

Orwell Bible Church

Daily Devotional

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DISCIPLING ALL SO THAT ALL ARE DISCIPLING.
CHRIST IS COMING!

Items for Prayer

- Mark and Bekah Perry- Chile—Pray for safety as we travel to Arkansas to minister to a church for a month
- God would bless His Word, answer our prayers, and use our lives and public services for the salvation of souls and the increase and strengthening of His church
- OBC men and women would grow in grace, fulfill their roles and responsibilities in their homes, and minister to our church body by word and example
- We would earnestly contend for the faith which was once for all handed down to the saints, Phil 1:27; 1 Tim 6:12; Jude 3

Sunday, July 9

Read—

2 Kings 21

➔ Briefly, what is the chapter about? Where does it “fit” in the context and purpose of this book?

- ☞ Note verse 9—to whom, where, and how should a leader lead God’s people?
- ☞ The point of the figure of speech in verse 13 is that God’s judgment will be precise and complete.

Items for Prayer

- Nathaniel, Katie, Emmaline, Gracyn, and Lauren Pringle- Cincinnati OH—Pray for wisdom to lead people in disciple-making
- Sunday Services- Sinners will be convicted and trust Christ
- We would minister to one another for the unity, maturity, protection, and growth of our church (Eph 4:12-16)
- We would exalt the Lord Jesus Christ as we gather in public worship, Acts 2:42–47; 1 Cor 14:24–25; Col. 3:1

Memory Verse for the week

The Christian’s comfort in death

1 Thessalonians 4:14

“If we believe that
Jesus died and rose again,
even so God will bring with Him
those who sleep in Jesus.”
(Note vv. 13-18)

Learning Christian Truth

27. What did Christ’s death accomplish?

Christ’s death removes the guilt of sin,
paid the price of sin,
brings release from the power of sin,
and reconciles the sinner to God.
Rom 5:10; Eph 1:7; 5:2; 1 John 2:2

Pray for These Disciple-Making Opportunities

- Young People’s Ministry Meetings, July 15
- Junior Wk. 1 Camp, July 10-15
- Teen 1 Camp, July 17-22
- Regular Sunday and Wednesday services
- Spread of the Word to English and Amish

Friday, July 7

Read—

2 Kings 18

➔ Briefly, what is the chapter about? Where does it “fit” in the context and purpose of this book?

- ☞ As you read verses 3–8, note Hezekiah’s character.
- ☞ Note verse 22—what was the key issue with the high places?
- ☞ What did Rabshakeh think of the Lord?

2 Kings 19

➔ Briefly, what is the chapter about? Where does it “fit” in the context and purpose of this book?

- ☞ Note from verses 1 and 14 *how* Hezekiah responded to trials and *what* he prayed (cp. James 1:2–8)
- ☞ What does verse 25 tell you about what God’s sovereignty involves?

Items for Prayer

- Daniel, Rosamma, Dany, Merlin, and David Kumar- India—Pray for the salvation of a family in Periyakulam
- Believers will grow more like Christ and less like the world through the Spirit’s help and personal discipline
- Wisdom and provision for a permanent meeting house
- We would establish churches of like faith and practice at home and abroad, Matt 28:19–20; Acts 14:21–23

Saturday, July 8

Read—

2 Kings 20

➔ Briefly, what is the chapter about? Where does it “fit” in the context and purpose of this book?

- ☞ How did Hezekiah respond to his sickness (cp. James 5:14–15)?
- ☞ In verse 13 Hezekiah showed everything to the Babylonian visitors. Given the Lord’s response, what was Hezekiah motivated by?

Introduction to 1–2 Kings

1–2 Kings were originally one book. They are an account of Israel’s history from Solomon’s reign until their captivity. It is a theological history, given from God’s perspective. Kings are evaluated by the standard of the Mosaic Law (Israel’s constitution) and the righteousness of David. As such, 1–2 Kings doesn’t tell everything that happened, but key selective events and items that help us see how Israel’s kings were either loyal or disloyal to the covenant, and thus to God.

Purpose and Theme

The purpose of 1–2 Kings is to show how the kings “measured up” to the covenant. God held the kings (and the nation) responsible to love Him and be loyal to Him, as revealed especially in the Mosaic Law. 1–2 Kings helps us understand *why* the nation went into exile in Babylon—because they disobeyed the covenant.

The theme of 1–2 Kings is Israel’s kings in light of God’s covenant.

Key Passages: 1 Kings 9:4–5; 11:11; 2 Kings 7:7–23

Summary of 1–2 Kings

David’s chosen successor was his son Solomon. After Solomon’s reign, Israel divided into the Northern and Southern Kingdoms. The Northern Kingdom fell into idolatry and eventual captivity, and the Southern Kingdom eventually followed.

