

# Introduction

In the Name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. One God. Amen.

Dear beloved,

As we are gearing up for the Holy and Great Fast, an idea was brought up by some of the youth that we participate together in a daily reading plan and study of the Scripture.

We have put together a reading plan that we can follow and which will be accompanied by some explanations, context, and meditations. The goal of the reading plan is to study the period of time in the Scripture known as the Divided Kingdom. From the death of King Solomon to the captivity of Judah by Babylon. And we wanted to study it from the perspective of the Prophets and specifically the 12 Minor Prophets.

In Week 1, we will see the Prophets Elijah and Elisha. In Week 2, we will read Hosea. In Week 3, Amos. In Week 4, Jonah, Nahum, Obadiah and a chapter from Isaiah. In Week 5, we will read about Isaiah and the deliverance of Judah from the Assyrian Captivity. In Week 6, Micah. In Week 7, Joel, Zephaniah, Habakkuk and a chapter from Jeremiah. And that will take us to the Captivity of Judah concluding our study.

Although some of these books are the shortest books in the Scripture, they are sometimes the most difficult to understand. Let us spend the Holy Great Fast, at least the time before Pascha Week, reading, studying and meditating on the Holy Scripture, encouraging and learning from each other.

Every Sunday, God willing, we will send a voice message to give some context to the readings of that week. And then every day a message about the reading - an explanation, meditation, application, etc. I'll encourage you all, also to participate in sending portions or verses that stood out to you and can be beneficial for others. We won't have any scheduled readings on Sundays, but Sunday will act as a catch-up day if you fall behind.

I pray that this study will enrich our lives with reading the Scripture daily, and meditating on the word of God. May the Lord use this plan for His glory and for our edification leading to our salvation. May we reach the Holy Pascha week with a strong foundation for hearing the Prophecies read, and a strong spiritual foundation.

Wishing you all a blessed Holy and Great Fast

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