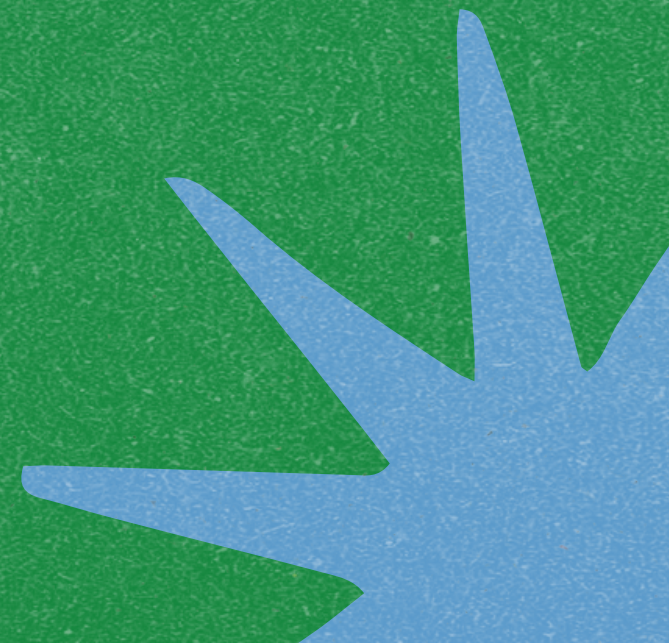
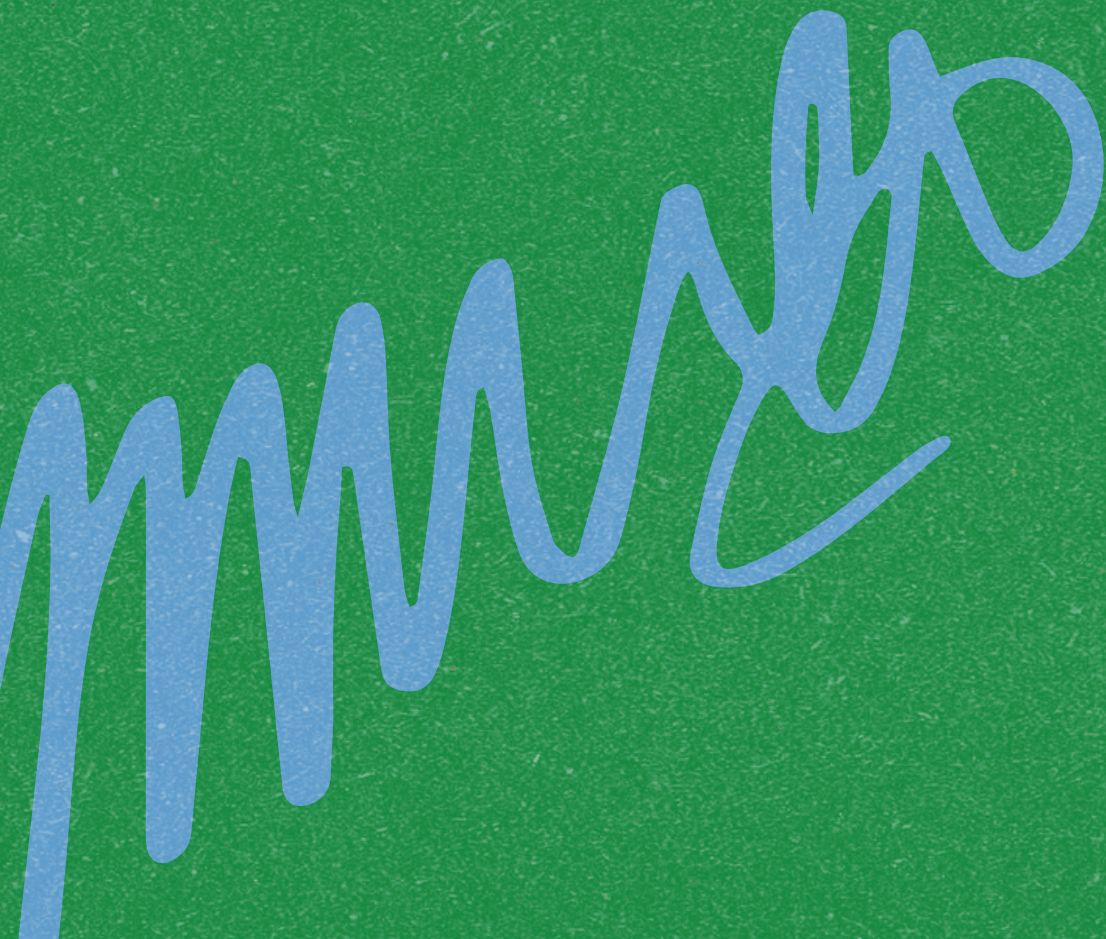
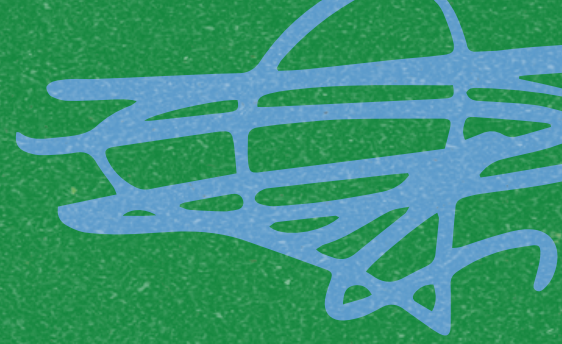


