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guide
to reading the
Bible
in a year

a life-changing journey into the heart of God

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reasons for rejoicing

What would life look like as the Israelites lived out their set-apart relationship with God? Leviticus turns its focus to holiness in personal conduct, first for individuals and then for Israel's priests. At specified feasts (festivals) throughout the year, individuals came together to celebrate their relationship with God and thank him for his gifts. Fellow Israelites who sold themselves as slaves were to be treated as hired workers and set free after six years of service (Deuteronomy 15:12) or during the Year of Jubilee, which occurred every fifty years.

The gospel of Luke includes details about Jesus' birth and early years from his mother's perspective, including the encounter at the temple with Simeon and Anna, aged and godly, who recognized baby Jesus as the Savior and rejoiced.

Luke, a Gentile physician, never met Jesus but compiled his account of Jesus' life through careful investigation and interviews (very likely including talks with Mary, Jesus' mother). In a red-letter Bible, much of Luke appears in red type because much of the book directly quotes Jesus' teaching, including many of his parables. Luke also records many of the miracles that supported Jesus' claims of authority.

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Knowing the Word of God is your best weapon against the lies that the enemy will tell you.

—Christy Miller

 **Share the Journey**

How did you experience God's heart in this week's reading?

Something you learned or an insight you gained

A verse or passage you'd like to remember

Questions