

## Bible Reading for Week of January 5, 2025

### **Monday, January 6 – Jeremiah 31: 31-40**

After prophesying Judah's conquest by Babylon, Jeremiah turns to tell of a future hope for God's people. What does he promise for the renewed people of Israel? How would this provide hope for a people facing exile because they had as a nation rejected God?

### **Tuesday, January 7 – Hebrews 8**

How is Jeremiah's prophecy fulfilled by Jesus? Jeremiah's prophecy was for the house of Israel, yet Hebrews clearly applies this to Jesus' people who are gathered to Him in His church. What does this say about the relationship between Israel in the Old Testament and Jesus' church in the New Testament? How can you take comfort from Jeremiah's prophecy today?

### **Wednesday, January 8 – Lamentations 3: 1-24**

The prophet Jeremiah wrote Lamentations having experienced the brutal devastation of God's people by Babylon. How do you respond to his honest lament? How can Jeremiah remain hopeful? Where in your life can you call to mind the steadfast love of the Lord as you enter a new year?

### **Thursday, January 9 – Exodus 24: 1-18**

This chapter contains the confirmation of the covenant that God makes with His people Israel. In light of the way the author of Hebrews relates Christ to the Old Covenant and Moses, how does what Christ's work for us far surpass even the experience of Moses on Mt. Sinai?

### **Friday, January 10 – Hebrews 9: 1-14**

In the opening verses of chapter 9, the author looks back to the various elements contained in the Old Testament tabernacle. Two of the objects found there were the lampstand and the bread of the presence. In what ways might these Old Testament realities picture Christ (hint: think of the passages that relate Christ to the light and the bread)? Spend time today praising God for giving to us the light of the world and the bread of life in Christ.

### **Saturday, January 11 – Psalm 105: 1-11**

Consider the way the psalmist calls upon the people to give praise to God. What are some of the things that we are called to do when we come to gather for worship (vs 1-5)? As you prepare to worship with God's people this coming Lord's Day, consider how you might "tell of all his wonderful works" and "remember the wonderful works he has done."