

## Days 337-343 - Readings: Whole Bible

Day	OT	Wisdom/NT	Family Focus
337	Hos 1-2	Heb 13-Jas 1	James 1
338	Hos 3-5	Jas 2-3	James 3
339	Hos 6-8	Jas 4-5	James 4
340	Hos 9-11	1Pet 1-2	Hosea 11
341	Hos 12-14	1Pet 3	1Peter 3
342	Joel 1-2	1Pet 4-5	1Peter 5
343	day off		

### Tips:

- The book of Hosea is the first of 12 “Minor Prophets.” Hosea called the northern kingdom of Israel to return to God or face judgment (Hos 6:1, Hos 7:10, Hos 12:6). Hosea 1-3 compares Israel to an adulterous wife. Hosea 4-10 lists Israel’s sins. Hoses 11-14 affirms God’s love.
- Joel was one of the earliest prophets. He warned Judah about a coming plague of locusts (Joel 1), called people to return to God (Joel 2), and gave them hope of God’s blessing in the future (Joel 3).
- The book of James is a practical guide on how faith works. James says real faith will be seen by others through our works. The book has been compared to Proverbs (wisdom), Amos (social justice), and Jesus’ “Sermon on the Mount” (topics).
- James was likely written by Jesus’ half-brother who did not believe until he saw the risen Christ (John 7:5, 1Cor 15:7). James became a leader in the early church (Acts 15:13).
- The book of 1Peter is Peter’s encouragement to early Jewish believers who were scattered far from their land (1Pet 1:1-2). He wanted them to understand and benefit from Christ-like suffering (1Pet 1:6-7, 2:18-21, 3:14-18, 4:12-19, 5:6-10).

## Look for this:

337. Why God told Hosea to marry a prostitute (Hos 1); Why we should rejoice when we are facing trials (Jas 1)
338. What three godly qualities were missing in the land (Hos 4); Why it is important to control your tongue, words (Jas 3)
339. What God desires more than sacrifices and offerings (Hos 6); How God treats people who are proud, arrogant (Jas 4)
340. How God had compassion on Israel while they sinned (Hos 11); What people need to grow spiritually (1Pet 2)
341. What Israel was supposed to do to return to God (Hos 12); What question we should be prepared to answer (1Pet 3)
342. What Joel lists as God's character qualities (Joel 2); What attitudes Christian leaders should cultivate (1Pet 5)