

Sunday, June 18

Read—
1 Kings 7

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

☞ In verse 21 “Jachin” means “he shall establish” and “Boaz” means “in it is strength.”

☞ What did *David* do in preparation for the temple?

Items for Prayer

- Tom, Stephanie, Daniela, Nino, & Angelo Boehm- Italy—Pray for our preparation to return to the US for a 2-month furlough at the end of the summer
- 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

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Daily Devotional

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

Memory Verse for the Week

Your “target” for ministry

1 Thessalonians 2:19
“What is our hope, or joy,
or crown of rejoicing?
Is it not even you
in the presence
of our Lord Jesus Christ
at His coming?”

Learning Christian Truth

24. Does man have a “free will”?
Man’s will is not “free”
(uninfluenced or unaffected by)
from his nature, limitations, God’s
will, or the power and effects of sin.
Yet, man makes his own decisions
and is entirely responsible for them.
Gen 27:22; Exod 4:21; Rom 2:6;
3:10–11; 8:7–8; Col 3:25; Rev 17:17.

Pray for These Disciple-Making Opportunities—

- Young People’s ministry meeting, June 17
- Maranatha Baptist University Heritage Singers, Thursday, June 15
- OBC Anniversary Sunday, June 25
- 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

Monday, June 12

Read—

2 Samuel 20

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

☞ Why was Sheba’s revolt so significant? Why couldn’t David just let him have his own little corner of Israel?

☞ Why did Joab murder Amasa (look at 19:11–14)?

☞ What was the nature of the woman’s wisdom in verses 16 and following?

2 Samuel 21

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

☞ Saul’s sons that were executed were undoubtedly involved in their genocide of the Gibeonites; David would not go along with vengeance upon innocents.

☞ Note the end of verse 14—what is implied by the last phrase?

Items for Prayer

- Mark and Bekah Perry- Chile—Pray for his grace and wisdom in planning ministry, study, and preparation for the rest of this year.
- 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

Items for Prayer

- Izaac, Kim, Ashlyn, Brenna, and Carson VanderSchel- Camp—Pray for strength and wisdom as we host different camps and prepare for OBF camps
- 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, June 17

Read—

1 Kings 6

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

☞ Verse 1 tells us something very important. From this we are able to know the date of the Exodus, 1440 B.C.

☞ A “cubit” (v. 2) is about 18 inches. Can you figure out the general dimensions of the temple?

☞ Note verses 12–13—God does not emphasize the temple’s grandeur but the people’s faithfulness and obedience. What application can you make from this?

Items for Prayer

- Dan, Amy, Joshua, Emma, and Genevieve Baker- Australia—Pray for the youth camps we are having the end of June/beginning of July. Pray that many lives will turn to Christ.
- 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

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

- ☞ How is the need for the temple expressed in verse 2?
- ☞ Verse 7 has a figure of speech—“I do not know how to go out or come in” means “I don’t have the wisdom that comes from experience.”
- ☞ Why was God pleased with Solomon’s answer?

Items for Prayer

- Friends in C.A.—Pray for wisdom and boldness as we seek to share the Gospel with all our neighbors, mothers at our children’s school, and coworkers
- 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

Friday, June 16

Read— **1 Kings 4**

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

- ☞ A “kor” (v. 22) equals about 10 bushels
- ☞ Verse 25 has a figure of speech—“every man under his vine and his fig tree” means peace and prosperity.
- ☞ What is the point of the figure of speech in verse 29? How did God answer Solomon’s request for wisdom? Does God answer such prayer today (cf. James 1:2–8)?

1 Kings 5

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

- ☞ What were Hiram’s “terms of sale” in verse 9?
- ☞ Note in verse 12 how God fulfills His promises.

Tuesday, June 13

Read— **2 Samuel 22**

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

- ☞ Note the different names and descriptions David uses of God.
- ☞ How does this psalm relate David’s experiences?
- ☞ Did the Lord ever leave David alone? What comfort and encouragement can you take from this?

2 Samuel 23

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

- ☞ Verse two reflects what doctrine?
- ☞ Note the refrain in verses 10 and 12—do *you* recognize the Lord’s work in *your* life?
- ☞ David’s action in verse 16 did not express disgust with the three mighty men’s actions; rather, it was an act of worship to the Lord.

Items for Prayer

- Nathaniel, Katie, Emmaline, Gracyn, and Lauren Pringle- Cincinnati OH—Pray for the ministry of the BJU Mission Team West this weekend. Pray that our young people in particular will be encouraged by the ministry of this group of students
- Peniel Bible 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, June 14

Read—

2 Samuel 24

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

- ☞ What was wrong with numbering the people?
- ☞ What can you learn from verse 24 about worship?
- ☞ What can you learn from verse 25 about prayer?

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

1 Kings 1

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

- ☞ Adonijah’s actions in verse 9 involved uniting all aspects of the kingdom. All that remained was to actually sit on the throne.
- ☞ For Solomon to publicly sit on David’s mule (v. 33) meant that he was king.

Items for Prayer

- Chris, Heidi, Rachel, Isaac, Susanna, Titus, and Seth Seawright- Thailand— Pray for wisdom as we finalize departure dates, buy tickets, pack, and arrange final details for our last month here.
- 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

Thursday, June 15

Read—

1 Kings 2

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

- ☞ Note verses 3–4—success in God’s eyes does not come by acting according to worldly wisdom but obedience to God.
- ☞ What was essential for success in Israel was completely different from every other nation. *Why?*
- ☞ How did Adonijah try again to take the throne?

1 Kings 3