

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 23rd – 1 Kings 14:25-28 & 2 Chronicles 12:1-12

This week will finish up Rehoboam and Jeroboam's reign and meet some new kings. Let's start with Rehoboam in Chronicles 12. What happens once Rehoboam is strong and established (vss. 1-4)? A prophet comes to see Rehoboam. What message does he deliver from God and how do Rehoboam and the leaders respond (vs. 5-6)? What happens next (vss. 7-8)? So how does the battle go down (vss. 9-12)? As we flip back to 1 Kings, verses 25-28 what is this writer's explanation? Read these verses. What is the difference between the two? What do these texts reveal to us about God? About ourselves? How do these texts reveal or point to Jesus? Consider the act of demonstrating true humility. Where do we need to be more humble like Jesus?

Tuesday, May 24th – 1 Kings 14:29-31 & 2 Chronicles 12:15-16

Today we conclude Rehoboam's story. Read the two texts together. What is different (vs. 30)? Who will be the next king (vss. 31 & 16)? It is important from this point forward to remember which king is tied to which kingdom. Rehoboam is king of the southern kingdom, Judah where Jerusalem is located even though it is sometimes still referred to as Israel. The northern kingdom are the remaining tribes and is also referred to as Israel, more often than Judah is. Jeroboam is the first king. Southern kingdom are David's descendants. Northern kingdom is Jeroboam's descendants (at least at first). Today consider all the promises of God from Solomon forward and how they came true. There are still a few more prophecies that have not been fulfilled so we will need to be on the lookout for them. What do these texts (and prophecies) reveal to us about God? What do these texts reveal about humanity (and rulers in particular)? How does this point to Jesus, King of kings? Consider the battles he still fights with princes and principalities today. Spend some time in prayer today asking Jesus to lead you forward in faithfulness and wisdom.

Wednesday, May 25th – 1 Kings 15:1-8 & 2 Chronicles 13:1-22

Today we learn about Rehoboam's son's reign. Let's start in 2 Chronicles today. So who again is Rehoboam's heir (vss. 1-2a)? We move from his lineage to war. Who is going to war and how do the numbers add up (vss. 2b-3)? Starting in verse 4, Abijah gives Jeroboam a little history lesson. However, much of what he says is incorrect or a ½ truth. Read verses 4-7 and see if you can remember and point out the parts that are not exactly truth. (Hints: verses 5, 6 & 7) Then Abijah moves into more current reality that is detrimental to Jeroboam and his army and will hinder their chances of winning. What realities does Abijah point out (vss. 8-12)? Was Jeroboam listening (vs. 13)? How does this battle go down (vss. 14-19)? Who secured the victory (vs. 15)? What happened to Jeroboam and Israel (vs. 20)? Before we finish 2 Chronicles, let's go back to 1 Kings 15. First thing to note is that Abijah in 2 Chronicles is Abijam (with an M) in 1 Kings. Same guy. What do verses 1-6 tell us about Abijam. So while 2 Chronicles does display some virtue relying on God, we see in 1 Kings that he was just as rebellious as his father. Now read 1 Kings 15:7-8 and 2 Chronicles 13:21-22. This concludes the story of fifth king over Judah. What do these texts reveal to you about God? Consider God's response to the one who pleads for help and declares God's truth. What does this reveal to us about ourselves? Do we always have it right? How does this point to Jesus and our need for him? Does Jesus ever tell us ½ truths?

Thursday, May 26th – 1 Kings 15:9-15 & 2 Chronicles 14:1-8

We continue today with the next king of Judah, Abijah's son, Asa. For the most part how was King Asa's reign (1 Kings 15:9-15 & 2 Chron. 14:1-8)? So, while not perfect for sure better and more faithful. What is different and corrected during Asa's reign that was not really addressed in his father or grandfather's reign? Does Asa seem successful even though Judah was quite a bit smaller than other kingdoms? What does this reveal to you about God? What does this reveal to you about humanity? Consider what Asa got right and what Asa neglected. How does this point to Jesus? Does Jesus neglect sinful behavior and just ignore it? How did Jesus deal with sinful behavior? Who benefits from Jesus' actions?

Friday, May 27th – 1 Kings 14:19-20 & 15:25-28

Today we will finish Jeroboam's story and meet his successor. Remember, we are going chronologically which means going back and forth and as we learned yesterday Asa came to rule in Jeroboam's eighteenth year as king of Israel. But it is during Asa's reign that Jeroboam dies. What information in verses 14:19-20 do we receive about Jeroboam? How long did he reign and who took over? Now go to verse 25 in chapter 15. When did Jeroboam die? So, Asa has been King of Judah for 2 years and then Nadab becomes king of Israel. How long did Nadab reign and how is his reign described (vs. 26)? Well that was quick wasn't it? Now consider the prophecy regarding Jeroboam and what happens to Nadab (vss. 27-28)? What does this reveal to you about God? What does this reveal to you about humanity? How does this point to Jesus and our need for Jesus to be king forever? Spend some time in prayer today thanking Jesus for being our King who will never die again and lead us to live with him forever! Amen and Amen!

Saturday, May 28th – Prepare for tomorrow by reading 2 Chronicles 15:1-10