# STEP INTO SCRIPTURE

**WEEK 12: DWELLING: THE STORY OF  
GOD'S PRESENCE WITH HIS PEOPLE**



# BIBLE READING PLAN





# THIS WEEK'S READING:



WED, JULY 16	PROVERBS 25–26
THU, JULY 17	PROVERBS 27–29
FRI, JULY 18	ECCLESIASTES 1–6
SAT, JULY 19	ECCLESIASTES 7–12
SUN, JULY 20	1 KINGS 10–11; 2 CHRONICLES 9
MON, JULY 21	PROVERBS 30–31
TUE, JULY 22	1 KINGS 12–14





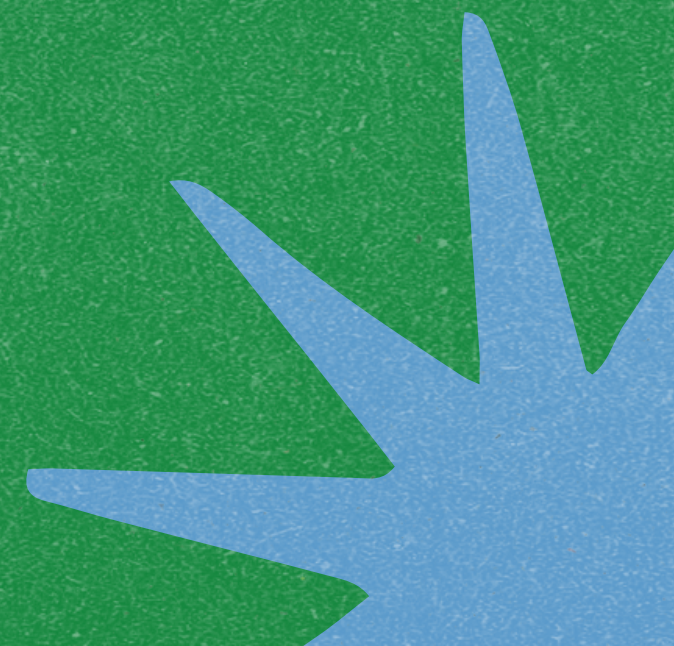


# SCHEDULE

30 MINUTES FOR ARRIVAL, FELLOWSHIP, AND READING

30 MINUTES FOR TEACHING

30 MINUTES FOR TABLE DISCUSSION & ANNOUNCEMENTS





# TODAYS READING

PROVERBS 25–26

DAY 168 IN STEP INTO SCRIPTURE





# 1 CHRONICLES 22:9–10

“BUT YOU WILL HAVE A SON WHO WILL  
BE A MAN OF PEACE AND REST... HE IS  
THE ONE WHO WILL BUILD A HOUSE  
FOR MY NAME.”



# EXODUS 40:34–35

“THEN THE CLOUD COVERED THE TENT OF MEETING, AND THE GLORY OF THE LORD FILLED THE TABERNACLE. MOSES COULD NOT ENTER THE TENT OF MEETING BECAUSE THE CLOUD HAD SETTLED ON IT, AND THE GLORY OF THE LORD FILLED THE TABERNACLE.”



# 1 KINGS 8:10–11

“WHEN THE PRIESTS WITHDREW FROM THE HOLY PLACE, THE CLOUD FILLED THE TEMPLE OF THE LORD... FOR THE GLORY OF THE LORD FILLED HIS TEMPLE.”



