

## 5 year Bible reading plan – week 29

**Week 29– w/c 28/5/17**

**Monday: Matthew 14:1-13.** Why was Herod distressed (v9)? Certainly not because of concern for John as verse 5 makes clear. Probably he was concerned about the people's reaction and the political implications. In our treatment of others, we must be genuinely concerned for them, not just for how it will affect us!

**Tuesday: Genesis 26:1-35.** Isaac's first personal experience of God results in his response of worship, prayer, pitching his tent and digging a well, indicating a desire to stay in the place of blessing. How did you respond to the last occasion when God spoke into your life?

**Wednesday: Judges 4:1-24.** Verse 3 indicates there were 20 years of prayer before Deborah and Barak led Israel and threw off the oppressive rule of Jabin. Sometimes prolonged periods of prayer are needed to obtain release from issues that restrict us.

**Thursday: Psalm 23:1-24:10.** These two Psalms are sometimes referred to as the Psalms of the Crook and the Crown, following on from Psalm 22 (the Psalm of the Cross). Today focus on God as the Creator of the universe, who is also the Shepherd who gently leads us and guides us, and use these thoughts as a basis for your praise and worship today.

**Friday: Isaiah 30:18-33.** After rebuking Israel and promising judgement, today's reading opens with a promise that God longs to bless us. Do you really believe what this verse teaches? If so, will you wait and trust God to shower you with grace and compassion, whatever you are facing today?

**Saturday: Romans 15:1-22.** Meditate on verse 13. Pray for those you care about, that they may experience his joy and peace and trust in him, so that the Holy Spirit will overflow in their lives. Pray this also for yourself, today.