

- ☞ What was Hannah promising in verse 11?
- ☞ What kind of parents did Samuel have? Application?

Items for Prayer

- Jeremy, Caroline, Isobel, and William Dion- Papua New Guinea—Pray that we can continue filling our schedule for 2017
- 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, May 14

Read—

1 Samuel 2

- ➔ Briefly, what is the chapter about? Where does it “fit” in the context and purpose of this book?
- ☞ What kind of worship did Eli’s sons render to the Lord? What was the Lord’s assessment of that?
- ☞ Note verse 30—what practical application can you make from this?
- ☞ How does God describe faithfulness (v. 35)?

Items for Prayer

- Charlie and Bo Frink- New Zealand—Pray for the salvation of Altus, Eddie, Rob, Andrew, and Rebecca
- 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

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

Memory Verse for the Week

Strive for purity

Philippians 1:10

“Approve the things that are excellent,
that you may be sincere and without offense till the day of Christ.”
(note vv. 9-11)

Learning Christian Truth

19. Where did man come from?

God supernaturally made man as a rational and righteous person to know, glorify, and enjoy Him forever
(key term: image of God).
Gen 1:26–27; 2:7; Rev 4:11

Pray for These Disciple-Making Opportunities—

- God’s Word for the Home, Apr 30-May 28
- Young People’s Ministry Meeting, Saturday, May 20
- Ladies’ Fellowship, Saturday, May 20
- Spring Fellowship, Sunday, May 28
- Regular Sunday and Wednesday services
- Spread of the Word to English and Amish

Monday, May 8

Read—

Judges 16

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

- ☞ Compare verse one with Exodus 20:14.
- ☞ What did the Law say about Samson pursuing a non-Israelite woman (v. 4)?
- ☞ How did things go for Samson as a result of his disobeying God’s commands? Application?

Judges 17

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

- ☞ As you read this chapter, note how twisted Israel’s thinking is.
- ☞ Verse 6 is the first time this assessment is made in the book, reflecting the basic purpose of Judges—to show the need for a godly king. How does godly leadership affect life?
- ☞ What did Micah think once he had a priest? How biblical was his thinking?

Items for Prayer

- Izaak, Kim, Ashlyn, Brenna, and Carson VanderSchel- Camp—Pray for Ashlyn and Brenna as they work at a local bakery
- 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, May 9

Read—

Judges 18

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

- ☞ Verses 14ff is a portrait of religious perversion—the exact *opposite* response to idolatry they should have had!

Introduction to 1–2 Samuel

The *purpose* of 1–2 Samuel is to that God established and directed Israel’s monarchy. The *theme* of 1–2 Samuel is kingship and covenant.

Main Point: *The origin of Israel’s monarchy with Samuel and Saul*

Content and Message

God promised a king was promised through the Abrahamic covenant and gave instructions for him in the Mosaic covenant. Saul was the first king chosen to lead Israel to obey the covenant, but his disobedience resulted in his rejection. David was the next king chosen, and he loved God’s Law and lead Israel to obey it.

1 Samuel – God raised up Samuel as judge, prophet, and priest to guide, lead, and protect Israel. Israel rejected God’s rule but God graciously provided a king, Saul. Sadly, Saul’s pattern of unrepentant disobedience to God’s Law resulted in God’s rejection of him as king. God chose another to be king, David, who experienced God’s blessing despite persecution by Saul.

Outline of 1 Samuel

1. The Prelude of the Monarchy in Israel, 1 Samuel 1–7
 - 1) Samuel’s childhood and call, 1–3
 - 2) Samuel’s leadership against Philistia, 4–7
2. The Beginning of Israel’s Monarchy under Saul, 1 Samuel 8–15
 - 1) Saul’s selection to be Israel’s first king, 8–12
 - 2) Saul’s disqualification to be Israel’s king, 13–15
3. The Transition of Israel’s Monarchy from Saul to David, 1 Samuel 16–31
 - 1) David’s selection to be Israel’s king, 16–17
 - 2) David’s rise and Saul’s decline and efforts to kill David, 18–28:2
 - 3) The end of Saul’s reign, 28:2–31

Saturday, May 13

Read—

1 Samuel 1

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

- ☞ How did Hannah respond to her trial? Application?

Friday, May 12

Read— Ruth 3

- ➔ Briefly, what is the chapter about? Where does it “fit” in the context and purpose of this book?
- ☞ Ruth’s expression, “spread your covering/skirt/wing” or “take your maidservant under your wing” is a figurative way of saying “take me to be your wife.”
- ☞ Boaz solemnly promised to do as he said by saying “as the Lord lives” (v. 13). What is the significance of this?
- ☞ What does Naomi’s confidence (v. 18) says about Boaz?

