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### *June 1: II Samuel 18:1 – 19:10*

1. What was the strategy that David devised?
2. What kind of respect did his army have for David?
3. How does David exemplify a good and godly leader?
4. What kind of general do you think Joab is?
5. Why did Joab want the Cushite speak to David?
6. How well did Joab know David?
7. What was behind David's sorrow?
8. Joab gave David some good advice in chapter 19. □What was it?
9. What had to be done throughout the land?

Important thoughts from the reading:

*Almighty God, your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ ascended far above all heavens in order to fill all things. Give us faith to see that by his cross he saved us, by his life he assured us of eternal life, and according to his promise he continues to be with us on earth to the end of the age. By his Spirit lead us in love to live for him and to tell of him to all who will listen. We pray in the name of our ascended Lord.*

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## June 2: II Samuel 19:11 – 20:13

1. How was David thought of when he was living in exile?
2. How did Shimei's attitude toward David change? □Keep an eye on him. □
3. How was David humble through this era of his life?
4. Why did jealousy arise?
5. In chapter 20 we are introduced to Sheba. □Why did he have an axe to grind?
6. How did David show disappointment with his harem?
7. What are your feelings toward Joab here?
8. What were Joab's motives?

Important thoughts from the reading:

*Dear Jesus,*

*The thought of your glorious ascension into heaven fills our hearts with solace and comfort. Even though you returned to heaven as the God-man, you are still our human brother. And so you are still touched by our infirmities. At the Father's right hand you whisper to him our inmost needs. By your Spirit, you intercept our groans and our sighs and translate them into words of beauty for our Father's ear. Having you, our beloved Brother, in heaven fills us with longing to join you in the Father's house. Now we have proof positive that your offering for our sins is acceptable to the Father. Glorious ascended Savior, thank you for our salvation. □Amen*

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## *June 3: II Samuel 20:14 – 22:20*

1. Sheba was from the tribe of Benjamin. □ Why did they want to fight? □
2. Joab was a professional soldier. □ How did that show?
3. What do you think the purpose of chapter twenty is?
4. Why was Israel experiencing famine?
5. How did David show himself to be a good competent king?
6. Was this a fair plan to avenge the house of Saul?
7. Notice it started to rain. □ What was that an indication of?
8. How did David show respect for Saul?
9. Why are the heroes listed and what they did?
10. Chapter 22 is also Psalm 18. □ Why was it appropriate for David to write?
11. What is the relevance for us of the Psalm?

Important thoughts from the reading:

*Dear Christ, there are times I feel that my purpose in life is too small, just making a living or acquiring "stuff." Help me to see I have a greater purpose, to serve you and to serve others in you Perhaps if I could get in step with that, others would get in step with me. Your help is needed and appreciated, Jesus. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.*

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## June 4: II Samuel 22:21 – 23:23

1. How can David say that he has been blameless and that he has kept himself from sin? □ Perhaps verse 31 holds the answer.
2. How were verses 31-43 very practical when it came to David's life? □ He speaks of God being his strength.
3. As chapter 23 begins, it is stated that these are the last words of David. What does that mean especially in view of the fact that there is more about David?
4. What does he claim in 23:2?
5. In verses 23b and following he is speaking of his own personal rule. □ Is he bragging?
6. While he is speaking what do his thoughts turn to in verses five and following?
7. From verses eight to the end of the reading, the Scripture records some of the men who helped make David's kingdom. □ Why should they be mentioned?

Important thoughts from the reading:

*When I am in distress, dear Lord, I ask you to listen to the cry of my heart. I neither can nor will prescribe the time and the way in which my distress might be removed. I will wait for you to determine the when and how of my relief. Strengthen my faith and give me patience to bear my trouble so that at last I may be glad when you visit me with your grace and remove my distress. Dear Father, you have never forsaken your children; do not forsake me now. You cheer the hearts of your despairing children; lift me up at your appointed time. I leave all to your wisdom, love, understanding, and goodness. Amen.*

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## *June 5: II Samuel 23:24 – 24:25*

1. Why are the thirty men listed?
2. Why did God get angry with the people of Israel?
3. Why did taking a census of the armies of Israel tick God off?
4. What is the lesson that America could certainly learn from that?
5. David was given three options to receive his chastisement. □24:14 tells us why he chose the third. □What was the reason?
6. Where did the Jebusites live and why was this threshing floor so significant?
7. If it was David who sinned, then why did he allow all of Israel to suffer?
8. Araunah was obviously a good man. □How did he show his love to David and the David's God?