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GENESIS 3 TELLS US THAT THE MAN  
AND WOMAN “HEARD THE SOUND OF  
THE LORD GOD AS HE WAS WALKING  
IN THE GARDEN IN THE COOL OF THE  
DAY.”

GENESIS 3:8



“What am I here for?  
What is the purpose  
of my life?”

YOU WERE CREATED TO LOVE THE  
LORD YOUR GOD AND TO LIVE IN  
COMMUNION WITH HIM FOR ETERNITY.



# GENESIS 3:22

“HE MUST NOT BE ALLOWED TO REACH  
OUT HIS HAND AND TAKE ALSO FROM  
THE TREE OF LIFE AND EAT, AND LIVE  
FOREVER.”







# EXODUS 33:3

“GO UP TO THE LAND FLOWING WITH MILK AND HONEY. BUT I WILL NOT GO WITH YOU, BECAUSE YOU ARE A STIFF-NECKED PEOPLE AND I MIGHT DESTROY YOU ON THE WAY.”



# GOD REQUIRED OBEDIENCE, WHICH INCLUDED:

- THE CONSTRUCTION OF A TABERNACLE (EXODUS 25–31),
- THE ORDAINING OF A PRIESTHOOD (EXODUS 28–29),
- AND THE INSTITUTION OF A SACRIFICIAL SYSTEM TO ATONE FOR SIN (LEVITICUS 1–7).



THIS TABERNACLE WAS THE FORERUNNER OF THE TEMPLE WE'RE NOW READING ABOUT IN SOLOMON'S DAY. AT THE HEART OF BOTH THE TABERNACLE AND THE TEMPLE WAS THE MOST HOLY PLACE, WHICH HOUSED THE ARK OF THE COVENANT—THE SACRED OBJECT THAT REPRESENTED GOD'S THRONE AND PRESENCE ON EARTH (EXODUS 25:10–22).



ONCE ISRAEL WAS SETTLED IN CANAAN, A MORE PERMANENT TABERNACLE COMPLEX WAS ESTABLISHED AT SHILOH, LOCATED IN THE HILL COUNTRY OF EPHRAIM, THE TRIBAL LAND OF JOSHUA, WHO HAD SUCCEEDED MOSES (JOSHUA 18:1; JUDGES 21:19).



THE TALMUD (ZEVACHIM 118B)  
DESCRIBES IT THIS WAY:

**“SHILOH WAS A PLACE OF STONE WALLS  
AND A CLOTH ROOF.”**



# JUDGES 21:19

BUT LOOK, THERE IS THE ANNUAL  
FESTIVAL OF THE LORD IN SHILOH,  
WHICH IS NORTH OF BETHEL, EAST OF  
THE ROAD THAT GOES FROM BETHEL  
TO SHECHEM, AND SOUTH OF  
LEBONAH.



THE HOLY OF HOLIES AT SHILOH WAS IDENTIFIED BASED ON THE EAST-WEST ORIENTATION DESCRIBED IN SCRIPTURE (EXODUS 26:22–23; NUMBERS 3:38), AS WELL AS THE DIMENSIONS MATCHING THE BIBLICAL BLUEPRINT OF THE TABERNACLE (EXODUS 26:15–30).



# PASTOR MATT EXCAVATING THE MOST HOLY PLACE AT SHILOH, WHERE SAMUEL SLEPT BY THE ARK OF THE COVENANT.







THE ARK WAS NEVER ABOUT THE OBJECT  
ITSELF. IT REPRESENTED SOMETHING FAR  
GREATER: THE PRESENCE OF THE  
ALMIGHTY, SOVEREIGN GOD, THE SAME  
GOD WHO CANNOT BE CONTAINED IN A  
BOX, A TENT, OR EVEN A GARDEN.



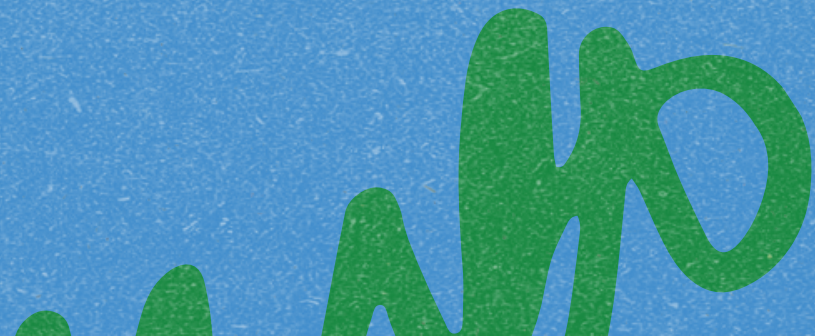


BECAUSE FINITE HUMANS STRUGGLE TO GRASP A GOD SO IMMENSE, HE GRACIOUSLY GAVE ISRAEL PHYSICAL SYMBOLS OF HIS PRESENCE—THE TABERNACLE, THE ARK, THE TEMPLE—SO THEY COULD BETTER UNDERSTAND THE IDEA OF A HOLY, PERFECT GOD DWELLING AMONG THEM.



