



Through the  
Bible in a  
Year  
Weeks 15 to 20

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Kings 14 – Job 7

"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path."  
Psalm 119:105

These courses are designed to be used in any calendar year for a small group to read the Bible together. It is based on having 52 meetings in a year so it will work with any year, since all days of the week always occur at least 52 times in a year. Those who attend are expected to read 3 or 4 chapters of the Bible each day (10 chapters every 3 days) for 51 weeks.

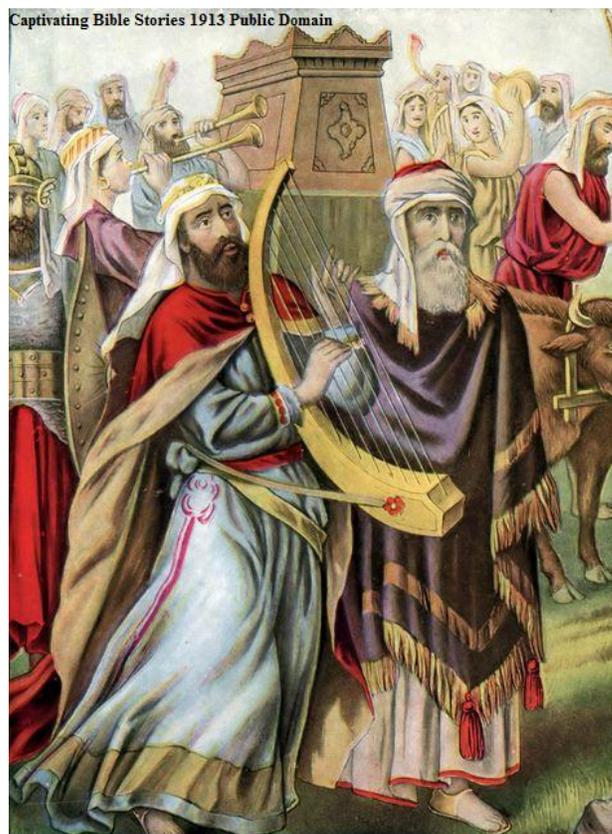
During class the reading is minimized so that there is sufficient time to discuss together what has been read. The class may want to consider each having specific topics that they are responsible for noticing and analyzing. For instance, one person may be responsible for noticing all the examples of prayers and another may be looking for God's promises or whatever you decide between you.

| <u>Week</u> | <u>Topic</u>  |
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| Week 16     | – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Kings 14 to 1 <sup>st</sup> Chronicles 12     |
| Week 17     | – 1 <sup>st</sup> Chronicles 13 to 2 <sup>nd</sup> Chronicles 6 |
| Week 18     | -- 2 Chronicles 7 - 2 Chronicles 29                             |
| Week 19     | -- 2 Chronicles 30 - Nehemiah 7                                 |
| Week 20     | -- Nehemiah 8 - Job 7   |

### Suggested methodology for each lesson:

1. Fellowship (Save most of this for the end of class)
2. Take prayer requests (Try to keep it from becoming a competition to see who has the most or the worst)
3. Pray (The idea is to leave our troubles with God so we can give Him our full attention.)
4. Read the lesson's scripture aloud from the Bible (or a few verses at a time as you answer the questions.)
5. Answer and *briefly* discuss the "fill in the blank" questions. (Let those who prefer to listen, listen. My answers on the next page are just one opinion; you may have a better answer if it is Scripture based.)
6. On the final "Think & Pray" question everyone should take a few minutes to pray over it and jot down their own thoughts before the discussion. **This will give the Holy Spirit a time to speak.**
7. Discuss your Think & Pray answers. (Never force anyone to share theirs. As with the other questions, my answer is just one more opinion; you may have a better answer.)
8. Discuss any questions or insights anyone has from their reading that week.
9. Close in prayer (It is good to call on others to pray, but try to get their permission first.)
10. Fellowship (Leave this as open ended as possible for the time and place you meet.)

Depending on the number of people, each lesson is expected to take about one hour. Steps 4 thru 7 are about half of that. If you take longer, let each lesson take more than one meeting. If you take less time, extra questions are usually provided for discussion called "For Further Thought"



Brining the Ark into Jerusalem

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**Week 15 -- 1 Kings 13 - 2 Kings 13**

Please read these scriptures and answer the associated questions:

[A] 2 Kings 10:28-31 What was eradicated and what was not? \_\_\_\_\_

[B] 2 Kings 12:1-3 Why weren't the high places removed if Jehoash was doing right?

