

Week 30: July 28 (July 21–July 27)

- The Temple is finished, the Ark is placed in the “Most Holy Place”, and then the “glory of the Lord” filled the Temple
- When a foreigner comes to the Temple, the Israelites are instructed, “do whatever the foreigner asks of you...”
- The Queen of Sheba comes to visit and learn from Solomon’s great wisdom.
- Solomon’s wealth expands, but it eventually trips him up and leads him away from God
- Solomon dies; his son Rehoboam succeeds him and turns from God, and after him, one bad king follows after another, with few exceptions
- Paul tells us that in our new life in Christ, “we have been released from the law so that we can serve in the new way of the Spirit.”
- The law is still helpful to guide us, and especially to help us understand what is sinful and wrong
- Paul’s famous statement, “I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do.”
- Peterson’s paraphrase from *The Message*: “What I don’t understand about myself is that I decide one way, but then I act another, doing things I absolutely despise. So if I can’t be trusted to figure out what is best for myself and then do it, it becomes obvious that God’s command is necessary.”
- “Those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires.... The mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace.”
- “The Spirit gives life because of righteousness... for those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God.
- “The Spirit helps us in our weakness... We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us ...
- “We know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him... If God is for us, who can be against us?
- “For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depths, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”
- “Faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word about Christ”
- “I was found by those who did not seek me; I revealed myself to those who did not ask for me.” (citing Isaiah 65:1)
- “Salvation has come to the Gentiles to make Israel envious”

- Psalm 19:1 - “The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands”
- Proverbs 19:22 - “What a person desires is unfailing love”;
- Proverbs 19:22b - “Better to be poor than a liar”
- Proverbs 20:1 - “Wine is a mocker and beer a brawler; whoever is led astray by them is not wise.”
- Proverbs 20:3 - “It is to one’s honor to avoid strife, but every fool is quick to quarrel”
- Proverbs 20:5 - “The purposes of a person’s heart are deep waters, but one who has insight draws them out”