# 2 SAMUEL 7:2

“HERE I AM, LIVING IN A HOUSE OF CEDAR, WHILE THE ARK OF GOD REMAINS IN A TENT.”





# 2 CHRONICLES 8:11

“MY WIFE MUST NOT LIVE IN THE  
PALACE OF DAVID KING OF ISRAEL,  
BECAUSE THE PLACES THE ARK OF  
THE LORD HAS ENTERED ARE HOLY.”



# 1 KINGS 8:10-11

“WHEN THE PRIESTS WITHDREW FROM THE HOLY PLACE, THE CLOUD FILLED THE TEMPLE OF THE LORD, AND THE PRIESTS COULD NOT PERFORM THEIR SERVICE BECAUSE OF THE CLOUD, FOR THE GLORY OF THE LORD FILLED HIS TEMPLE.”



# 1 KINGS 8:12-13


“THE LORD HAS SAID THAT HE WOULD DWELL IN A DARK CLOUD. I HAVE INDEED BUILT A MAGNIFICENT TEMPLE FOR YOU, A PLACE FOR YOU TO DWELL FOREVER.”




# 2 CHRONICLES 36:18–19

“HE [NEBUCHADNEZZAR, THE BABYLONIAN KING] CARRIED TO BABYLON ALL THE ARTICLES FROM THE TEMPLE OF GOD, BOTH LARGE AND SMALL, AND THE TREASURES OF THE LORD’S TEMPLE AND THE TREASURES OF THE KING AND HIS OFFICIALS. THEY SET FIRE TO GOD’S TEMPLE AND BROKE DOWN THE WALL OF JERUSALEM; THEY BURNED ALL THE PALACES AND DESTROYED EVERYTHING OF VALUE THERE.”







THE TEMPLE WAS AN ACT OF GRACE—A TANGIBLE WAY FOR GOD TO ILLUSTRATE BOTH THE POWER OF HIS PRESENCE AND THE HOLINESS REQUIRED TO DWELL IN FELLOWSHIP WITH HIM. IT WAS A CONCRETE, VISIBLE EXPRESSION OF A SPIRITUAL REALITY, GIVEN TO HELP FINITE PEOPLE GRASP AN INFINITE GOD.







IN A BROKEN AND SINFUL WORLD, GOD  
COULD NEVER FULLY DWELL WITH HIS  
PEOPLE UNTIL HE DWELLED IN THEM—AND  
MADE THEM HOLY.





# JOHN 1:14



THE WORD BECAME FLESH AND MADE HIS  
DWELLING AMONG US. WE HAVE SEEN HIS  
GLORY, THE GLORY OF THE ONE AND ONLY SON,  
WHO CAME FROM THE FATHER, FULL OF GRACE  
AND TRUTH.



# REVELATION 21:22-23

I DID NOT SEE A TEMPLE IN THE CITY, BECAUSE THE LORD GOD ALMIGHTY AND THE LAMB ARE ITS TEMPLE. THE CITY DOES NOT NEED THE SUN OR THE MOON TO SHINE ON IT, FOR THE GLORY OF GOD GIVES IT LIGHT, AND THE LAMB IS ITS LAMP.



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- IN EDEN, WE LOST THAT FELLOWSHIP.
  - AT SINAI, WE SAW WHAT IT REQUIRED.
  - IN THE TEMPLE, WE SAW IT SYMBOLIZED.
  - IN EXILE, WE SAW ITS ABSENCE.
  - IN JESUS, WE SAW IT FULFILLED.
  - AND IN THE NEW JERUSALEM, WE WILL EXPERIENCE IT FOREVER, FACE TO FACE.
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**GOD DOESN'T JUST WANT TO BE NEAR YOU. HE  
WANTS TO DWELL WITH YOU. AND IN YOU.**





# 1 CORINTHIANS 6:19

19 DO YOU NOT KNOW THAT YOUR BODIES ARE  
TEMPLES OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, WHO IS IN YOU,  
WHOM YOU HAVE RECEIVED FROM GOD? YOU  
ARE NOT YOUR OWN;