Ruth 4

- ➔ Briefly, what is the chapter about? Where does it “fit” in the context and purpose of this book?
- ☞ Why didn’t the closest relative want to buy Naomi’s property?
- ☞ From this chapter, what is one of the main purposes of this book?

Items for Prayer

- Mike and Marie Brunk- South Africa—Pray for our children and grandchildren to know and love the Lord.
- 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

- ☞ What does the end of verse 30 refer to?
- ☞ Note verse 31—where was the true God worshiped? What effect did this rival sanctuary have?

Judges 19

- ➔ Briefly, what is the chapter about? Where does it “fit” in the context and purpose of this book?
- ☞ In verses 15, 22, and 25, note the men of Gibeah’s transgression of the Mosaic Law.
- ☞ Who were the ones pounding on the door in verse 22? Sons of Israel! How sad!

Items for Prayer

- Dan, Amy, Joshua, Emma, and Genevieve Baker- Australia—Pray for the salvation of G
- 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, May 10

Read— Judges 20

- ➔ Briefly, what is the chapter about? Where does it “fit” in the context and purpose of this book?
- ☞ How committed to evil were the inhabitants of Gibeah (v. 13)?
- ☞ What was Israel’s response to their initial defeats? What would have been the easy thing to do?

Judges 21

- ➔ Briefly, what is the chapter about? Where does it “fit” in the context and purpose of this book?
- ☞ What was at Bethel that would cause the people to go there to seek the Lord (v. 2)?
- ☞ What is the recurring theme of Judges? How does this chapter demonstrate that?

☞ Compare verse 25 with Deuteronomy 12:8; 21:9.

Items for Prayer

- Tom, Stephanie, Daniela, Nino, & Angelo Boehm- Italy—Pray that God's will would be done in Ilario's life as he looks for work and that he and his family would continue to grow spiritually through this trial.
- 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

Introduction to Ruth

The book of Ruth shows God's loving-kindness to His people (2:20) in redeeming Ruth and rescuing a family from extinction. Ruth also provides an account of David's ancestry to establish his right to the throne of Israel. Judah was the promised royal tribe (Gen 49:10).

This book emphasizes the theme of faithfulness to the covenant by showing Ruth's commitment to God (1:16–17), showing her acceptance of Him (Exod 24:3). Boaz's commendation of Ruth's loving care of Naomi (2:12, "*May you be richly rewarded by the LORD*") echoed the covenant (Deut 28:2, "*All these blessings shall come upon you*"). The book also emphasizes the providence of a sovereign God through a number of "chance" occurrences: the famine, family deaths, Ruth's choice of a field, Boaz's attraction to Ruth, and their eventual marriage.

Main Point: *God cares for those who trust in Him.*

Key Passage: 2:12

Content and Message

The book of Ruth relates a brighter side to Israelite life during the dark time of the Judges. This book also gives us a close glimpse of everyday life of OT Hebrew people. A family from Bethlehem (Elimelech, Naomi, and their sons Mahlon and Chilion) leave for Moab because of famine. In Moab the sons marry Orpah and Ruth, but eventually the father and sons die. Naomi decides to go back to Bethlehem and Ruth goes with her, having believed in the LORD. To survive, Ruth gleaned in a field and later learns that it belongs to a relative of theirs, Boaz. Ruth asks Boaz to provide and protect her and Naomi by marrying her, which Boaz does.

Outline of Ruth

1. Ruth's Journey, 1
2. Ruth Gleaning, 2
3. Ruth's Appeal, 3
4. Ruth's Marriage, 4

Thursday, May 11

Read— **Ruth 1**

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

- ☞ When did the events of this book occur? What would that tell you about what "life" was like?
- ☞ Though Naomi brushed off the idea, why would she talk about her daughters-in-law marrying within her family?
- ☞ Note verse 16, Ruth's "confession of faith." What is she saying here?

Ruth 2

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

- ☞ Verse 3 says that Ruth "happened" to come to Boaz's field. What do you think about that?
- ☞ What had Boaz heard about Ruth? What does that say about the importance of your testimony?
- ☞ Note verse 12—Ruth was no pagan immigrant: she was a believer in the Lord. Note the expressions Boaz uses here—what is he getting across?

Items for Prayer

- Brian, Erin, Isabel, Emmett, Arthur, and Owen Bollon- Taiwan—Pray that we wisely & lovingly develop relationships with those we interact with regularly & that we are gentle & bold to share the Gospel with them
- 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