VCE Texts and Traditions
2025 Set texts, passages for
special study and themes

The following are the prescribed texts for 2025. Students may choose to study one of the following texts:

* The books of Jeremiah and Ezekiel
* The Gospel according to Luke
* The Gospel according to John
* The Qur’an

The set texts, passages for special study and themes for 2025 are set out below.

The books of Jeremiah and Ezekiel

Using the Jewish Publication Society (JPS) (1999) translation of the Hebrew–English Tanakh

Set chapters

Jeremiah: 2; 3; 7; 11; 12; 17; 23; 27; 29; 30; 31; 33

Ezekiel: 6; 12; 16:1–22; 17; 18; 20; 22; 23; 33; 34; 37

Passages for special study

Jeremiah: 3; 17; 29; 30

Ezekiel: 6; 12; 20; 34

Themes

* divine sovereignty and omnipotence of God
* exile and redemption
* Israel’s rebelliousness
* Israel’s relationship with God
* messianic hope and visions of Israel’s restoration
* the redeeming power of repentance
* the leaders (shepherds) – kings, priests and prophets – of Biblical Israel
* the significance of the Sabbath and festivals in Biblical Israel

The Gospel according to Luke

Using the New Revised Standard Version updated edition (NRSVue) translation of the Bible

Set text

The Gospel according to Luke

Passages for special study

1:1–4; 2; 4:14–30; 8; 9:18–36; 10; 16; 24

Themes

* discipleship
* prophets and prophecy
* repentance
* resurrection
* the identity of Jesus
* the kingdom of God
* universal salvation
* women

The Gospel according to John

Using the New Revised Standard Version updated edition (NRSVue) translation of the Bible

Set text

The Gospel according to John

Passages for special study

1:1–18; 5; 10; 14; 16; 18; 19

Themes

* authority and judgment
* faith
* discipleship and mission
* fulfilment of messianic prophecies
* the commandment of love
* the Father–Son relationship
* the Holy Spirit
* the identity and nature of Jesus

The Qur’an

Using the *English Translation of the Meaning of Al-Qur’an* by Muhammad Farooq-i-Azam Malik

Set text

Al-Baqarah (2); Yünus (10); Ibrãhïm (14); Maryam (19); An-Nür (24)

Passages for special study

Al-Baqarah (2): 153–189; Maryam (19): 41–75; An-Nür (24)

Themes

* foundation beliefs in Islam
* monotheism (*Tawhïd*) and the nature of God
* principles of evidence in Islam
* principles of moral behaviour and Islamic etiquettes
* requirements of belief
* the mission of Muhammad
* the notion of justice and the Hereafter
* the Qur’an as a Book of revelation and guidance