Important thoughts from the reading:

*Dear Jesus, help us, for you understand our weakness. During your ministry of suffering, you felt first hand the sorrows and distresses that wrack our souls. Remember us in our need and have mercy on us. Amen.*

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## 1 Kings

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### *June 6: 1 Kings 1:1 – 1:53*

1. What does it say about the people around David who gave him still another woman to keep him warm?
2. Why wasn't Adonijah stopped from simply taking over Israel?
3. What had Adonijah done to prove to the people that he was the king?
4. Why did Bathsheba get involved? Was she simply looking out for her son?
5. Who among the many people who were mentioned here is particularly important?
6. When Solomon was appointed what was Adonijah doing?
7. What did he do then?
8. How did Solomon handle the passing of the torch wisely?

Important thoughts from the reading:

*O God our Father, by your mercy, the world turns safely into darkness and returns again to light. We place into your hands our unfinished tasks, our unsolved problems, and our unfulfilled hopes, knowing that only what you bless will prosper. To your great love and protection, we commit each other and all those we love, knowing that you alone are our sure defender. Amen.*

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## June 7: I Kings 2:1 – 3:3

1. David gives Solomon some fatherly advice. □What do you think is the best of the advice that he gave?
2. He also seeks from Solomon to do what is right for those people who were good to David's family. □Why is that good advice?
3. Adonijah's request seems to be innocent enough. □Needless to say it appears that Solomon blew a gasket. □Why?
4. Solomon dealt with the people who were thorns in his father's side. □How did he deal with:
  - a. Adonijah
  - b. Abiathar
  - c. Joab
  - d. Shimei
5. In the light of "turning the other cheek," is it right to deal with people in a tough manner like Solomon did?
6. Chapter three begins on a sour note. □What is it

Important thoughts from the reading:

*Merciful Lord, God of our salvation, our friends suffer from various maladies. They are severe, Lord, and something they must bear. Be with them in your love so that they may bear their crosses with the assurance that you are with them and all is well. Bring them relief from their problems, and buoy their spirits by your Holy Spirit through the gospel. In Jesus' name. Amen.*

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## **June 8: I Kings 3:4 – 4:34**

1. Where were the sacrifices to be done?
2. What is the wisdom that Solomon is asking for?
3. How did Solomon show his wisdom?
4. We can see that Solomon was highly organized. What about the people in charge of forced labor? Is that godly?
5. What makes a nation a happy nation?
6. Was Solomon's life extravagant?
7. How was God's gift of wisdom made practical for the people of Israel?

Important thoughts from the reading:

*Dear heavenly Father, thank you for the blessings you have showered upon our land. Thank you for your gift of prosperity in days of peace and protection in days of war. Thank you for our natural resources, our talents, and our abilities. Thank you for giving us freedom of worship and all other freedoms we possess. We confess that we are sinners and deserve nothing. Nevertheless, for Jesus' sake, we ask you to accompany us with your forgiving grace. Bless our government, prosper the work of our hands, and especially enable us to fulfill our responsibilities as citizens of your kingdom of grace and to be conscientious citizens of this good land. Amen.*

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## June 9: 1 Kings 5:1 – 6:38

1. Why wasn't it wise for David to build the temple when it is said about him that he was a man of war?
2. Keep an eye on Hiram. Was his motive to supply the cedar for the temple because he wanted to honor the God of David and Solomon?
3. How did Solomon show himself to be a wise man in dealing with Hiram?
4. From the numbers of workers we can see that this was going to be a huge task.□
5. When in real years did the temple building begin?
6. What does this section say about the quality of the building of the temple – can it be too extravagant or too mediocre?□
7. How long did the temple take to build?

