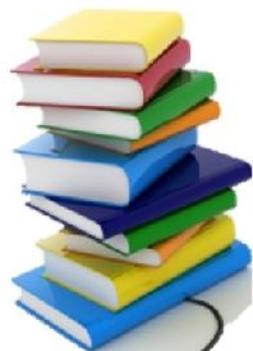


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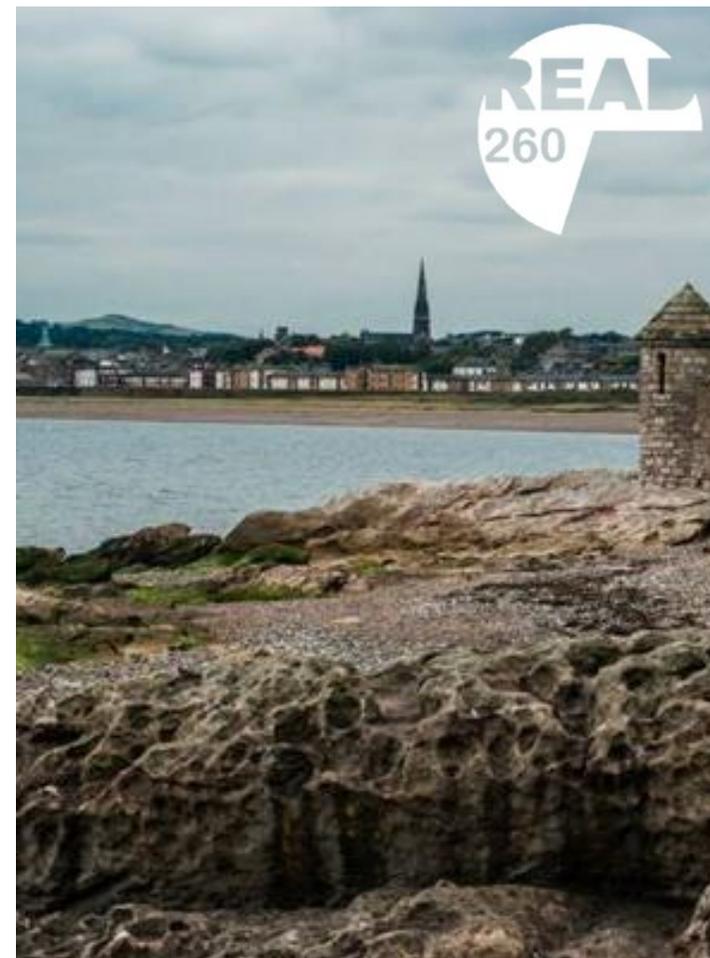
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Did you know there are 260 chapters in the New Testament? Did you also know that there are 260 weekdays in a year? This seemed like an opportunity too good to miss, so here at Newcraigs we're reading the whole New Testament throughout 2014, from Matthew to Revelation.

How you take part is up to you; you might read a chapter each morning before you start the day or go to work, or read together with your family around the dinner table. You might meet up with a few friends, once a week, to read and discuss that week's chapters, or catch up online during your lunch break.

What really matters is that we're listening to God, as he speaks to us through his Word. We want this to be as flexible as it can be. We don't want to stress you out by giving you another thing you "have to do", or make you feel guilty if you miss a day, but we hope that you can carve out some time this year for READ260. The aim is simple; to listen to God, as we read his Word together, and let him transform us.



I hope you've enjoyed READ260 this year. Whether you've kept the pace, slipped behind, or you're just joining us for December, my prayer is that God will have been speaking to you through his word.

As we enter the season of advent, looking back to Jesus' birth, in obscurity and poverty, READ260 brings us to the book of Revelation and the promise of his second coming. This event could not be more different from the first. The promised king returns to reign. There will be no question as to his identity, or authority; he will right every wrong, make all things new and wipe away every tear.

Revelation

For many, the book of Revelation is a bit intimidating! It's written in a genre called apocalyptic, which isn't used anymore, so it feels alien to modern ears. Some of the imagery can be confusing, even terrifying at times. This book has also been a theological battle ground for many years and the controversy can be off putting (or alluring for some!). But the heart of this book can be expressed very simply, in just a few words; "the Lamb wins!"

Revelation is written to Christians in a hostile world, but the sure conviction of this book is that they are on the winning side. Although the world may stand in opposition to Jesus and evil may seem to triumph, the king is coming. He will return to fulfil all that scripture promises, and so the Bible ends with this great cry, "Come, Lord Jesus."

What next?

For some of you, this may have been the first time in your life that you've read the Bible regularly for yourself. Let me encourage you to keep this up; habits can sometimes be deadly for our spiritual lives if they turn into empty rituals, but they can also be transformational. Now that you've carved out the space in your life to read the Bible each day, don't lose it.

Take stock during December and think about what you'd like to study next. You could start from the beginning and take a fresh look at those familiar stories in Genesis; you could wrestle, along with David and the psalmists, with the highs and lows of faith in God, expressed in the Psalms; you could look at the lives of judges, kings and prophets in the history books of the Old Testament; or you could turn back to one of the New Testament books we've read this year and take the time to go deeper. The possibilities are endless, but make sure you get stuck into God's word in 2015.

We are so blessed in the UK to have tonnes of resources to help us study the Bible. Maybe the next step for you after READ260 is to get hold of some daily Bible study notes.

Resources

I would really recommend Explore, published by the Good Book Company. They work through books of the Bible passage by passage, like we've done this year, approaching each text on its own terms. Explore gives you questions, pointing you back to the Bible to find the answers. You'll also get questions to help you to consider how each passage applies to your life. There are many great daily Bible study tools. Try a few and find one that helps you dig deeper into God's Word.