

## 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, July 25<sup>th</sup> – 2 Kings 8:1-6**

Today we will finish the story of the woman of Shunem. Elisha is still looking out for her. What does he tell her to do and why (vs. 1)? Where did she go (vs. 2)? What do you remember about the Philistines? After 7 years she returns home. What does she do and whom does she run into (vss. 3-5)? What is the king's response (vs. 6a)? How does the woman respond and what was the result (vs. 6b)? What does this reveal to you about God? What does it reveal to you about humanity? Consider the boldness of this woman to share her story. How does this point to Jesus? Consider the witness to the life-giving story Jesus tells.

### **Tuesday, July 26<sup>th</sup> – 2 Kings 8:7-15 (read 1 Kings 19:15 before you start)**

Today we turn to Hazael's story. As we start off, notice that we are no longer in Israel. Where is Elisha (vs. 7)? As you read that verse, you will note that Hazael is Ben-Haddad's servant. What did Ben-Haddad ask Hazael to do (vs. 8)? So, in verse 9 we see Hazael head out with gifts for Elisha and asks the question for Ben-Haddad. Note Elisha's answer in verse 10. Do you see the change? He should live but will actually die. Now read verses 11-13. What has been revealed to Elisha regarding Hazael? Do you sense the darkness that comes over Elisha? What is Hazael's response to what Elisha has seen and what is Elisha's answer (vs. 13)? This is a preview of what is coming to Israel, and it is not pretty. How does this end (vss. 14-15)? I guess Hazael does have what it takes to accomplish evil, but then, don't we all? What does this reveal about God? Consider that God reveals to Elisha what is coming and there is no vision of God stopping it. What does this reveal about us as humans? How does this point to Jesus? Consider the rebellion against Jesus. Also consider how Jesus knew what was coming but still went forward to Jerusalem. Consider the human nature of Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane where he was facing the reality of what he knew was coming. Spend some time in prayer today thanking Jesus for his faithfulness even when he knew the costs in advance.

### **Wednesday, July 27<sup>th</sup> – 2 Kings 8:23-24 & 2 Chronicles 21:18-20**

Now we turn back to Judah's history and recap Jehoram's reign as king. What was wrong with Jehoram's reign (vss. 17-18)? This poses a problem for Judah and God's promise to David. What happens next (vss. 20-22)? As we know that Edom did not kill Jehoram, let's review how his end comes (2 Chronicles 21:18-20). There seems to be some discrepancy regarding Jehoram's burial place, but needless to say there was no pomp and circumstance regarding it. What does this reveal to you about God? Consider that God's attention is focused, not on Jehoram but on fulfilling His covenant with David. Why is that important to us today? What does this reveal about humanity? Again, consider how easy it is to be led astray. How does this point to or reveal Jesus?

### **Thursday, July 28<sup>th</sup> – 2 Kings 8:25-29**

Who is the next king of Judah (vs. 25)? What do we learn about Ahaziah (vss. 26-27)? Consider the reach of one man's evil. Evil has a way of penetrating and spreading, if it goes unchecked, doesn't it? Ahab's evil ways are extending beyond his death. Against whom will Ahaziah join Joram, king of Israel, in a battle (vss. 28)? What happens in this battle (vss. 28-29)? What does this reveal to you about God? Consider Elisha's vision back on Tuesday. What does this reveal to you about us as humanity? Consider the rule of Jehoram, Ahaziah and Joram. How easy is it for us to get swayed to thinking that sinful behavior is all right? We are all at risk of this, which is why we need to know the Word of God and learn from it. How does this point to Jesus?

### **Friday, July 29<sup>th</sup> – 2 Chronicles 22:1-7**

We finish this week with Ahaziah's introduction and a part of his story. We will complete his story when we resume our Journey Through the Bible in September. Who is Ahaziah related to and why did he become king (vs. 1)? There does seem to be a tendency for the younger sons to rule. As we read verse 2, we see how long he reigns and to whom he is related. Which kingdom did Omri rule over (1 Kings 16:23)? We see that the Northern Kingdom is becoming an influence in the Southern kingdom because they intermarried. How do we know this (vss. 3-4)? What did his mother convince Ahaziah to do (vss. 5-6)? This has happened before where the kings of Judah join up with the kings of Israel. God is never happy with that partnership. Is God happy this time (vs. 7)? We will stop here because the rest of the story is chronologically later. So, what do these texts reveal to you about God? Consider the unchanging mindset of God when it comes to the two kingdoms working with each other. What does this reveal to you about humanity? Consider how some things that seem innocent enough or at least are not obvious sin, can actually lead to sin and disobedience against God. Consider how the evil one uses these "not so serious temptations" to lead us into sin by our willingness to compromise. Where are you compromising in your life today? Finally, how does this point to Jesus? Since the Son set us free from the power of sin and death, why do we continue to choose those two? Jesus gives us life. Live in the life Jesus gave you and choose him above the evil one's temptations.

### **Saturday, July 30<sup>th</sup> – In preparation for tomorrow's worship, please read Psalm 150.**