

Discipleship University Bible Reading Guide

Middle Old Testament History: 1 Sam. 28-2 Sam. 5, 1 Chronicles 1-10, Selected Psalms

(Our class in the Camellia Room will resume on July 2)

Read 1 Samuel 28 - 2 Sam. 1: The Decline and End of the Kingdom of Saul

1. In what difficult position were David and his men in 1 Samuel 28:1-4? _____
2. Why did Saul seek counsel from the medium of Endor? _____
3. What evidence is in the chapter that it was not really Samuel that appeared to Saul? _____

4. What was predicted for the next day? _____
5. What saved David and his men from having to fight with the Philistines against Israel? _____
6. What happened to Ziklag when David and his men were gone? _____
7. David's band of men recovered everything and much more. What very wise decision did David make regarding the huge surplus of goods? _____
8. After Saul was hit by an arrow, why did he kill himself? _____
9. Why were the men of Jabesh-gilead the ones that were determined and succeeded in rescuing the dead bodies of Saul and his sons from the walls of Bethshan? _____
10. What big lie did the Amalekite tell David in reporting on Israel's defeat and Saul's death, and what was the consequence of the lie? _____

***Suggested Reading, *Patriarchs and Prophets*, Chapters 66-68 (675-696)

1 Chronicles 1-10 (Peruse chaps 1-9 and Read chap 10): Genealogies of Israel and Recount of Saul's Death

1. What is the time range of the genealogies of chapter 1? _____
2. What special genealogy is covered by 1 Chronicles 2:1-17? _____
3. Chapter 3 details the descendants of David. We will need to come back to this chapter again. What names do you recognize? How far into the future does this list take us? _____
4. When was 1 Chronicles likely written? _____
5. What genealogies are covered in chapters 4-8? _____. Which tribes are left out of these genealogies? _____
6. Chapter 6 on the descendants of Levi contains some names that may be helpful to remember; names that are occasionally credited as writers of some Psalms (See the notes/headings before some Psalms).
7. According to 1 Chronicles 9:1-2, why were these genealogies recorded? _____
8. What detail does 1 Chronicles 10 add to 1 Samuel 31 regarding what the Philistines did with Saul's remains? _____
9. Verses 13-14 are an addition to 1 Samuel 31. How do these two verses make it clear that it wasn't really Samuel that appeared to Saul? _____

Read 2 Samuel 2-5

1. Where was David first made king and over what people? _____
2. Who did Abner set up as king over all the other tribes of Israel? _____
3. Who led David's men to victory over Abner's? _____. Who lost his life when he pursued and caught Abner? _____. How many men were lost that day: of David's men? _____, of Abner's men? _____

4. Note what children were born to David while he was king of Judah in Hebron. How many wives are accounted for at that time? _____. Who was his oldest son? _____. Who was the 3rd son? _____
 5. Why did Abner and Ishbosheth get into a dispute? _____
 6. What did Abner decide to do, and for which Ishbosheth was helpless to prevent? _____
 7. Who murdered Abner and what was David's reaction? _____
 8. What five year old son of Jonathan had survived the day of his father and grandfather's death, but was injured in an accident and lame as a result? _____
 9. What was done with the two men who killed Ishbosheth, king of Israel? _____
 10. How did it come about for David to become king of all Israel? _____
 11. How long did David reign from Hebron? _____. How did he gain Jerusalem? _____
_____. How long did David reign from Jerusalem? _____
 12. Who provided supplies and skilled labor to build David a palace? _____
 13. Why did the Philistines attack Israel at this time, and why was David so soundly victorious over them?
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***Suggested Reading, *PP*, chapter 69 (pages 697-702)

Psalms 1-2, 14-15, 22-23, 36-37, 40-41

These Psalms are not connected to any particular known event in David's life.

Matching: Match the Psalm from the box on the right with the correct description on the left by writing the Psalm # on the line. Each answer may be used just once or not at all.

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. _____ We should not be distressed with the work of evildoers as they will come to an utter end, but we should put all our confidence in The LORD who will give us the desires of our hearts and an inheritance in the new earth. 2. _____ Prophesied betrayal from a friend (Matt. 26:23); blessings for helping the poor. 3. _____ Blessings for who delights in the law of the LORD, but the ungodly shall not stand. 4. _____ Rulers and nations will reject the Messiah, but He takes them for His inheritance so the LORD counsels kings to be wise, serve and trust the LORD and be blessed. 5. _____ A description of great suffering with at least four details that happened when Jesus was on the cross; a Messianic Psalm. 6. _____ No man seeks God or does good without the LORD, but lacks understanding and becomes filthy. 7. _____ Describes the just actions of those who will abide in God's house and dwell with God. 8. _____ David's experience tending sheep and now as king enables him to describe how the LORD is our shepherd and we His sheep; that with God we should fear no evil. | <p>Psalm 1
Psalm 2
Psalm 14
Psalm 15
Psalm 22
Psalm 23
Psalm 36
Psalm 37
Psalm 40
Psalm 41</p> |
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