Important thoughts from the reading:

*Dear God, we have friends who are getting or about to receive chemo treatments for various forms of cancer, and they and we are distraught. Be with them, O Lord, by your Spirit and calm their troubled spirits. Help them to focus on Jesus in whose eternal care they can rest assured of a favorable outcome. Give them strength to withstand the physical and emotional strains that are caused by the chemo. In their best interests and according to your gracious good will, make the treatment effective in ridding them of the cancer and prolonging their lives on earth. Ultimately, give them the comfort of forgiveness and eternal life through Christ to sustain them. Amen.*

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## June 10: I Kings 7:1 - 7:51

1. What about the elaborate way he built his house?□
2. Hiram was obviously gifted in construction.□How does God provide for his church today?□□□
3. Why is the great detail found here in the Scriptures regarding the temple?
4. What things□had David dedicated for Solomon's temple?
5. What thoughts would you get from this chapter about modern day churches?

Important thoughts from the reading:

*When I am in distress, dear Lord, I ask you to listen to the cry of my heart. I neither can nor will prescribe the time and the way in which my distress might be removed. I will wait for you to determine the when and how of my relief. Strengthen my faith and give me patience to bear my trouble so that at last I may be glad when you visit me with your grace and remove my distress. Dear Father, you have never forsaken your children; do not forsake me now. You cheer the hearts of your despairing children; lift me up at your appointed time. I leave all to your wisdom, love, understanding, and goodness. Amen.*

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## June 11: I Kings 8:1 – 8:66

1. The Ark of the Covenant was brought to Jerusalem. □ What was that? □
2. Where was it to reside? □ What was in it?
3. How did the Lord show his approval?
4. What does Solomon say in his prayer about the site of Jerusalem to be the place where the temple was to be built?
5. In verse 23 he speaks about the covenant of love. □ What does he mean?
6. What promise does God want to keep?
7. Were the Israelites to really think of the temple as the home of God? □
8. What does God want from the Israelites?
9. Who did God want worshipping him? □
10. How were the people of Israel to deal with one another?
11. What parts of the prayer do you like most?
12. What were the major points of Solomon's address to the assembly?

Important thoughts from the reading:

*O Triune God, your name was placed upon me when I was baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. And this day I worship you, three divine Persons in one God. Grant me the grace to continue in this faith until I join the hosts of heaven that cry "Holy, holy, holy" before your heavenly throne. □ Amen □*

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## June 12: I Kings 9:1 – 10:29

1. When Solomon finished the temple, the Lord appeared a second time. □ When was the first?
2. What is the Name of the Lord?
3. What was the warning served?
4. What caused the rift between Solomon and Hiram, the king of Tyre?
5. How would you characterize Solomon's rule?
6. In the account of the visit with the Queen of Sheba, what connection does she make to the Lord God and the wisdom and the wealth that she saw? □
7. At least at this time, what does that say about Solomon?
8. Would you have liked to live in Israel at this time? □
9. These are Israel's golden years. □ In what respect?

Important thoughts from the reading:

*Dear Lord, often we have the attitude where we say, "I couldn't care less!" and walk away. Please help me and all to stop an attitude like that. Show us Christ's attitude of "I couldn't care more!" It led him to the cross. It leads us to forgiveness, the abundant life and perfect eternity. Help us to exhibit Christ's care for others. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.*

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## **June 13: I Kings 11:1 – 12:19**

1. A sad chapter of the Bible begins. □ Why?
2. What is the great lesson for all of God's people? □
3. Why was it particularly distasteful that Solomon turned to false gods?
4. How does the chapter explain to us how God uses unbelieving kings and kingdoms?
5. Who were enemies of Solomon?
6. Jeroboam is particularly evil. □ What he would do would have long-lasting effects upon Israel. □ Trace his rise.
7. What did Ahijah the prophet predict?
8. Who succeeded Solomon?
9. What crucial decision did Rehoboam need to make?
10. How did he blow it?
11. How did God preserve the promise of Christ?

Important thoughts from the reading:

*O Lord, support us all the day long, till the shadows lengthen and the evening comes and the busy world is hushed and the fever of life is over and our work is done. Then in your mercy, for Jesus' sake, grant us a safe lodging and a holy rest and peace at the last. Amen.*

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## *June 14: I Kings 12:20 – 13:34*

1. The Civil war in Israel was about to take place that would split Israel for hundreds of years. □ Who was on what side?
2. Who were the leaders of each side?
3. What did Jeroboam see needed to be done if the two nations were going to stay split?
4. What did God say that Rehoboam should do to avoid a lot of useless bloodshed?
5. In chapter thirteen quite an impression was given to Jeroboam by the prophet of the Lord. □ How did God show his seriousness? □ How did God show his mercy?
6. How was the prophet's reaction to false doctrine something we should keep in mind?
7. How did the prophet find out how God wanted his word to be kept?
8. What is so sad about the heart of Jeroboam that is typical of all people?