*Think & Pray* \_\_\_\_\_

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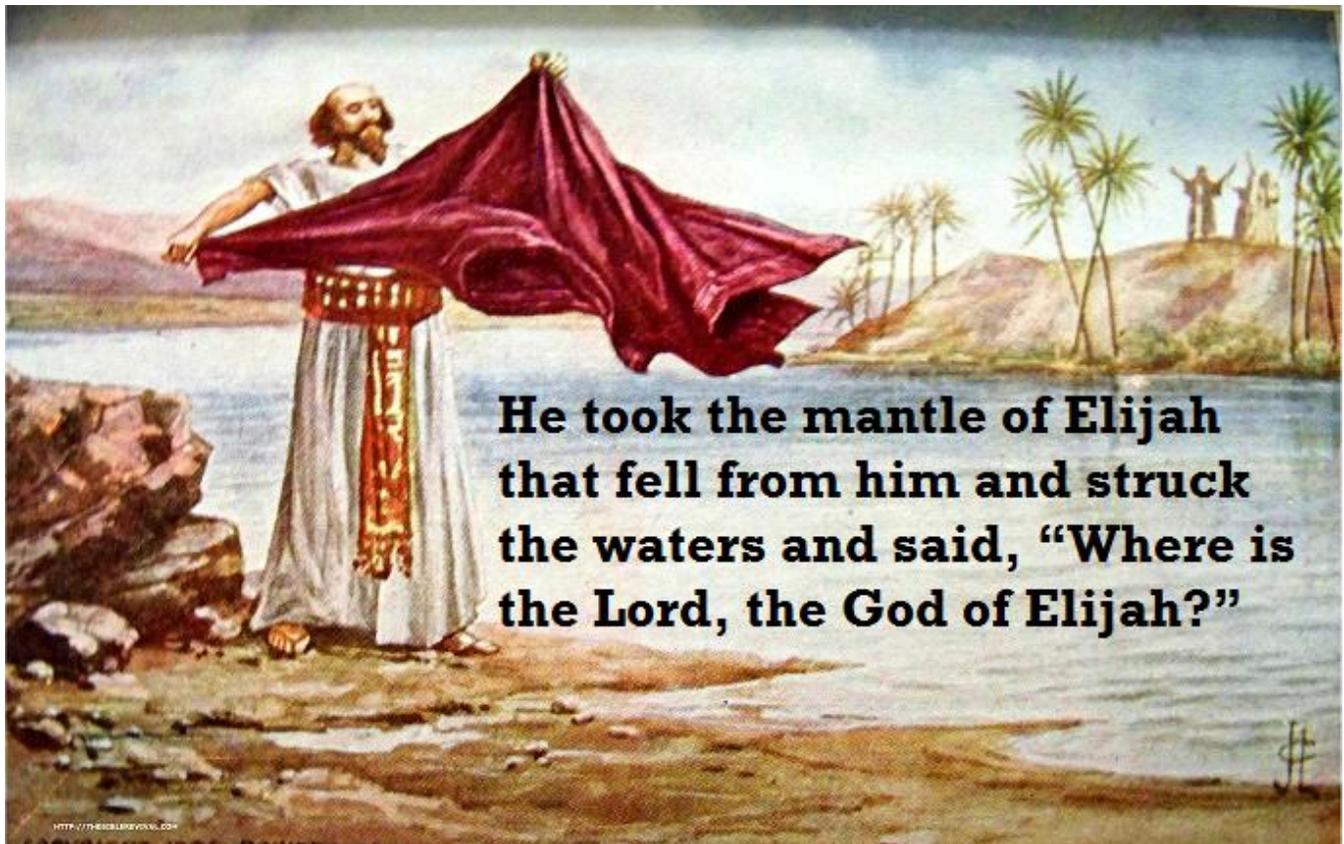
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(x) If you had to pick the most important point from the reading the past week what and why?

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**Quest for next week:** Which of Elisha's miracles are like the miracles of Jesus?

## Week 16 -- 2 Kings 14 - 1 Chronicles 12

### Sunday -- 2 Kings 14-2 Kings 17

- (14) 2 Kings 14:11 What warnings are you ignoring?
- (15) 2 Kings 15:12 God keeps His word. What promises of God are most important to you?
- (16) 2 Kings 16:7-9 Who fights your battles for you and how much does it cost you?
- (17) In 2 Kgs 17:39 who is promised what with what conditions? Does this promise apply to us?

### Monday -- 2 Kings 18-2 Kings 20

- (18) 2 Kings 18:3-6 The Hebrew here is very strong. Hezekiah stuck to God like glue, like white on rice, etc. How strong is your connection to God?
- (19) Compare 2nd Kings 19:20-28 with Isaiah 1:1, Isaiah 5:24; Isaiah 10:5; Isaiah 19:6; Isaiah 30:11-15; and Isaiah 45:7. What do you see that is similar? What do you see that is different? So what?
- (20) In 2 Kings 20:3 who is praying about what and what does it teach us about prayer?