Outline of 1–2 Kings

- 1) The United Kingdom, 1 Kings 1–11
- 2) The Divided Kingdom, 1 Kings 12–2 Kings 1
- 3) The Southern Kingdom, 2 Kings 18–25

Thursday, July 6

Read—
2 Kings 16

- ➔ Briefly, what is the chapter about? Where does it “fit” in the context and purpose of this book?
- ☞ Who was Ahaz trusting in for protection (vv. 7–9)? Who should he have trusted in?
- ☞ What did Ahaz direct the people’s worship by (vv. 10, 18)? What application should be made from this?

2 Kings 17

- ➔ Briefly, what is the chapter about? Where does it “fit” in the context and purpose of this book?
- ☞ Verses 14 and 40 serve as an accurate description of Israel.
- ☞ Who did Israel “listen” to? Who did they “follow”? How did that affect what they were like? (cf. v. 15)
- ☞ Why do you think the settled foreigners did what they did in verse 32? What does this say about how they viewed the Lord?

Items for Prayer

- Tim, Cristina, Andres, Ruth, and Patricia Goossen- Argentina—Pray for Ruth and Patricia as they continue school on the road
- Financial Stability
- Prayer and financial support of missionaries
- We would equip believers to do the work of the ministry for the maturity, protection, and growth of the body, Eph 4:11–16; Heb 5:12–14

Monday, July 3

Read—
2 Kings 10

- ➔ Briefly, what is the chapter about? Where does it “fit” in the context and purpose of this book?
- ☞ Why do you think Jehu provided garments for the Baal worshipers in verse 22?
- ☞ Despite the “good” things Jehu did, what was his final testimony?
- ☞ Note verse 32—God *will* judge unbelief, but according to His time-table.

2 Kings 11

- ➔ Briefly, what is the chapter about? Where does it “fit” in the context and purpose of this book?
- ☞ What covenant comes to mind as you read verse two, and why? (Your choices are the Abrahamic, Davidic, and New Covenants.)
- ☞ Note verse 17—what do godly leaders do?
- ☞ What should the Lord’s people do with anything that smacks of false religion and idolatry (v. 18)?

Items for Prayer

- Mike and Marie Brunk- South Africa—Pray for the salvation of Lwazi (Lou-Oz-E), a young man who recently began attending our church
- Persecuted Brothers and Sisters in Christ (Heb 13:3)
- God would provide the men we need for our spiritual growth
- We would glorify God as Christ’s church, Rom 16:27; Eph 3:21; Phil 4:20; 1 Tim 1:17; 2 Tim 4:18; Heb 13:21; 1 Pet 4:11; 5:11; 2 Pet 3:18; Jude 24–25; Rev 1:6

Tuesday, July 4

Read—

2 Kings 12

- ➔ Briefly, what is the chapter about? Where does it “fit” in the context and purpose of this book?
- ☞ How long did Jehoash (Joash) do right in the sight of the Lord?
- ☞ Why weren’t there checks and balances on those doing the work of the temple (v. 15)? What challenge can you apply from this?

2 Kings 13

- ➔ Briefly, what is the chapter about? Where does it “fit” in the context and purpose of this book?
- ☞ What does the phrase, “the hand” in verse three refer to?
- ☞ Elisha did a number of great miracles, yet note that not only he *did* die but *what* he died from. What should that tell you about the nature of miracles?
- ☞ Why was God gracious to Israel (verse 23)? What specifically is referred to here?

Items for Prayer

- Jeremy, Caroline, Isobel, and William Dion- Papua New Guinea—Praise the Lord for protection while traveling and pray for continued safety
- Peniel Bible Camp- Family Camp
- Those who have trusted Christ would be baptized and join the church
- We would evangelize the lost through personal witnessing and public preaching of the gospel, Acts 1:8; 1 Pet 3:15; Jude 22–23

Wednesday, July 5

Read—

2 Kings 14

- ➔ Briefly, what is the chapter about? Where does it “fit” in the context and purpose of this book?
- ☞ What is Jehoash getting at with the thistle and cedar illustration in verse 9?
- ☞ What prophet is mentioned in this chapter?

2 Kings 15

- ➔ Briefly, what is the chapter about? Where does it “fit” in the context and purpose of this book?
- ☞ What is the significance of the high places that weren’t taken away? Why were these bad things? Cf. Deuteronomy 12:2–7.
- ☞ Note throughout this chapter the sovereign Lord’s work (cf. for example v. 37).

Items for Prayer

- Charlie and Bo Frink- New Zealand—Pray that God would bless our Sunday morning Bible studies and that many would attend
- Wednesday Night Bible Study/Prayer Meeting
- Wisdom for church leadership
- We would edify believers through the systematic teaching of the Bible, public worship, ministry of believers, observance of the ordinances, and the administration of biblical discipline, Acts 2:42–47; 9:31; 1 Cor 14:26