Important thoughts from the reading:

*Father, set my heart free from evil desire. Break my will, send it to the cross with Jesus, and let it die there. Such a prayer is beyond my soul's power to produce on its own. Yet through the power of baptism, by the power of your promises, by the power of the love I see revealed in the suffering face of Christ, I know you give me the victory in him. In him you set my heart free. Amen.*

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## June 15: I Kings 14:1 – 15:24

1. Jeroboam is certainly an interesting study in unbelief. □What does he recognize about Ahijah?
2. While God wanted the rule of the nation of Israel not to be solely by the tribe of Judah because Solomon had sinned, what did God not give Jeroboam, who led the rebellion, a license to do?
3. What earlier prophecy about Jeroboam was about to be fulfilled? □
4. As we journey through the book of I Kings and II Kings, we will be bouncing between the nation of Israel and Judah. □You might want to keep a journal to keep track of each nation and their kings.
5. King Rehoboam, Solomon's successor, did many sins. □What were they?
6. What are the high places?
7. Notice that the beauty of the great temple in Jerusalem did not take long to get defiled. □How so?
8. Scorecard – Who succeeds Rehoboam?
9. What was this man like?
10. Who is the next king?
11. Because he was so committed to God, what was Asa even willing to do?
12. Who succeeded Jeroboam in the northern kingdom?

Important thoughts from the reading:

*Gracious, loving, heavenly Father, thank you for my father. Direct me to honor, love, and respect him every day in every way. Keep all my family in the true faith in Jesus, so we may spend eternity together in heaven. ☩ Please give people everywhere the blessing of a loving father at home. In homes where fathers have neglected their duties or been absent, help the children to persevere and to set their ideal for parenthood in you. Be with the children for Jesus' sake. Amen.*

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## June 16: I Kings 15:25 – 17:24

1. Scorecard – Who is the king of Israel now?□How long did he last?
2. Scorecard – Who is the next in line? How did he fulfill prophecy?
3. As chapter sixteen begins, we can see the turmoil that takes place in the northern kingdom.□What does God promise through the prophet Jehu?□
4. Scorecard - Who succeeded Baasha?
5. Scorecard - Who was the next king in the north?
6. Remember the northern kingdom didn't follow the Lord.□How can you tell?
7. Who was Omri?□Where is the scorecard?
8. Who is Tibnah?□Where is the scorecard?
9. Why is the mention of Samaria so important?
10. Ahab became king in Israel. What kind of man was he?
11. Elijah is the prophet during this time.□He had the God-given gift of miracles.□What does the Scripture say as to the reason for the miracles – see 17:24.
12. What was going on in Israel during this time of sin?

Important thoughts from the reading:

*Dear Jesus, thank you for showing us how important friends are. You loved John dearly. Even Judas was your friend. You want all sinners in your inner circle of friends. To have friends we need to be a friend.☩You are our greatest friend. Help me to introduce you to others so all know what a friend we have. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.*

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## June 17: I Kings 18:1 – 18:46

1. What was going on in Israel at this time?
2. How could Obadiah (not the author of the book of the Bible) work under Ahab and serve God at the same time?
3. What does Obadiah's faith and the fact that he was hiding the prophets say about the northern kingdom?
4. Why did Elijah want to confront Ahab?
5. Notice the forthrightness with which Elijah and the prophets spoke. □ Are we always going to win people for the Lord?
6. The showdown on Mount Carmel is one of my personal favorites in the Bible. □ What was the showdown all about?
7. Verse 27 makes me smile, yet what is the truth of this verse?
8. Remember there was a severe drought and yet the sacrifice was doused in lots of water. □ Why?
9. In what different ways did the Lord show he is God?

Important thoughts from the reading:

*Jesus, when you said "Take up your cross and follow me" you were looking for commitment. Motivated by your love, your disciples modeled it beautifully. Why is it so hard to come by today? Youth and adults hear that same call today and make their vows at your altar. Then in an amazingly short time they wander. Fill us with your love so that we may live the totally committed life until you fulfill your commitment to take us to heaven. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.*

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## **June 18: I Kings 19:1 – 19:21**

1. Unfortunately what did not happen in spite of the powerful presence of God in Israel?
2. How did the rejection of God show on the servant of God, Elijah?
3. What does that say to Christian people and the value of knowing we are not alone but have the Lord and one another?

