

Orwell Bible Church

Daily Devotional

June 19-25, 2017

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Sunday, June 25

Read—
1 Kings 19

- ➔ Briefly, what is the chapter about? Where does it “fit” in the context and purpose of this book?
- ☞ What was Elijah judging his life and circumstances by in verse 4? Compare this with verse 18.
- ☞ Sometimes when you’re troubled in spirit as Elijah was, in addition to seeking the Lord for help you need to eat a good meal and take a nap!

Items for Prayer

- Mark and Bekah Perry- Chile—Pray or wisdom in the myriad of details that must be taken care of during the rest of this year.
- Sunday Services- Heartfelt worship
- 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

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

Memory Verse for the Week

Your prayer for fellow Christians

1 Thessalonians 3:12-13

“May the Lord make you
increase and abound in love
to one another and to all,
just as we do to you,
so that He may establish your hearts
blameless in holiness
before our God and Father at the
coming of our Lord Jesus Christ
with all His saints.”

Learning Christian Truth

**25. What are the consequences
of sin?**

The consequences of sin
are spiritual, physical,
and eternal death.
Eph 2:1; Jas 2:26; Rev 20:14–15

Pray for These Disciple-Making Opportunities

- 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

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

Items for Prayer

- Tim, Cristina, Andres, Ruth, and Patricia Goossen- Argentina—Pray for the salvation of Alvaro and Virginia
- 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, June 24

Read—

1 Kings 18

- ➔ Briefly, what is the chapter about? Where does it “fit” in the context and purpose of this book?
- ☞ Think about Ahab’s accusation in verse 17—who was the *real* “troubler of Israel” and why?
- ☞ Read verse 19 in light of verse 2—despite a severe famine, Ahab paid for nearly 1000 false prophets.
- ☞ As you read verses 20ff note the contrasts between true and false worship.

Items for Prayer

- Daniel, Rosamma, Dany, Merlin, and David Kumar- India—Pray for the children who attended VBS and the parents that they may allow the children to attend the church services in the coming days
- 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

- ☞ How did Rehoboam learn his sin (v. 21)?
- ☞ Note in verses 23-24 how religious and moral degeneracy go hand-in-hand.

1 Kings 15

- ➔ Briefly, what is the chapter about? Where does it “fit” in the context and purpose of this book?
- ☞ In verse three, what is meant by the expression, “he walked in”?
- ☞ What were the sins of Jeroboam of verse 26?

Items for Prayer

- Charlie and Bo Frink- New Zealand—Pray that we will be able to sell our house and buy one that will work well for our family and ministry
- 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 23

Read—

1 Kings 16

- ➔ Briefly, what is the chapter about? Where does it “fit” in the context and purpose of this book?
- ☞ What effect does sin have on the Lord (vv. 7, 13, 26, 34)?
- ☞ When these kings did evil, was it secret (vv. 7, 19, 25)?
- ☞ What application can you make from these two things?
- ☞ Compare verse 31 with Deuteronomy 7:1-5.

1 Kings 17

- ➔ Briefly, what is the chapter about? Where does it “fit” in the context and purpose of this book?
- ☞ Compare verse one with Deuteronomy 28:17, 23.
- ☞ Elijah’s words to the widow in verses 13-14 is a call to faith
- ☞ How did the widow respond to the miracle? Contrast that with 13:6!

Monday, June 19

Read—

1 Kings 8

- ➔ Briefly, what is the chapter about? Where does it “fit” in the context and purpose of this book?
- ☞ What can you learn from verses 27 & 39 about God? How can and should that affect your life and prayers?
- ☞ During OT times, if a non-Israelite was interested in the true God what did he have to do? Where did he have to go?
- ☞ Note verse 48—what does Solomon recognize about the human heart?

1 Kings 9

- ➔ Briefly, what is the chapter about? Where does it “fit” in the context and purpose of this book?
- ☞ In verses 6–9, what would be the reason for Israel’s downfall? Economic, political, or military instability? Or something else? Why would that be?
- ☞ In verse 13 “Cabul” means “as good as nothing.” So what did Hiram think about the cities Solomon gave him?
- ☞ Solomon’s sacrifices (v. 25) corresponded to the three feasts Israelites were commanded to observe in Deuteronomy 16—the Feasts of Passover/Unleavened Bread, Weeks, and Booths.

Items for Prayer

- Brian, Erin, Isabel, Emmett, Arthur, and Owen Bollon- Taiwan—Pray that God will work in our language teachers’ hearts as we go through Christian materials in our studies
- 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

Wednesday, June 21

Read—

1 Kings 12

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

☞ What was the good counsel of the older men? (Cf. Matt 20:26–28; 23:11; John 13:4–5; Eph 4:2; 1 Pet 5:5)

☞ As you read verse 15, remember why God did this (11:9–13)

☞ When man follows his heart, what kind of religion does he establish and follow (vv. 26, 33)?

1 Kings 13

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

☞ What does the nameless prophet prophesy in verse 2? The prophecy about Josiah was nearly 300 years from this point!

☞ What was the nameless prophet’s sin?

☞ Note verse 26—even though the old prophet misled the nameless prophet, he knew that it was sin.

Items for Prayer

- Jeremy, Caroline, Isobel, and William Dion- Papua New Guinea—Pray for wisdom as we plan a move to PNG early next year
- 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 22

Read—

1 Kings 14

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

Tuesday, June 20

Read—

1 Kings 10

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

☞ How did Solomon rise to the throne? By political maneuvering, trickery, or his powerful influence? Note verse 9.

☞ Note verse 14; a “talent” weighed about 75 pounds, and gold currently is \$15,000 for a pound. In our money, how much did Solomon annually receive in gold?

☞ Read verse 24—think ahead to when Christ is ruling on the earth, and the whole world will come to Jerusalem to see Jesus the Son of David!

1 Kings 11

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

☞ Note the frequency of the word “turned” in verses 2, 3, 4, and 9. What can you learn from this?

☞ God commanded Solomon not to go after foreign women, yet he did so. Why did he? What motivated him? How did he treat the Lord’s command? What really controlled him then?

☞ What was the cause of Israel’s division (v. 33)?

Items for Prayer

- Mike and Marie Brunk- South Africa—Pray for Brian Rebert as he ministers to us the next couple weeks
- 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