

**Bible Challenge 2014**  
**Going Deeper – Questions for Readings**  
**Week 37**

**Why is God showing Ezekiel a “blueprint” of how to build a new Temple in Jerusalem? What is this Temple meant to symbolize to the Israelites? Why would this have been a vision of hope for Ezekiel? (Ezekiel 43)**

**What is the role and responsibility of the priests to be in the new Temple? How are they to fulfill this role? What commandments from God must they follow? Why? (Ezekiel 44)**

**What do you think the vision in Ezekiel 47:1-12 symbolizes? Why do you think God showed this vision to Ezekiel?**

**What is the last verse of the Book of Ezekiel? Is this a significant way to end Ezekiel’s prophecy? Why or why not?**

**What is the historical context in which the Book of Joel is written? To whom is Joel speaking? Why? What meaning does this short book of the Bible have for us today?**

**How do Daniel and his friends (Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego) remain faithful to God in the midst of the pressures to assimilate to the ways of the Babylonians? (Daniel 1)**

**What spiritual gift does God give Daniel that keeps him and his friends safe from King Nebuchadnezzar’s rage? (Daniel 2) What does this gift allow Daniel to do that no one else can?**

**Why are Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego thrown into a furnace by King Nebuchadnezzar? What happens to them? What does this story teach us about God, idolatry, and faith? (Daniel 3)**

**What is the message written on the wall of King Belshazzar's throne room in Daniel 5? What does it mean? Why was it frightening to the Babylonians and a word of hope for the Israelites living in exile?**

**Why is Daniel thrown into a lion's den? What happened to him? What does this story teach us about God, prayer, and faith? (Daniel 6)**

**What is the meaning of the two visions the prophet receives in Daniel 7 and 8? Why might some people believe Daniel 7:13-14 is a "messianic" prophecy?**