

DAILY BIBLE STUDY SHEET

As the people of God, we should be committed to reading Scripture every day. Here are daily readings and questions to help prompt your meditation. If you do not have a Bible, please contact the church office and we would be honored to provide one. To locate the passages, use the Table of Contents to find the page number of the book. The number before the colon will tell you the chapter to find. The numbers after the colon are the superscript numbers in your Bible indicating the verses to read.

Monday, May 16th – 1 Kings 12:1-20 & 2 Chronicles 10:1-19

We left off before Lent with the end of Solomon's reign and his death. It did not end as it had started and because of Solomon's rebellion, God raised up adversaries, one which was Jeroboam who served as an official of Solomon's. A prophet of God told him he would rule over 10 of the tribes. Jeroboam had fled to Egypt to escape Solomon's murder attempts and then Solomon dies. This is where we pick things up. So, who is next in line to become king of Israel (1 King 12:1 and 2 Chron. 10:1)? And where is Jeroboam (12:2 & 10:2)? Now that everyone necessary has gathered what happens (vss. 12:3-5 and 10:3-5)? Now Rehoboam does the smart thing, he seeks advice. Whom does he seek advice from whose advice does he follow (12:6-14 & 10:6-14)? What were the results of this decision (12:15-16 & 10:15-16)? At first this doesn't deter Rehoboam. How do we know that (12:17 & 10:17)? What brought that to an end (12:18-19 & 10:18-19)? Now 1 Kings gives us a bit more information. Who now rules the northern tribes and how did it come about (12:20)? What does this reveal to you about God's ability to execute His plan despite us? What does it reveal to you about humanity? How does this point to Jesus?

Tuesday, May 17th – 1 Kings 12:21-24 & 2 Chronicles 11:1-4

We left off yesterday with the kingdom of David split and Rehoboam over Judah while Jeroboam had been declared ruler of the remaining 10 tribes. How is Rehoboam dealing this concept of a "split Kingdom" (vs. 12:21 and 11:1)? Before moving on, what is wrong with this decision? How does God deal with this decision (vss. 12:22-24a & 11:2-4a)? Did they listen (vs. 12:4b & 11:4b)? Short text today but very important. What does this reveal to you about God? Now considering that God is the same yesterday, today and tomorrow, what does this tell you about God's decisions? What does this reveal to you about our human nature? Do you see that trait in yourself? How does this point to Jesus? How do we like to try to take control and be in charge? How does that rebel against Jesus as the appointed King of the Kingdom of God?

Wednesday, May 18th – 1 Kings 12:25-33 & 2 Chronicles 11:5-17

Today we will shift our attention to Jeroboam and the Northern Kingdom. Remember, God selected Jeroboam, but as we will see, things go awry very fast. What led to the wrong turn (1 Kings 12:25-29)? How does this take you back to Eve in the garden with the serpent? Can you think of another story tied to this downfall (Exodus 32:1-6)? As Solomon said, "there is nothing new under the sun." What is the problem with all of this (1 Kings 12:30)? What else did Jeroboam do (1 Kings 12:31-33)? Now let's jump to Chronicles. While Jeroboam was doing all these things what Rehoboam doing (11:5-12)? But Jeroboam's decisions had an impact on his kingdom and Rehoboam's. What impact did it have (11:13-17)? Notice it was not just priests and Levites who left but faithful followers of the LORD. They left what they had to be able to worship and lovingly obey the LORD's commands. What were some blessings experienced and for how long (11:17)? What does this reveal to you about God? What does this reveal to us about humanity (of which we belong)? How does this point to or reveal Jesus? Consider with who and what we replace Jesus with when it comes to worship.

Thursday, May 19th – 1 Kings 13

Today we will stay in 1 Kings as 2 Chronicles does not tell this story. There is much to learn from this so let's get started. God has something to say about Jeroboam's turn to wickedness. Who does God call and what does he do (vss. 1-3)? How does Jeroboam respond to the prophet's prophecy (vss. 1-6)? Seeing this for yourself, what would you think? How does Jeroboam respond (vss. 33-34)? Okay, let's go back now and see what happens to the prophet from Judah. After saying what God wanted and healing Jeroboam's hand, what happens (vss. 7-10)? So far so good. Let's see what happens after this (vss. 11-19)? What is the problem here? How do you know if the man is telling the truth or not? Seriously consider that today because it matters in our spiritual walks today with everyone interpreting scripture differently. Let's continue and see what happens. Read verses 20-22. I guess we have our answer from the previous question. We are to follow God's word no matter what anyone else says. Does the prophet in Bethel's prophecy from God come true this time (vss. 23-30)? What conclusion does the old prophet take from this experience (vs. 31-32)? What does this reveal to you about God? Consider what God says to us. Do we believe it and live or do we listen to others who may very well be leading us astray? What does it reveal about us? Consider the prophet did what was right and messed up because someone lied to him. We are all guilty of such things – everyone of us. How does this reveal Jesus or point to Jesus? It definitely points to why we need a savior, doesn't it? Spend some time in prayer today asking God to forgive you where you have listened to others rather than to Him and His living word. Pray for the Holy Spirit to give you wisdom and a discerning heart and mind.

Friday, May 20th – 1 Kings 14:1-24 & 2 Chronicles 12:13-14 & 11:18-23

We close out this week with more of God's prophetic word to Jeroboam found in 1 Kings 14. So what happens to start things off and what does Jeroboam do (vss. 1-4)? Interesting that though Jeroboam has new gods, he seeks a prophecy for the future of his sick son and instead goes to THE God's prophet. How does God intervene (vss. 4-6)? What is the bad news (vss. 7-11)? Now that is some seriously bad news and much more than Jeroboam was even seeking. But Ahijah is not finished. What does he tell the poor wife (vss. 12-16)? Did what God say take place (vss. 17-18)? Verses 19-20 is a wrap up of Jeroboam's life and rule as king. Who takes his place (vs. 20)? The two 2 Chronicles passages give us a wrap up of Rehoboam's reign. Read both texts in 2 Chronicles. Who will be the next king (11:22)? Why do you think Rehoboam took care of his other sons like he did in verse 23? What do we know about Solomon taking the throne? What do these texts reveal to you about God? What does it reveal to you about humanity? Consider not just what these kings did as evil, but also how many people just followed their lead without thinking for themselves. How does this point to Jesus? How is Jesus different from these worldly kings? How does that help us to trust what Jesus teaches?

Saturday, May 21st – Prepare for tomorrow by reading 2 Chronicles 12