

Discipleship University Bible Reading Guide

Middle Old Testament History: 2 Samuel 11-20 and Selected Psalms

(For class to be held on September 17, 2016)

Read Psalms 68-70, 73, 77, 81, 110-111. These Psalms are not known to be 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 once, more than once, or not at all.

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| 1. ____ Starts out praising God remembering His help in Egypt and the water at Meribah, but then it shifts to Israel's rebellion and God's giving them up to their own ways. | Psalm 68 |
| 2. ____ A great cry for help is followed by remembering God's wonders of old by the hand of Moses and Aaron, and that God's way is in the sanctuary. | Psalm 69 |
| 3. ____ Has Messianic verses about Jesus' unacceptance from His brothers, His disgust with activities in the temple, taking our reproaches (sins), and thirst on the cross. | Psalm 70 |
| 4. ____ A praise hymn remembering God's wonderful works, redemption through His covenant, and the eternal nature and fastness of His law. | Psalm 73 |
| 5. ____ God is over Israel's enemies, father of the fatherless, the shaker of Mt. Sinai, the author of salvation, God of the sanctuary, and God of the whole earth. | Psalm 77 |
| 6. ____ A Messianic Psalm quoted often in the New Testament; announces the Messiah as a king, priest, and victor over all the nations (See Heb. 5:5-6, Acts 2:34, Matt. 22:42-46). | Psalm 81 |
| 7. ____ Drowning in sorrow he makes an urgent plea for deliverance from his enemies. He doesn't try to hide his own sins, yet calls for the unrighteous to be blotted out. | Psalm 110 |
| 8. ____ The wicked often seem to prosper while the righteous seem to live in vain. It can only be understood through the sanctuary in learning their end, and that God can be fully trusted. | Psalm 111 |

Read 2 Sam. 11-12, and Psalms 51, 32, 130, 38

1. How was Uriah the Hittite a more noble man than was David? _____
2. Who did the little ewe lamb and the poor man represent in Nathan's parable for David? _____
3. What was the irony of David condemning the rich man? _____
4. Was the punishment in 2 Sam. 12:10 arbitrary or a natural consequence? Explain. _____
5. What things stand out in David's repentance in Psalm 51? _____
_____. Which verses best reveal what repentance is? _____
6. What problem is implied in Psalm 32:3-4? _____. How does verse 5 show how the problem was solved? _____
7. What impresses you most about Psalm 130? _____
8. Psalm 38 may have been David's regrets for his sin (Uriah and Bathsheba) some years later when he was dealing with the sword in his own family in Absalom's revolt. What verses show this? _____
9. Why did David fast and pray while the baby was alive, but rose up to eat when the child died? _____
10. After Israel's army took Rabbah, what was done with the conquered people (vs. 31)? How do we know that they were not sawed, hacked apart, and baked in the brick-kilns as it seems in the KJV? _____

*****Suggested Reading, *Patriarchs and Prophets*, chapter 71 (pages 717-726)**

Read 2 Samuel 13-19, and Psalms 3-5, 61, 35, 44, 64

1. Why did Amnon switch from obsessive infatuation with Tamar to hating her after he raped her?
2. How did Joab get David to bring Absalom back from his exile in Geshur? _____
3. For how many years did Absalom not see his father, David's face? _____
4. How did Absalom steal the hearts of the people? _____
5. Why was it such a big deal that Ahithophel joined Absalom's conspiracy? _____
6. Who stayed in Jerusalem to get inside reports for David? _____ . How were they to get news to David? _____ . Who did David ask to remain in Jerusalem to pretend loyalty to Absalom and try to counteract the council of Ahithophel? _____
7. What was Shimei's problem? _____
8. Why did Ahithophel counsel Absalom to go into David's concubines in an open public manner? _____
9. How was Hushai's advice to Absalom different from Ahithophel? _____ . What was the real purpose of Hushai's advice? _____
10. In Psalms 3-5 what verses could have been David's thoughts when fleeing from Absalom? _____
11. What verse in Psalm 61 fits very well with Absalom's revolt? _____. What is David's basic request of God in Psalm 35? _____.
12. Who was made general over Absalom's army? _____. Who was he? _____
13. Who killed Absalom? _____. Who delivered the news of Absalom's death to David? _____
14. What upset all of David's men after their victory in battle? _____
15. Who replaced Joab as captain of the king's army? _____. Who had been betrayed by Ziba? _____
16. What do Psalms 44 and 64 have in common with Israel's civil war? _____

*****Suggested Reading, PP, chapter 72 (pages 727-745)**

Read 2 Samuel 20

1. Who organized another revolt against David's kingdom? _____.
2. How did Joab regain his position as captain of David's army? _____
3. How did Sheba's revolt end? _____