

Discipleship University Bible Reading Guide

Middle Old Testament History: 1 Kings 19-2 Kings 3, 2 Chron. 17-21

(For class to be held on January 21, 2017)

Review 1 Kings 18:30-46, Read 1 Kings 19, Psalm 12 – Elijah Flees to Horeb Where the LORD Came to Him

1. How many times did Elijah send his servant to look over the sea for rain? _____. Why so many times?
2. What made Jezebel angry so that she determined to kill Elijah? _____
3. After being so courageous on Mt. Carmel, why did Elijah flee from Jezebel's threat? _____
4. Why did Elijah want to die? _____. What did God do instead? _____
5. What was amazing about the next 40 days? _____. What question did God ask Elijah? _____
6. How does Psalm 12 relate to 1 Kings 19:10? _____
7. Through what 3 phenomena did the LORD not reveal Himself? _____, _____, _____. How did God reveal Himself to Elijah? _____. What was the lesson? _____
8. What three persons were to be anointed, and for what office? _____
9. What lesson does verse 18 have for us? _____

***Suggested Reading, *Prophets and Kings*, Chapter 12 (pages 155-166)

***Suggested Reading, *PK*, Chapter 13 (pages 167-176)

***Suggested Reading, *PK*, Chapter 14 (pages 177-189)

Read 2 Chron. 17, 1 Kings 20-21 – Jehoshaphat becomes King of Judah; God's Grace with King Ahab of Israel

1. Who was Jehoshaphat's father? _____. What were some of the good things that Jehoshaphat did? _____
2. Why did the kingdoms around Judah make no war against them? _____
3. What were Ben-hadad's conditions for peace to end the siege against Samaria? _____
4. Who advised Ahab to refuse the conditions for peace? _____. What gave Ahab confidence that he could deliver Israel from this huge army? _____
5. Why were the 32 kings in Ben-hadad's coalition unprepared for battle? _____
6. What was the outcome of the seven day's battle when Ben-hadad and the Syrians invaded Israel a second time the next year? _____. What reason did the prophet give for why God would deliver them this time? _____
7. What big mistake did Ahab make regarding King Ben-hadad? _____
8. How did Jezebel get rid of Naboth so Ahab could take the vineyard? _____
9. What prophecy against Jezebel did Elijah speak to Ahab? _____. Why was the full extent of the prophecy against Ahab to wait until after his death? _____

Read 1 Kings 22, 2 Chron. 18-19 – Jehoshaphat's Unfortunate Alliance with Ahab

1. What was it about Ramoth-gilead that Ahab and Jehoshaphat wanted to change? _____
2. Who prophesied victory over Syria if they went up to Ramoth? _____. Who said every man should return to his house? _____. What was the true prophesy regarding Ahab? _____
3. What specific prophecy of Elijah came true shortly after Ahab's death? _____
4. 2 Chronicles 18 is almost identical to 1 Kings 22:1-35. How does 2 Chron. 18:31-32 clarify 1 Kings 22:32-33? _____

- Who met Jehoshaphat with a rebuke from the LORD because of his alliance with wicked Ahab? _____
- What kind of system did Jehoshaphat set up to ensure fair treatment of all people? _____

Read 2 Kings 1, 2 Chron. 20, Psalm 83, 46, 47, 48 – Ahab’s Faithless Sons; Jehoshaphat’s Great Victory

- What revealed the true loyalties of King Ahaziah’s heart? _____
- Who prophesied that Ahaziah would die? _____. How did Ahaziah attempt to seize Elijah? _____
_____. What happened to the first two groups of soldiers? _____
- Why was the third captain and his men not harmed? _____
- Who became king of Israel after Ahaziah? _____
- What nations made a coalition and attacked Judah? _____
- Jehoshaphat proclaimed a _____ throughout Judah. How is his prayer in 2 Chron. 20:6-12 similar to Psalm 83? _____
- What’s your favorite line from 2 Chron. 20:15-17? _____. Who spoke those words? _____. What did the king of Judah say they must believe if they believed in the LORD your God? _____. Who was put on the front lines before the army? _____
- How did the LORD deliver them from their enemies? _____
- What verses in Psalm 46 especially fit the deliverance in 2 Chronicles 20? _____. What verses in Psalm 47 also fit? _____. How about Psalm 48? _____
- What was the long range affect of God’s deliverance for Judah? _____
- How does 2 Chron. 20:35-37 clarify 1 Kings 22:48-49? _____

***Suggested Reading, *PK*, chapter 15, (pages 190-203)

Read 2 Chron. 21 – The Wicked King Jehoram of Judah

- What brutal act was ordered by Jehoram shortly after he became king? _____. Why was he so prone to evil like Ahab and the kings of Israel? _____
- What vassal state broke free from Judah under King Jehoram? _____. What did Elijah prophesy because Jehoram had led Judah into idolatry like Israel? _____

***Suggested Reading, *PK*, Part of Chapter 16 (only pages 204-213)

Read 2 Kings 2-3 –Elijah’s Translation, Elisha’s Prophetic Call, Wicked King Jehoram of Israel

- To what two places were there schools of the prophets where Elisha followed Elijah? _____
- When Elijah offered to fulfill a request, what did Elisha ask? _____
- What did Elisha do with the bad water spring in Jericho? _____. Why did bears maul the 42 young men near Bethel? _____
- After King Ahab died, what vassal state broke from Israel and went to war against both them and Judah? _____. When the soldiers and animals of Israel, Judah and Edom were in a dry wilderness area for seven days and ran out of water, what did Elisha tell them to do? _____
- Israel and Judah began to be victorious over Moab. They drove them back into their land and began to take their cities. When the King of Moab saw that he would be completely overcome, what did he do that resulted in Israel quitting and returning to their own land? _____

***Suggested Reading, *PK*, chapters 17 & 18 (pages 217-234)