Important thoughts from the reading:

*Dear Father, when Jesus "saw the multitudes he was moved with compassion." His desire to help and enfold the scattering souls moved Him to the very depth of His being. I also see desperate people. Sometimes my sinful nature says they are getting what they deserve. Fill me with Christ's love so that I can reach out and enfold needy souls with Christ-like compassion. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.*

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## *June 19: I Kings 20:1 – 21:29*

1. Ben Hadad Attacked Samaria. □Samaria was the capital of which kingdom?
2. What was Ben-Hadad planning to do when he was ready to overtake Israel?
3. How did Ahab seem to dabble with the Lord but not be committed to him?
4. How did Ahab show his true colors when it came to his relationship with the Lord?
5. Note the very dramatic and unusual way God communicate his message. □Why do you think he did this?
6. As chapter 21 begins, notice that Naboth, despite of living in the northern kingdom is a believer. □Do you have any comfort that comes from that?
7. Why couldn't Naboth sell his vineyard?
8. How did Jezebel, Ahab's wife, show how wicked she was?
9. How would you have liked to be Elijah in going to confront Ahab?
10. 21:25 is quite a legacy, isn't it?
11. What kind of repentance came from Ahab?

Important thoughts from the reading:

*O Lord, support us all the day long, till the shadows lengthen and the evening comes and the busy world is hushed and the fever of life is over and our work is done. Then in your mercy, for Jesus' sake, grant us a safe lodging and a holy rest and peace at the last. Amen.*

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## June 20: I Kings 22:1 – 22:53

1. What was about to happen between the northern kingdom (Israel) and the southern kingdom (Judah)?
2. Who were the kings of the respective kingdoms?
3. How did Jehoshaphat show his faith?
4. Why did Ahab hate Micaiah?
5. How does one explain the fact that God sent a lying spirit? Is he not a God who does not tempt?
6. How did Ahab try to fool the Lord?
7. How was prophecy fulfilled about Ahab?
8. What did Jehoshaphat not do in Judah even though he would be considered a godly king?
9. Scorecard:
  - i. Who succeeds Ahab?
  - ii. Who succeeds Jehosophat?

Important thoughts from the reading:

*Holy, holy, holy, blessed triune God! Each day keep me mindful of your great grace and glory. As I look about at the wonders of creation, let me see behind them the wondrous creator. As I think on the Word of your Son, let me realize your boundless love as Father who sent him to be my Savior. As I live my life by the gospel of Jesus, let your Holy Spirit live in me and guide me to confess your name. Bless me and mine for Jesus' sake. Amen.*

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## II Kings

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### *June 21: II Kings 1:1 – 2:25*

- 1) Scorecard – Who is the next king in Israel?
- 2) How did he show his true colors?
- 3) How did God show that he is indeed a jealous God?
- 4) Scorecard – Who is the second king to come after Ahab?
- 5) What was about to happen to Elijah in chapter two?
- 6) Who would wear Elijah's mantle?
- 7) Why was this a nervous time for Elisha? □ What did he ask of Elijah?
- 8) How did God show he was with Elisha?
- 9) How do you explain the mauling of the gang of youths?
- 10) What does God think of his spokesmen?

Important thoughts from the reading:

*Father, I have sinned against you and am no longer worthy to be called your child. Especially am I sorry for. Yet in mercy you sacrificed your only Son to purge away my guilt. For his sake, O God, be merciful to me, a sinner, and in the joy of your Holy Spirit let me serve you all my days. Amen.*

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## June 22: II Kings 3:1 – 4:17

- 1) Notice the northern kingdom of Israel going through the kings quite quickly. □  
Scorecard – Who is next?
- 2) What was the sin of Jeroboam?
- 3) Jehosaphat, the king of Judah, in an alliance with Joram and the king of Edom again sought the Lord in fighting the king of Moab. □ What surprise did Elisha find when they came looking for him?
- 4) How were the Moabites lured into an ambush?
- 5) What does this say about God?
- 6) What was the purpose of the miracles Elisha did? □
- 7) Do you know people who are like the Shunemite couple, filled with a desire to be hospitable? □
- 8) How did God bless the couple?

