

Daily Lectionary Calendar

DAILY LECTIONARY – July 2014
 Notes from: Prepare the Way of the Lord, Lessing and Steinmann, pp. 163 – 178 & 189 - 210

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<u>6</u> 4 th S. a. Pentecost Joshua 24:1-31 Acts 13:1-12 Ps. 100 & 5:1-8	<u>7</u> Judg. 2:6-23 Acts 13:13-41 Ps. 2:1-8 & 78:56-72	<u>8</u> Judg. 3:7-31 Acts 13:42-52 Ps. 16:5-11 & 139:12-18	<u>9</u> Judg. 4:1-24 Acts 14:1-18 Ps. 138:1-6 & 86:8-17	<u>10</u> Judg. 6:1-24 Acts 14:19 --15:5 Ps. 125 & 7:1-8	<u>11</u> Judg. 6:25-40 Acts 15:6-21 Ps. 5	<u>12</u> Judg. 7:1-23 Gal. 1:1-24 Ps. 118:10-18 & 108
<u>13</u> 5 th S. a. Pentecost Judg. 13:1-25 Gal. 2:1-21 Ps. 71	<u>14</u> Judg. 14:1-20 Gal. 3:1-22 Ps. 119:1-8 & 1	<u>15</u> Judg. 15:1--16:3 Gal. 3:23 --4:11 Ps. 33:13-22 & 27	<u>16</u> Judg. 16:4-30 Gal. 4:12-31 Ps. 21	<u>17</u> 1 Sam. 1:1-20 Gal. 5:1-26 Ps. 92	<u>18</u> 1 Sam. 1:21--2:17 Gal. 6:1-18 Ps. 20 & 131	<u>19</u> 1 Sam. 2:18-36 Acts 15:22-41 Ps. 82 & 136
<u>20</u> 6 th S. a. Pentecost 1 Sam. 3:1-21 Acts 16:1-22 Ps. 119:57-64 & 115:9-18	<u>21</u> 1 Sam. 4:1-22 Acts 16:23-40 Ps. 106	<u>22</u> 1 Sam. 5:1--6:3,10-16 Acts 18:1-11, 23-28 Ps. 137:1-7 & 56	<u>23</u> 1 Sam. 6:19 -- 7:17 Acts 19:1-22 Ps. 119:113-120 & 141	<u>24</u> 1 Sam. 8:1-22 Acts 21:15-36 Ps. 24	<u>25</u> 1 Sam. 9:1-27 Acts 21:37 -- 22:16 Ps. 63:1-8 & 149	<u>26</u> 1 Sam. 10:1-27 Acts 22:17-29 Ps. 69:30-35 & 70
<u>27</u> 7 th S. a. Pentecost 1 Sam. 12:1-25 Acts 22:30 -- 23:11 Ps. 119:17-24 & 141	<u>28</u> 1 Sam. 13:1-18 Acts 23:12-35 Ps. 59:1-5 & 57	<u>29</u> 1 Sam. 14:47 -- 15:9 Acts 24:1-23 Ps. 119:41-48 & 13	<u>30</u> 1 Sam. 15:10-35 Acts 24:24 -- 25:12 Ps. 50:1-6 & 130	<u>31</u> 1 Sam. 16:1-23 Acts 25:13-27 Ps. 80		

JUDGES: The book of Judges is not a memorial to Israel's heroes of yesteryear as much as it is a testimony to Yahweh's gracious resolve to preserve his people by answering their cries of distress and providing for their salvation. God could not rescind Israel's election because of his promises to the patriarchs; as he says, "I will never break my covenant with you." Yahweh's love is irrevocable and so he is Israel's Savior. ---- Judges 2:11 -- 3:9 is the theological center of the book. Its message may be illustrated using A, B, C, and D: **A**postasy, Israel sins (Judg 2:11); **B**attering, Yahweh disciplines his people (Judg 2:14); **C**rying out is Israel's only hope (Judg 3:9); and **D**eilverance, Yahweh raises up judges to save his people (Judg 2:16). Tragically, this sequence repeats itself over and over again. The only solution is God's gift of the monarchy. This becomes the main theme in 1 and 2 Samuel.

SAMUEL: In English Bibles, the book of Samuel is divided into two volumes, a division that most likely first appeared when Samuel was translated into Greek sometime before Christ. The last years of the judges and the reign of Saul are covered in 1 Samuel, while the reign of David is depicted in 2 Samuel. ---- ... the narrative of Samuel is knit together not by the human characters but by Yahweh. The book's literary goal is to portray God as the one who deals patiently and mercifully with sinners—Israel as a whole as well as its leaders—Eli, Samuel, Saul, David, ... and others. The skillful literary weaving together of the events of Israel's history is designed to show the readers that their God is gracious despite human failings, joyful when humans respond to his love in faith and obedience, and long-suffering with human failures and recalcitrance. ... God holds those whom he has placed in positions of authority especially accountable for their sins because their actions affect those whom they rule. Thus, Saul's decisions have dire consequences of all