
in wrath remember mercy.
- <sup>3</sup> God came from Teman,  
and the Holy One from Mount Paran. *Selah*  
His splendor covered the heavens,  
and the earth was full of his praise.
- <sup>4</sup> His brightness was like the light;  
rays flashed from his hand;  
and there he veiled his power.
- <sup>5</sup> Before him went pestilence,  
and plague followed at his heels.
- <sup>6</sup> He stood and measured the earth;  
he looked and shook the nations;  
then the eternal mountains were scattered;  
the everlasting hills sank low.  
His were the everlasting ways.
- <sup>7</sup> I saw the tents of Cushan in affliction;  
the curtains of the land of Midian did tremble.
- <sup>8</sup> Was your wrath against the rivers, O LORD?  
Was your anger against the rivers,  
or your indignation against the sea,  
when you rode on your horses,  
on your chariot of salvation?

- 9 You stripped the sheath from your bow,  
calling for many arrows. *Selah*  
You split the earth with rivers.
- 10 The mountains saw you and writhed;  
the raging waters swept on;  
the deep gave forth its voice;  
it lifted its hands on high.
- 11 The sun and moon stood still in their place  
at the light of your arrows as they sped,  
at the flash of your glittering spear.
- 12 You marched through the earth in fury;  
you threshed the nations in anger.
- 13 You went out for the salvation of your people,  
for the salvation of your anointed.  
You crushed the head of the house of the wicked,  
laying him bare from thigh to neck. *Selah*
- 14 You pierced with his own arrows the heads of his warriors,  
who came like a whirlwind to scatter me,  
rejoicing as if to devour the poor in secret.
- 15 You trampled the sea with your horses,  
the surging of mighty waters.
- 16 I hear, and my body trembles;  
my lips quiver at the sound;  
rottenness enters into my bones;  
my legs tremble beneath me.

Yet I will quietly wait for the day of trouble

to come upon people who invade us.

### **Habakkuk Rejoices in the LORD**

**17** Though the fig tree should not blossom,

nor fruit be on the vines,

the produce of the olive fail

and the fields yield no food,

the flock be cut off from the fold

and there be no herd in the stalls,

**18** yet I will rejoice in the LORD;

I will take joy in the God of my salvation.

**19** GOD, the Lord, is my strength;

he makes my feet like the deer's;

he makes me tread on my high places.

To the choirmaster: with stringed instruments

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**JOURNAL A PRAYER TO THE LORD FROM YOUR READING TODAY.**