

## DAILY BIBLE STUDY SHEET

*Daily meditation on the Word of God is imperative to our growth. As the people of God, we should commit to reading Scripture every day. There are questions to help prompt your meditation. If you do not have a Bible, please contact the church office and one will be given to you. To locate the passages, use the Table of Contents to find the page number. 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, June 27<sup>th</sup> – 1 Kings 22:1-9 and 2 Chronicles 18:1-8**

This week we will look at the cooperation between the two kings of Israel and Judah. Let's start with Second Chronicles today. Remember Jehoshaphat was faithful to the LORD and the LORD was with Jehoshaphat. There was wealth and peace in Judah because of this. Ahab on the other hand, as you may recall from the last couple of weeks, believes in God but is extremely rebellious against him. The two kings have not had much interaction until today. So, what information do verses 2 Chronicles 18:1-2 tell us about the relationship between Jehoshaphat and Ahab? We see a marriage has taken place and finally, for the first time since Solomon, Judah's king attends a banquet with Israel's king being the host. This sets the scene for what is to come. Now read 2 Chronicles 18:3-9 and 1 Kings 22:1-9. The rest of the story is the same between the two books. To do our deeper dive, let's stay with 2 Chronicles. What did Ahab ask Jehoshaphat to do (vs. 3)? How did Jehoshaphat respond (vs. 4)? Notice the wisdom he had to ask about what God says? Ahab agrees and what do they learn (vs. 5)? Jehoshaphat makes an interesting request. Although Ahab brought 400 prophets of God, what does Jehoshaphat ask for (vs. 6)? He must have seen through the 400, that they were not true prophets but only interested in getting along with the king. How does Ahab respond to Jehoshaphat's request (vs. 7)? How does this discussion end (vss. 8-9)? What is revealed here about God? What does this reveal about humanity? How are you a little of Jehoshaphat and little of Ahab? How does this point to Jesus? Consider how the world responds to the teachings of Jesus today. The world and even the church does not accept them at their face value. We always seem to be tweaking them to our personal preference.

### **Tuesday, June 28<sup>th</sup> – 1 Kings 22:10-28 and 2 Chronicles 18:9-27**

We pick up the story today with Micaiah the prophet being summoned to answer Jehoshaphat's question. Today we will stay in 1 Kings 22 and refer to 2 Chronicles 18 when necessary. We start with the gathering of prophets. How is the scene set in verses 10-12? There has been a messenger sent to get Micaiah. When he finds him, what warning does he give Micaiah and what is Micaiah's response (vss. 13-14)? Now before Ahab and Jehoshaphat, Ahab asks him what he thinks. What does Micaiah say and what is Ahab's response (vss. 15-16)? What is the truth that the LORD has shown Micaiah (vs. 17)? Notice Ahab's response to this prophecy (vs. 18). At this point Micaiah continues with what the LORD has said in this regard. Read verses 19-23. What does this say about God's involvement in the things that are going to happen? Who reacts first to this prophecy and what does Micaiah have to say to them (vss. 24-25)? Now Ahab responds. What is his reaction to this prophecy (vss. 26-27)? Being used by the LORD does not guarantee an easy life. But while Micaiah is probably not thrilled with this reaction, it will do one of two things. What will it do (vs. 28)? If he is proved wrong, then the LORD was not speaking through him. Now think about the opposite of this. If Ahab in fact dies, then Micaiah will have been proven correct. What does this reveal to you about God? God is more active in worldly affairs than we may often give Him credit for. What does this reveal about humanity? How does this point to Jesus? Remember, Jesus suffered and died. No one wanted to listen to him any more than Ahab wanted to listen to Micaiah.

### **Wednesday, June 29<sup>th</sup> – 1 Kings 22:29-41 and 2 Chronicles 18:28-34**

Let's finish this part of the story. Today we will see if Micaiah was right or not. Today they go to battle and we will stay in 1 Kings 22 for our study but please also read 2 Chronicles 18:28-34. See if you can find any differences. What is the plan so that Ahab can come out of this alive (vss. 29-30)? What is the focus of the king of Syria and how did it work (vss. 31-33)? This is one place where there is a difference. In 2 Chronicles, it tells us that Jehoshaphat called out to the LORD and God saved him. How does this battle end (vss. 34-36)? I guess Micaiah was correct. How does Ahab's story end (vss. 37-40)? Notice that in verse 38, God's prophecy about Ahab and his family has started to come true. You can remind yourself of this in 1 Kings 21:19. Who is the king to replace Ahab (vs. 41)? What does this reveal to you about God? What does it reveal to you about yourself and humanity in general? Consider that Ahab thought he could outsmart God. How does this point to Jesus? Consider how Jesus fulfills the prophecies of the Old Testament regarding his life and death.

### **Thursday, June 30<sup>th</sup> – 1 Kings 22:41-53**

Today and tomorrow, we read about what happens to Jehoshaphat from each author's vantage point. Today our study will complete 1 Kings. We start with a summary of Jehoshaphat's reign. In doing the math, he died when he was 60 years old. He also didn't start his reign until he was 35, later than most kings thus far. What information do we have in verses 43-46? Verse 46 gives us a clue as to what was happening at the Asherah poles. What additional information do we see in verses 48-49? Well, at least he tried. After his death, who becomes king (vs. 50)? What does this reveal to you about God? What does this reveal about humanity? Consider the capability to be faithful to God. Consider the ability to shun God's ways in verse 46. Consider how this points to Jesus. Jehoshaphat is considered a good king. Why is that? How is Jesus not only a good king but the perfect everlasting king? Why is that good news for us? Congratulations, you have completed another Book of the Bible!

### **Friday, July 1<sup>st</sup> – 2 Chronicles 19:1-11**

We close this week out with 2 Chronicles, as there is more to Jehoshaphat's story found in this book. After the war where Ahab died, who comes to visit Jehoshaphat and what does he have to say (vss. 1-3)? We had that name before in 1 Kings, but this is a different Jehu. We know this because the father's names are different. Jehoshaphat was not sullen and angry like Ahab. What did he do instead (vss. 4-10)? This shows Jehoshaphat's love and devotion for God. Notice in verse 11 that there are two types of cases to be decided. First, there are cases involving the LORD and then there are civil cases. Who will handle each of these cases and who will help fulfill the judgments, making sure justice is served? What does this reveal about God? Consider what Jehu tells Jehoshaphat. What does this reveal to you about us? Consider how we are a hot mess like Jehoshaphat, meaning well and still sinning. How does this point to or reveal Jesus? Consider who is the final judge on all cases. Jesus will judge all and he will judge and issue justice rightly. Praise God he has paid the price for our sins. Let's end this week confessing our sins to Jesus and expressing our gratitude for the grace of salvation that is offered to us. Let's also ask for the Holy Spirit to help transform us from a life of sin to a life of sacrificial love.

### **Saturday, July 2<sup>nd</sup> – In preparation for tomorrow's worship, please read 2 Kings 1:1-6.**