Important thoughts from the reading:

*Merciful God, as you have said, "let the one who has my word speak it faithfully," so lead all of our pastors, teachers, and professors to speak your Word faithfully in their ministries. Furthermore, lead all of our members to hear your Word regularly, to believe it wholeheartedly, to cling to it steadfastly, and to live by it daily. Amen.*

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## **June 23: II Kings 4:18 – 5:27**

- 1) Did the Shunamite woman have great faith? □ What are the pros? □ What are the cons?
- 2) Who was Gehazi?
- 3) Why do you think the woman wouldn't go ahead without Gehazi?
- 4) What lessons does Elisha teach us when he raised the Shunamite woman's son?
- 5) How did Elisha show he was indeed a man of God?
- 6) Naaman was a commander in the army of Aram. □ How did God bring him to his knees?
- 7) What is good about hardships as we can see here?
- 8) What does this story teach us about our attitude about the Word of God?
- 9) What lesson was Gehazi taught about the Lord?

Important thoughts from the reading:

*Lord Jesus, Teacher of the Truth, keep the light of Christian education glowing in your church. Enter our Lutheran elementary schools and Sunday schools, and with your powerful Word, mold the intellect, will, values, and habits of our children. Give your gospel success at our Lutheran high schools to keep our teenagers on the narrow road. Watch closely over our synod's preparatory schools, colleges, and theological seminary so that your flock may be provided with faithful pastors and teachers. We seek these blessings in the hope that our children and our children's children may learn to know your name. Amen.*

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## **June 24: II Kings 6:1 – 7:20**

- 1) What was the “company of the prophets?”
- 2) What did they want to do?
- 3) Why this succession of miracles?
- 4) What was Elisha doing that was frustrating the Aramean king?
- 5) How did the king want to solve the problem?
- 6) How did the servant see the wonder of God?
- 7) How bad was the siege on Samaria?
- 8) Elisha prophesied that the siege would come to an end in a hurry?□What did he say was going to happen?

Important thoughts from the reading:

*How infinite is your wisdom, dear Creator. You know our needs and satisfy them. Thank you for the institution of marriage. Keep it pure despite the terrible trends of today's society. Bless all godly partners in marriage with companionship, chastity, and godly happiness in Christian homes. Give strength and wisdom to parents that they may train their children to be yours for time and eternity. Avert discord, prevent indifference, and instill love that finds its foundation in our Savior's love for us. Amen.*

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## **June 25: II Kings 8:1-9:13**

- 1) How many different ways was the Shunamite woman blessed by God?
- 2) The prophecy about Hadad was unusual. □Why?
- 3) Scorecard: Who succeeded Jehoshaphat?
- 4) How would this king's rule be characterized?
- 5) Scorecard – Who was the second king after Jehoshaphat?
- 6) How was his rule?
- 7) Who is Jehu?
- 8) What was his mission?
- 9) What does this say about God's vengeance?

Important thoughts from the reading:

*Gracious God, all that I have comes from you: my body and mind, my strength and intelligence, my time and abilities, my energy and possessions. Guard me from the temptation to use these gifts only for my personal benefit. Make me willing to use them joyfully in service to you and to your people, to the glory of your name in Christ. Amen.*

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## June 26: II Kings 9:14 – 10:31

- 1) Who was Joram?
- 2) What had happened to him?
- 3) Who was Jehu and what was his mission?
- 4) Who was king of Judah?
- 5) How was Naboth avenged?
- 6) What did Jezebel hope to do?
- 7) How was the prophecy against Ahab's family fulfilled?
- 8) How does one explain all the blood that was shed?
- 9) The destruction of the temple of Baal holds the key to the previous question.
- 10) Yet, what did God have against Jehu?

