

June 2023

Memory Verse and Bible Reading Plan

*Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes;
and I will keep it to the end.*

*Give me understanding, that I may keep your law
and observe it with my whole heart.*

*Lead me in the path of your commandments,
for I delight in it. ~ Psalm 119:33-35*



Reading II Samuel and I & II Chronicles

See the introductions to these books in the May Bible Reading Plan sheet.

Reading I and II Kings

Like I and II Samuel, I and II Kings were originally one book in the Hebrew Bible. If we don't know I and II Kings we don't know the historical context for over half the OT. Three poetical books (Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, and Song of Solomon) and all the prophetic books (except Daniel, Obadiah, Jonah, and Nahum) are written during the time of the kings.

The two great themes of these two great books are the steadfast love and faithfulness of the covenant-keeping God, and the constant unfaithfulness of the covenant-breaking people of God. Because the Lord made a covenant with David to establish an eternal kingdom through his offspring, the nation of Israel was repeatedly treated in gracious mercy, in ways it did not deserve. Remember the mercy of God that He doesn't treat us as our sins deserve.

1 Kings 8:56 "Blessed be the Lord who has given rest to his people Israel, according to all that he promised. Not one word has failed of all his good promise, which he spoke by Moses his servant."

I and II Kings will take us all the way from the death of King David to the fall of both Israel and Judah into Babylonian captivity, from Israel's golden age to her Gentile destruction. Israel is conquered by Assyria and Judah is conquered by Babylon. We will read of all the great miracles of Elijah and Elisha (who got a double portion of Elijah's spirit and did twice as many miracles).

Notice we follow what we love, we give allegiance to what holds our affections. Notice as the leader goes so goes the nation. Notice that the nation that spurns God will spiral into the captivity of sin. Notice the ever-present idolatry and how it leads our hearts astray into wickedness.

Our only hope is in the seed of David, the true and better David, the Son of David, Jesus Christ.

This is the Word of the Lord, thanks be to God. Let him who has ears to hear, hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Outline of I and II Kings.

The book of Kings can be grouped into seven "chapters" (Dorsey).

The Life of Solomon (1 Kings 3-11)

The First Seven Kings of the North (1 Kings 12-16)

The Seven Events of the Life of Elijah (1 Kings 17-2 Kings 1)

The First Seven Events of the Life of Elisha in the Omride Dynasty (2 Kings 2-8:6)

The Second Seven Events of the Life Elisha and Jehu (2 Kings 8:7-13:25)

The Last Seven Kings of the North (2 Kings 14-17)

The Last Seven Kings of the South (2 Kings 18-25)

Bible Reading Plan – June

1	2 Samuel 15-16	Psalm 119:17-24
2	2 Samuel 17-18	Psalm 119:25-32
3	2 Samuel 19-20	Psalm 119:33-40
4	2 Samuel 21-22	Psalm 119:41-48
5	2 Samuel 23-24	Psalm 119:49-56
6	1 Kings 1-2	Psalm 119:57-64
7	1 Chronicles 11-12	Psalm 119:65-72
8	1 Chronicles 13-14	Psalm 119:73-80
9	1 Chronicles 15-16	Psalm 119:81-88
10	1 Chronicles 17-18	Psalm 119:89-98
11	1 Chronicles 19-20	Psalm . 119:97-104
12	1 Chronicles 21-22	Psalm 119:105-112
13	1 Chronicles 23-25	Psalm 119:113-120
14	1 Chronicles 26-27	Psalm 119:121-128
15	1 Chronicles 28-29	Psalm 119:129-136
16	1 Kings 3-4	Psalm 119:137-144
17	Song of Songs 1-3	Psalm 119:145-152
18	Song of Songs 4-5	Psalm 119:153-160
19	Song of Songs 6-8	Psalm 119:161-168
20	1 Kings 5-6	Psalm 119:169-176
21	1 Kings 7-8	Psalm 120
22	1 Kings 9-10	Psalm 121
23	2 Chronicles 1-3	Psalm 122
24	2 Chronicles 4-5	Psalm 123
25	2 Chronicles 6-7	Psalm 124