

# Discipleship University Bible Reading Guide

## Middle Old Testament History: 1 Kings 1-7, 1 Chron. 22-2 Chron. 4 & Proverbs 1-9

(For class to be held on November 19, 2016)

### Read 1 Kings 1, 1 Chronicles 22-29, Psalm 72, 1 Kings 2 – The End of David’s Reign and Solomon’s Ascension

1. Why do you think that Joab and Abiathar the priest supported Adonijah’s plan to set himself up as king, but Zadok the priest, Nathan the prophet, and some of David’s notable mighty men did not? \_\_\_\_\_
2. On what condition did Solomon allow Adonijah to live? \_\_\_\_\_
3. For what did David make preparations in 1 Chronicles 22? \_\_\_\_\_. Chapters 23-26 were simply an organizing of the Levites, priests, musicians, gatekeepers, treasurers, officers, and judges for their duties. Chapter 27 is a record of the military and civil government appointments.
4. For what reason did David give for why he was not the one to build God’s temple? \_\_\_\_\_
5. What did David give Solomon in 1 Chron. 28? \_\_\_\_\_
6. Most of 1 Chron. 29 is about the people giving offerings for the building of the temple. What is ironic about their giving according to verse 14? \_\_\_\_\_
7. Psalm 72 is a prayer for and a prophecy of Solomon. What evidence is in this Psalm that Solomon is really a symbol of the coming Messianic King? \_\_\_\_\_
8. What two individuals did David instruct Solomon to bring to justice for evil that they did? \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_
9. Who conspired to take the kingdom and thus lost his life? \_\_\_\_\_. Who was banished from the priesthood and sent to Anathoth to work his own fields for a living? \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*\*Suggested Reading, Patriarchs and Prophets, chapter 73 (pages 746-755)**

### Read 1 Kings 3-4 and 2 Chronicles 1 – Start of Solomon’s Reign

1. What specific aspect of wisdom did Solomon actually ask of God \_\_\_\_\_. Why was this what Solomon most wanted? \_\_\_\_\_
2. What two other things did God give Solomon? \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_
3. Who was the commander over Solomon’s army? \_\_\_\_\_. Who was Solomon’s most trusted advisor and friend? \_\_\_\_\_. How many officer/governors did Solomon have over Israel? \_\_\_\_\_
4. What were the northern and southern borders of Solomon’s kingdom? \_\_\_\_\_
5. T or F. There were uprisings among nations David had conquered, but Solomon easily put them down.
6. What two groups famous for wisdom were overshadowed by Solomon? \_\_\_\_\_
7. How many chariots and horsemen did Solomon have according to 1 Chronicles 1? \_\_\_\_\_
8. How plenteous was gold and silver in Solomon’s kingdom? \_\_\_\_\_

### Read Proverbs 1-4 – The Value of Wisdom

1. According to chapter 1, verses 2-5, what is the purpose of the book of Proverbs? \_\_\_\_\_
2. What are the two greatest wisdom values in Prov. 1:7-8? \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_ What literary imagery is used in Prov. 1:20-33? A. Simile. B. Metaphor. C. Personification.
4. What basic principle or law is illustrated in Prov. 1:30-31? \_\_\_\_\_
5. What “will preserve you” and “keep you” from all the bad things in Prov. 2:12-22? \_\_\_\_\_
6. What verses in chapter 3 are famous for teaching total surrender and trust in God? \_\_\_\_\_
7. What principle does Prov. 3:9 give for tithe and offerings? \_\_\_\_\_
8. Proverbs 3:14-18 repeatedly refers to “she” and “her.” Who or what is she? \_\_\_\_\_

9. What is the point of Proverbs 3:27? \_\_\_\_\_
10. What verses stand out in Prov. 4? \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*\*Suggested Reading, *Prophets and Kings*, chapter 1 (pages 25-34)

### Read 1 Kings 5-7 and 2 Chronicles 2-4 – Building the Temple

1. With whom did Solomon make business deals to get cedar wood for building the temple? \_\_\_\_\_
2. What did Solomon give him? \_\_\_\_\_
3. What is the significance of 1 Kings 5:13? \_\_\_\_\_
4. How many years had passed since the children of Israel left Egypt up to the year Solomon began to build the temple? \_\_\_\_\_. How many years had Solomon reigned? \_\_\_\_
5. What was built all around the temple? \_\_\_\_\_. What tools were used in building the temple? \_\_\_\_\_. What overlaid all the walls and floor of the temple? \_\_\_\_\_
6. How many years did they take to finish the temple? \_\_\_\_\_. How many years did it take to build Solomon's house? \_\_\_\_\_. From what tribe was the master craftsman's mother? \_\_\_\_\_
7. How many lavers were made? \_\_\_\_\_. How many lampstands were made? \_\_\_\_\_
8. What do we learn about the master craftsman sent by the King of Tyre in 2 Chron. 2? \_\_\_\_\_
9. Where specifically in Jerusalem was the temple built? \_\_\_\_\_. What great things had happened there? \_\_\_\_\_

### Read Proverbs 5-9 – Wisdom and Warnings

1. In Prov. 5 what is the contrast between verses 1-14 and 15-23? \_\_\_\_\_
2. What warning is given in Prov. 6: 6-11? \_\_\_\_\_
3. Of the seven abominations that God hates, how many involve words? \_\_\_\_\_. Which of the seven do you think is the most overlooked problem among church members? \_\_\_\_\_
4. What verses most impressed you in Prov. 6:20-35? \_\_\_\_\_
5. What is the warning for young men in Prov. 7? \_\_\_\_\_
6. In Prov. 8 wisdom cries out again like a person. Who does wisdom sound like in some verses from verse 11 to 36? \_\_\_\_\_. Which verses make the clearest personification of Christ? \_\_\_\_\_
7. How can you explain the apparent contradiction in Prov. 9:7-9? What is the principle or lesson? \_\_\_\_\_
8. How does verse 10 relate to the whole book of Proverbs? \_\_\_\_\_
9. How does verse 11 shed light on a principle for interpreting prophecy? \_\_\_\_\_