

Narrative Lectionary Summer 2025 Readings

The Narrative Lectionary is a [four-year cycle of readings](#) that runs from the Sunday after Labor Day to the Day of Pentecost. The rest of the year (First Sunday after Pentecost through the Sunday before Labor Day) consists of preaching series on biblical books or topics that fall outside the narrative cycle.

This summer session is particularly short, so it contains one series from the Old Testament and one series from the New Testament. If you'd like to replace one of those with a catechetical series (Ten Commandments, Sacraments, Creeds or Lord's Prayer), please consult the [Narrative FAQ page](#) for past series.

As with the rest of the Narrative Lectionary, worship planners can exercise their evangelical freedom in selecting preaching series that suit the needs of their particular community of faith.

Working Preacher will post commentaries (text and podcast) that provide an overview for each series at least one month in advance of the first date for each series. Go to www.narrativelectionary.org and on the calendar next to the artwork, select the first date in a series to find the commentary and podcast for that preaching series.

Summer 2025 (12 weeks from June 15 – August 31, 2025)

Jeremiah (6 weeks): see [Steed Davidson's 2021 series](#)

- 6/15/2025: Jeremiah 1:1-10 (Call and Temple Sermon)
Accompanying text: John 2:13-22 (The Cleansing of the Temple)
- 6/22/2025: Jeremiah 18:1-11 (Potter and the Clay)
Accompanying text: John 15:1-8 (The Vinedresser)
- 6/29/2025: Jeremiah 36:1-8, 21-23, 27-31 (Scroll Burned and Rewritten)
Accompanying text: John 5:31-38 (Testimony about Jesus)
- 7/06/2025: Jeremiah 29:1, 4-14 (Letter to the Exiles)
Accompanying text: John 16:7-15 (The Sending of the Paraclete)
- 7/13/2025: Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15 Planting and Building
Accompanying text: John 4:34-38 (Fields Ready for Harvest)
- 7/20/2025: Jeremiah 33:14-18; 31:31-34 Messiah and New Covenant
Accompanying text: John 17:1-8 (The Glorification of the Son)

Revelation (7 weeks): new commentaries to be posted in June

- 7/27/2025: Revelation 1:4-8 (Greetings and 1st Vision)
Accompanying text: John 8:13-20 (Jesus' Testimony)
- 8/03/2025: Revelation 4:1-11 (The Elders and the Four Living Creatures)
Accompanying text: John 17:1-5 (The Glorification of the Son)
- 8/10/2025: Revelation 5:1-13 (The Seven Seals)
Accompanying text: John 1:29-31 (The Lamb of God)
- 8/17/2025: Revelation 7:9-17 (The Multitude from Every Nation)
Accompanying text: John 14:1-4 (The Father's House)
- 8/24/2025: Revelation 13:1-18 (The Beast and the Dragon)
Accompanying text: John 12:30-32 (The Judgment of the World)
- 8/31/2025: Revelation 21:1-6; 22:1-5 (The New Heaven and the New Jerusalem)
Accompanying text: John 4:1-14 (The True Place of Worship)