# March 1, 2020,

### **TODAY:**

# God's Timing: An Exposition of Nehemiah 2 Remember to Pray for the Persecuted Christians Across the World

"Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

Matthew 5:10



## **DESERT LIGHT LET'S DO THIS!**

**There are 1,189** chapters in the Bible. If you read or listen to 4 chapters per day, less than 10 minutes (way less than many of you spend on Facebook!), 6 days a week, in 50 weeks you'll do **the whole Bible.** 

HERE IS THE PLAN, FOLLOW THE ORDER AND

Bible reading chart

Reading Order	Books to Read	
1	Genesis	
2	Joshua thru Ruth	
3	Job	
4	Isaiah	
5	Matthew	
6	Romans thru 2 Corinthians	
7	Exodus	
8	1 and 2 Samuel	
9	Psalms 1-50	
10	Jeremiah and Lamentations	
11	Mark	
12	Galatians thru 2 Thessalonians	
13	Leviticus	
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14	1 and 2 Kings	
15	Psalms 51-100	
16	Ezekiel	
17	Luke	
18	1 Timothy thru Philemon	
19	Numbers	
20	1 and 2 Chronicles	
21	Psalms 101-150	
22	Daniel thru Jonah	
23	John	
24	Hebrews thru Jude	
25	Deuteronomy	
26	Ezra thru Esther	
27	Proverbs thru Song of Solomon	
28	Micah thru Malachi	
29	Acts	
30	Revelation	

### Take the Test on God's Timing in a Crisis

### 1. Why wait?

- a) I have to choose the time
- b) Only God knows if we, others and the situation are ready for his time.
- c) Need time to get money
- 2. When things are bad for people we love:
- a) We need to see their situation
- b) We need to feel deep pain, God's pain
- c) Both a and b
- 3. When the enemy tries to confuse us:
- a) Have a better argument
- b) Have confidence in God not ourselves
- c) Talk about God
- d) Come to an agreement
- e) b and c

### WE NEED TEACHERS WHO ARE CALLED BY GOD

"Therefore, pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into the harvest (Matthew 9:38)

WE NEED MORE TEACHERS CALLED BY GOD TO HELP WITH SUNDAY SCHOOL, NURSERY, YOUTH, AND HOME

**FELLOWSHIPS.** If it's the time for you, and God is calling, we do need teachers for Sunday School, nursery, youth, home group, for after school bible clubs, and in other venues as God leads. "**Teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom**" Colossians 3:16

# Missionaries of the Month: Gavi and Elena Moldovan in Romania



Gavi's family has been hit by a house and a car crisis.

Gavi's daughter Gabriella, husband, and 5 children moved in with Gavi and Elena when their house burned down. Now Gavi's car doesn't work. Atascadero Bible Church pledged \$5,000 for another car if Gavi's ministry can match it with another \$5000. Would you consider giving above and beyond regular giving for this? Designate giving at Desert Light or at <a href="https://www.globalsharingusa.org/">https://www.globalsharingusa.org/</a>. At the website, click DONATE, then fill out the required info, then Global Ministry Partner Support, then click, Romania- Moldovan. Thank you!

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Pray for the persecuted Church!

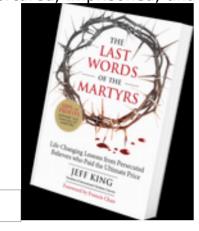
The top 11 most dangerous countries to be a Christian are:

- 1. North Korea
- 2. Afghanistan
- 3. Somalia
- 4. Libya
- 5. Pakistan
- 6. Sudan
- 7. Eritrea
- 8. Yemen
- 9. Iran

**10.** India

11. Syria

Jeff King's book, **LAST WORDS OF THE MARTYRS**, helps us see that many are dying for their faith. This will be a great help as we pray for brothers and sisters in the countries above where Christians are tortured, imprisoned, and murdered.



# Pray for Christians in Nigeria: Latest headline since the events that have been in the news: from Open Doors

We have extremely tragic news to report. Only 18 days after he was kidnapped by Boko Haram, Rev. Lawan Andimi, a senior leader in the Christian Association of Nigeria (CAN) and father of nine children, has been violently executed.

On Twitter, Nigerian journalist Ahmed Salkida reported that Rev. Lawan was beheaded on Monday afternoon, January 20. Salkida noted that he had obtained a video of the execution and had informed authorities. Open Doors has been able to



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#### **WEEKLY ACTIVITIES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Tuesday
7:30 AM- International District Ministries Connection

Interfaith Bible Center

Wednesday

9AM- Bible Study at Church Facility

7pmThursday Pray

Facility

Prayer at Church

### Saturday 8am Men's Breakfast Sunday

# 9:30 AM- Breakfast and Adult Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship 11AM Sunday School

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Thanks!



### NewMexicoPrays.org

- 1 . Pray for the lost to be saved.
- 2. Pray for unity among churches and pastors
- 3 . Pray for our state to be healed from abortion
- 4. Pray for violence to stop
- 5 . Pray for deliverance from substance abuse
- 6 . Pray for transformation in economy and education
- 7. Pray to break the spirit of witchcraft
- $\boldsymbol{8}$  . Pray for racial reconciliation

Join us Friday Night March 27, 6pm in our basement for a Passover Seder put on by Chosen People Ministries and a famous Desert Light pot luck!



Please donate to our breakfast ministry.



Do you now someone who is too poor to buy clothes? We have items available for those in need. Please take only if you're in real need or someone else is needy.

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### From the Pastor's Heart:

In 1978, Diane Ball, mother of 4 worked on a schedule, planned everything to the minute, including family vacation. She had a speaking engagement. Her husband, a maintenance man had a last-minute emergency, so he wasn't ready to go. Diane was furious that she might be late and finally asked God to give her peace. She heard the words "In His time," repeated them over and over, then heard more words: "He makes all things beautiful – in His time". **See Ecclesiastes 3:11.** Diane and her family arrived just in time... in His time. She wrote the song, "In His Time.

In His time, in His time, He makes all things beautiful in His time. Lord, please show me every day, as You're teaching me Your way, that You do just what You say, in Your time.

In Your time, in Your time, You make all things beautiful in Your time. Lord, my life to You I bring; may each song I have to sing be to You a lovely thing, in Your time.

Nehemiah chapter 2 is about a man with a burden who wanted things to change for his desperate people in their broken down city of Jerusalem. The walls were broken down, gates burned and the people were terrorized by those who hated them. He waited... and then began to change things, in God's time.