

Dear Pilgrims of Faith,

I pray you are well.

I trust most of you have read and enjoyed Tobit by now as well as read Daniel, at least Daniel 7. I would be interested in hearing what you see as being (somewhat) different from what we have been reading and learning through the prophetic texts. What evokes familiar themes, images, and texts, e.g., creation, captivity, Mosaic tradition, Davidic tradition?

We are just about to meet the Greeks, the new world power to follow the Persians (as well all the previous empires of the Babylonians, the Assyrians, and the Egyptians). Please review Daniel, read 1 Macc 1-2; 4.36-61 (Hanukkah)—online at www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=1%20Maccabees%201&version=NRSVUE

If you are adventurous:

skim all of 1 Macc

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read Matthew 1-3

especially Matthew 1.1-17

consider the Greeks:

www.pbs.org/empires/thegreeks/htmlver

As always, I look forward to **your observations and questions**, and please never hesitate to **suggest any biblical, theological, or life topics** along the way, even if they are only tangentially related. We can be flexible and take detours on our journey through the Bible. Remember that the unofficial title of our Bible study thus far is “Anything and everything you always wanted to ask about the Bible but were to afraid or busy to ask.”

Please see the **“syllabus” online** for where we are headed: **Bible intro 2021-04 Ann’s Choice** (also attached; printed copies available in front of my office in Resident Life, Liberty Commons).

For Zoomers, here are the instructions:

Zoom (online or using an app):

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82395191045?pwd=TTRiQklwR2RhRzZkNFNxU2RRbGRoUT09>

Meeting ID: 823 9519 1045

Meeting Password: annschoice

Dial in by telephone: nearest phone access in New York City

Dial 1 (929) 205 6099

Enter Meeting ID: 823 9519 1045, followed by “#”

Enter Passcode: 394871 if requested

See you in class or via Zoom. Have a wonder-ful evening.

With prayer and best wishes,

