

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 30th – 1 Kings 16:8-14

We ended last week with Baasha's death. Now if you recall, Baasha was raised up by God to take down Jeroboam and his family. Jeroboam was ruler over Israel, the Northern Kingdom. But Baasha ended up doing no better than Jeroboam and so the LORD came against him as well. Once Baasha died, his son Elah becomes king. Read today's text before we begin. It is pretty short. Who is out to assassinate Elah (vss. 8-10)? What was Elah doing at the time? Do you see a lesson there? What happens after Elah is killed (vs. 11)? Why did this happen (vss. 12-13)? Did you notice that it was not just Elah's sin that led to this? It was his father's and his sin and the fact their sin led to Israel's sin. What does this reveal to you about God when it comes to idolatry and sin? What does it reveal to you about humans (us)? How does this point to our need for Jesus?

Tuesday, May 31st – 1 Kings 16:15-20

Today we learn about Zimri's rule over Israel. All that work yesterday to establish himself and how long did he rule (vs. 15)? Why only seven days? What happens (vss. 16-18)? Why did all this happen (vs. 19)? Do you see a pattern here? Killing evil to do evil never works. Notice what is logged in Zimri's portion of the history book (vs. 20)? How does this differ from the other king's statements here (vss. 5 & 14)? Not much to report on in seven days. What does this reveal to you about God? What do these verses reveal to us about ourselves? Where do you see the need for Jesus in this text?

Wednesday, June 1st – 1 Kings 16:21-28

So far, we have covered two short-lived kings in Israel. Who is next? Our text starts off with two want-to-be kings today. Who are they and what happens (vss. 21-22)? Now that we have our official king, we see that geography is a part of what we see. Where does Omri begin his reign and where does he end up (vss. 23-24)? That is the Samaria that Jesus visited. How did Omri's reign go (vss. 25-26)? Do you notice something different about the description? Worse than all the other kings before him. That had to be pretty bad. Notice however that the king did not provoke the anger of God all by himself this time. Who provoked the anger of God (vss. 26-27)? Why was God's anger provoked? Do you ever think of God being provoked to anger by your sin? What does this reveal to you about God? What does it reveal to you about humanity? Consider how callous we are to how our sin is viewed by God. How does this reveal the need for a savior? How does it point to Jesus?

Thursday, June 2nd – 1 Kings 16:29-34

Once Omri dies (and we don't know how), his son takes over. Who was Omri's son (vs 29)? How long did he reign over Israel? Where did his reign take place? If you have studied the Bible at all you know that Ahab is an evil king. How evil is he and what makes things worse (vss. 30-33)? There is much rebellion against God and not just from Ahab. Read about a man named Hiel (vs. 34). Why did his sons die? What was said by the LORD concerning Jericho (Joshua 6:26)? Hiel, being a Jew would have had some exposure to this information and yet he thought he could do it with no consequences. What does this reveal to you about God? What does it reveal to you about humans? About yourself? How does Hiel's story apply to our culture today? What does this reveal about our need for Jesus? Consider that Jesus understood how easily we are led astray and therefore sends us His Holy Spirit. We are no longer prisoners and trapped by sin but we have been set free. Spend time in prayer thanking God for that and repenting of your sin.

Friday, June 3rd – 2 Chronicles 17:1-19

We end this week turning back to the Southern Kingdom, Judah. When we left off last week, Asa was king. Remember that he died of a foot disease, because he did not turn to God but only to his physicians. Who becomes king after Asa and what did he do (vss. 1-2)? How does the text describe Jehoshaphat (vss. 3-4)? And how did God respond to this (vs. 5)? What else did Jehoshaphat do (vss. 6-9)? What was the result of this effort (vss. 10-11)? Did you see who brought gifts in verse 11? What kind of organizational skills did Jehoshaphat possess (vss. 12-19)? How would you sum up Jehoshaphat's reign thus far? What does this reveal to you about God? Consider the blessings given to Jehoshaphat that were not given to the Northern Kingdom kings. What does this reveal to you about us as humans? How do you see some of our practices today in light of verses 6-9? How do these texts point to Jesus, or what do they reveal about Jesus?

Saturday, June 4th – Prepare for tomorrow by reading Acts 2 (and wear red and white).