Important thoughts from the reading:

*Savior, help us to pray. Give us confidence in the Father's good will toward us. Make us sure that, for your sake, he delights in our prayers, answers them wisely, and uses them to accomplish his will. Support the praying church by your presence among us and by the petitions you offer on our behalf at the throne of mercy. Breathe into us the Holy Spirit to lead our thoughts along the pathways of your will, and let him pray inside us with deep, un-searchable sighs when we do not know what to pray. Amen.*

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## June 27: II Kings 10: 32 – 12:21

- 1) What land had the northern kingdom lost because of their wickedness?
- 2) Scorecard – who reigned in Israel after Jehu?
- 3) Who was Ahaziah? What did Athaliah have to do with him?
- 4) Athaliah was destroying her family. What was the motive?
- 5) Who is Jehoiada? What is his motive? Good or bad?
- 6) What was the result of the coup?
- 7) If Athaliah would have been successful in eliminating the royal family, how would that have affected the line of the Savior? You can see why she was not successful.
- 8) Joash was only seven when he reigned. Who was obviously behind the throne?
- 9) Describe his reign.
- 10) What lacked initiative?
- 11) How was the temple paid for?
- 12) Is relying on someone's honesty a good way of doing business in the church with no accountability?
- 13) How do you feel about the way war was prevented with Hazael?

Important thoughts from the reading:

*Lord Christ, make me an instrument of your peace:  
where there is hatred, let me sow love;  
where there is injury, pardon;  
where there is doubt, faith;  
where there is despair, hope;  
where there is darkness, light;  
and where there is sadness, joy. Amen*

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## *June 28: II Kings 13:1 – 14:29*

- 1) Who were the kings of Israel and Judah?
- 2) What was unusual for the northern kingdom?
- 3) Who succeeded Jehoahaz?
- 4) What kind of king was he?
- 5) What kingdom was hanging over Israel at the time?□
- 6) Did Jehoash show respect for Elisha?
- 7) Why were the people of Israel protected from Aram?
- 8) As chapter 29 begins who is king of Judah?
- 9) How did he displease God?
- 10) The northern kingdom and southern kingdom squared off.□What was the result?□  
What did that mean?
- 11) Who succeeded Amaziah?
- 12) What kind of king was he?
- 13) How did the Lord keep contact with his people?□

Important thoughts from the reading:

*Dear Lord Jesus, when you walked the streets and lanes of city and country in Palestine you were touched by the handicaps and pains of many afflicted people, young and old. Your love and compassion never fails, and so we are bold to bring our troubles to your attention and to commit them to your wise and tender care. In your mercy heal us, or strengthen us to bear our burdens. Amen.*

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## June 29: II Kings 15:1 - 16:20

- 1) The kings fly by rather fast and furious. As our reading begins who is king in Israel and who is in Judah?
- 2) Who was the constant plague in Judah?
- 3) The northern kingdom is falling and now the momentum gets even faster. How is that demonstrated?
- 4) Azariah is better known as Uzziah. What happened to him?
- 5) Who shows up for the first time during Menahem's rule in the northern kingdom?
- 6) Menahem was succeeded by Pekahiah and Pekahiah by Pekah. What happened to him?
- 7) Jotham became the king after his father Uzziah died. What kind of king was he?
- 8) Ahaz succeeded Jotham. He was a disaster. Why? What happened during his reign? Isaiah was a prophet during this time. You might look at Isaiah 7 and see the context of the Virgin Birth passage during this time.
- 9) To whom did Ahaz look for help? What did that show?
- 10) Why was replacing the altar at the temple a very bad idea?

Important thoughts from the reading:

*O God of mercy and might, we ask you to turn your eyes with favor upon our dear ones who are absent. Shield them from all physical harm. Guard them against all dangers to their souls. Keep them strong and true in faith in Jesus Christ, your Son and our Savior, in whose name we pray. Amen.*

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## **June 30: II Kings 17:1 – 18:12**

- 1) Who had been the king of Assyria? Who was now the king?
- 2) How had Hoshea angered the Assyrian king?
- 3) Ultimately Samaria was seized. What was the real reason for that to have happened?
- 4) List the charges against Israel for all that had happened.
- 5) During that time, how had God shown his love to them?
- 6) How had Judah been during this time?
- 7) What do the last words of 17:23 mean?
- 8) When Assyria tried to repopulate Samaria, what problem did they run into? Why?
- 9) How did the king of Assyria try to solve the problem? Why was it unsolvable?
- 10) What were some of the disgusting practices of those who repopulated Samaria?
- 11) Chapter 18 deals with Jerusalem and the southern kingdom of Judah. What is refreshing about these words?

Important thoughts from the reading:

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