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- 1 Cor 12:12-27
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- Gal 4:17-19
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- Rev 21:1-7

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On the Queer Ministry website, you will find detailed information about

- current events organised by Queer Ministry
- the pastoral and theological foundations of Queer Pastoral Care
- information on blessings for queer couples

You will also find contact details

- for the ministers for LGBTI+ pastoral care
- for the diocesan Queer Pastoral Working Group
- for Christian LGBTI+ groups within the Archdiocese
- for queer-sensitive institutions run by Caritas Munich and Freising



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# BIBLE 4 QUEERS

## The Word of God for queer people

The Bible has often been used to justify discrimination and exclusion of queer people. However, this interpretation does not do justice to the biblical texts and ignores alternative interpretations, as biblical scholarship has shown.

This new perspective opens space for the theological insight that the Word of God is, of course, also addressed to queer people. The Bible brings them the good news that God created every human being in his image with equal dignity and loves them – even beyond death. Queer people are invited to engage with the biblical message and discover it for themselves.

## A selection for a whole year

The selection of biblical texts presented here as a reading plan for the whole year is intended to offer inspiration. Four criteria guided the selection:

- Scenes that do not correspond to the heteronormative or sex-negative thinking of antiquity or the present day because they contain same-sex scenes or moments of queer sexuality or gender.
- Situations with which many LGBTIQ+ people can identify because they have had similar experiences.
- Texts that address general biblical values (such as 'love,' 'justice,' 'solidarity') that must also apply to queer people.
- Statements that contain encouragement or promises that queer believers – like all believers – can relate to.

Bible passages that have often been used in the past as evidence against queer people have also been included. They are marked with an \*. Dealing with them is still important for many queer

people, and it is worth finding out about queer-friendly interpretations. Bible passages that depict sexualised violence are marked with \*\*.

## Reading with queer eyes

Bible 4 Queers aims to encourage queer people to read the Bible with their own eyes. With the Book of Ruth and the Books of Samuel, texts about couples that have always been of great importance to lesbian, gay and bisexual people have been deliberately placed at the beginning followed by the Books of Kings and Prophets. At the same time, they initiate the story of hope for the coming of the Messiah, which was fulfilled at Christmas with the birth of Jesus Christ. Otherwise, the Bible passages follow the order of the Catholic canon of the Bible on which the selection is based. Two texts from the Book of Daniel, marked with \*\*\*, can be found in Protestant Bible translations under 'Additions to Daniel' 1 and 2:23–42, respectively.

It may not always be clear on first reading why a Bible passage has been included in this reading plan. Sometimes this may be due to the translation. It is therefore advisable to consult other Bible translations. Sometimes it may be because queer people have different experiences and texts strike different chords in them.

However, we hope that most of the chosen Bible texts will inspire you to fresh thinking about God, faith and life.

## QUEER BIBLE READING PLAN

### JANUARY

- Ruth 1
- Ruth 2
- Ruth 4
- 1 Sam 1:1–20
- 1 Sam 2:1–10
- 1 Sam 10:1–16
- 1 Sam 14:24–30
- 1 Sam 14:36–45
- 1 Sam 16:1–13
- 1 Sam 16:14–23
- 1 Sam 17:1–50
- 1 Sam 18:1–5
- 1 Sam 19:1–7
- 1 Sam 19:18–24
- 1 Sam 20:1–24a
- 1 Sam 20:24b–42
- 1 Sam 23:14–18
- 2 Sam 1:17–27
- 2 Sam 6:12–23
- 2 Sam 9:1–13
- 2 Sam 10:1–5
- 2 Sam 11:1–27
- 2 Sam 12:1–25
- 1 Kings 3:16–28
- 1 Kings 19:19f
- 2 Kings 2:1–8, 15
- 2 Kings 4:8–37\*\*
- 2 Kings 7:3–11
- Hos 2:16–22
- Hos 11:1–4, 7–9
- Amos 9:13f

### FEBRUARY

- Isa 1:17
- Isa 2:1–5
- Isa 7:10–16
- Isa 11:1–9
- Isa 20:1–6
- Isa 21:1–4
- Isa 32:1–8\*\*
- Isa 35:1–4a
- Isa 41:8–13
- Isa 42:13f
- Isa 43:1–4
- Isa 46:3f
- Isa 49:14–21
- Isa 50:4–9
- Isa 52:13–53:12
- Isa 54:1–7
- Isa 56:1–8
- Isa 66:7–13
- Jer 1:1–10
- Jer 3:11f, 19f
- Jer 4:19–21
- Jer 4:27–31\*\*
- Jer 9:3–5
- Jer 9:16–20
- Jer 16:1–4
- Jer 20:7–12\*\*
- Jer 22:18–23
- Jer 23:13f\*
- Jer 30:1–10

### MARCH

- Jer 31:2–9
- Jer 31:31–34
- Jer 38:1–13
- Jer 39:11–18
- Lam 3:52–59
- Bar 4:8
- Ezek 1:26–28
- Ezek 2:1–3:11
- Ezek 13
- Ezek 16:44–58
- Ezek 34:27–29
- Dan 1:3–21
- Dan 10:1–21
- Dan 13\*\*, \*\*\*
- Dan 14:23–42\*\*\*
- Joel 3:1–5
- Mic 4:1–4
- Mic 4:6–8
- Mic 5:1
- Mic 7:2–7
- Hab 1:1–4
- Hab 2:15f\*\*
- Zech 13:2–6
- Mal 2:10–16
- Gen 1:1–2:4a\*
- Gen 2:4b–25
- Gen 2:25–3:7
- Gen 3:8–24
- Gen 5:1–3
- Gen 9:8–17
- Gen 9:20–27

### APRIL

- Gen 18:1–15
- Gen 18:16–33
- Gen 19:1–29\*, \*\*
- Gen 24:1–9
- Gen 25:24–34
- Gen 27:1–29
- Gen 32:23–33
- Gen 37:2–4
- Gen 37:12–36
- Gen 38
- Gen 39:1–6
- Gen 39:7–20\*\*
- Gen 47:27–31
- Gen 49:22–26
- Ex 1:8–22
- Ex 3:1–14
- Ex 14:1–27
- Ex 17:1–7
- Ex 20:17
- Ex 22:17–19
- Ex 23:1–9
- Ex 28:42f
- Ex 33:18–34:6
- Ex 34:29–35
- Ex 35:30–36:2
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- Lev 19:15–18, 33f
- Lev 20:9–23\*
- Num 6:22–27
- Num 11:12

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- Num 27:1–11
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- Deut 23:2–4\*
- Deut 23:18f\*
- Deut 24:5
- Deut 24:7
- Deut 31:6
- Deut 32:9–11, 18
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- Josh 6
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- Judg 5:24–31\*\*
- Judg 16:4–22
- Judg 19:1–20:6\*, \*\*
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- Ps 5:9–13
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- Ps 17:6–13
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- Ps 31:1–9
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- Ps 42
- Ps 57
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- Ps 109:1–5, 21–28
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- Prov 8:17–21
- Prov 8:22–31
- Prov 31:8f
- Eccl 4:9–12
- Eccl 5:17–19
- Eccl 9:7–9
- Song 1:2–4

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