### Tuesday -- 2 Kings 21-2 Kings 23

- (21) Compare Romans 7:14 with 1 Kings 21:20-25 and 2 Kings 17:17. What did you learn?
- (22) 2 Kings 22:13 How do you feel when you discover something in the Bible that makes you realize you have been doing wrong for a long time?
- (23) 2 Kings 23:24 I would love to live in such a time. Please pray with me for a great revival.

### Wednesday -- 2 Kings 24-1 Chronicles 2

- (24a) 2 Kgs 24:14-16 What must it be like to be taken against your will to a distant land, never to return?
- (24b) Compare 2 Chronicles 24:20-21 with Matthew 23:35. What do we learn?
- (25) Compare 2 Kings 25:9-10 with Revelation 21:2. What did you learn?
- (1) Compare the genealogy from Shem to Peleg in Luke 3:35-36 and 1st Chr 1:17-19. Why different?
- (2) How many of the ancestors of Jesus can you find in this chapter?

### Thursday -- 1 Chronicles 3-1 Chronicles 5

- (3) Compare 1 Chr 3:5, 2 Sam 11:3 and 2 Sam 12:24. Were there two different sons named Solomon?
- (4) In 1 Chronicles 4:9-10 Is there a promise here? Who is promised what under what conditions?
- (5) In 1 Chr 5:20 who is praying for what and how does this help us understand prayer better?

### Friday -- 1 Chronicles 6-1 Chronicles 8

- (6) Compare 1 Chronicles 6:1 with Genesis 46:11 and 1 Chronicles 6:15 with 2 Kings 25:22. How much of the Old Testament was covered in these fifteen verses?
- (7) Compare the counts here with those in Numbers 26. Some went up and some went down. Why?
- (8) King Saul was a member of which tribe? Compare this with Judges 19-21 & Rom 11:1. So what?

### Saturday -- 1 Chronicles 9-1 Chronicles 12

- (9) Why was Judah carried away into exile?
- (10) Compare 1 Chronicles 10:13-14 with 1 Chronicles 10:3-6. Who killed Saul?
- (11) 1 Chronicles 11:22 What difference did the weather make? Why is it reported?
- (12) 1 Chronicles 12:38 Have you made Jesus your king with this kind of heart?

### ----- ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON FRONT -----

[A] 2 Kings 10:28-31 What was eradicated and what was not? Baal worship but not the golden calves

[B] The high places were used to worship God, they just weren't in the right place. The golden calves were symbols of Jehovah, not some other god. The fact that there was no rider on the calves was supposed to symbolize the Lord's invisibility and omnipresence. Apparently their appeal was that they made it possible to make sacrifices specified in the Torah without going all the way to the temple in Jerusalem. In order for God to carry out his plan of salvation His people needed to have a central place of worship that He had selected. If they could complete their religious duty any place there was nothing to keep them from being scattered and the events of the New Testament would not have the necessary context for people to understand the gospel.

## Week 16 -- 2 Kings 14 - 1 Chronicles 12

Please read these scriptures and answer the associated questions:

[A] Luke 3:35-36 Who was between Shelah and Arphaxad in this genealogy? \_\_\_\_\_

[B] 1st Chron 1:17-19 Who was between Shelah and Arpachshad in this genealogy? \_\_\_\_\_

[C] Why are they different? *Think & Pray* \_\_\_\_\_

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### Which of Elisha's miracles are like the miracles of Jesus?

I found four similar miracles between Jesus and Elisha:

- (A) Elisha raising of the Shunammite's son is similar to Jesus raising Lazarus and others from the dead.
- (B) Elisha multiplying food (bread) is like Jesus feeding the 5,000 with a few loaves of bread and some fishes, and
- (C) Elisha healing Naaman the leper is like Jesus healing the lepers.
- (D) 2 Kings 13:21 "As they were burying a man, behold, they saw a marauding band; and they cast the man into the grave of Elisha. And when the man touched the bones of Elisha he revived and stood up on his feet." We have life by the death of Jesus



### For further thought:

(y) What are the main lessons we can draw from 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel and 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Kings? There are many great lessons to be learned about the value of faithfulness to God. Our God is not some myth that someone made up one time and has been perpetuated forward in time by naïve people. He is a powerful force in history who appears again and again to direct events, judge nations, and keep His promises. The price of sin is always too great. 2nd Kings closes with God's people carried away to captivity, but God will rescue them, as He does us.

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## Week 17 -- 1 Chronicles 13 - 2 Chronicles 6

### Sunday -- 1 Chronicles 13-1 Chronicles 15

- (13) Compare the death of Uzza in 1 Chr 13:9-14 with the death of Ananias & Sapphira in Acts 5:1-11.  
(14) 1 Chronicles 14:12 Their abandoned idols were burned. Have you destroyed your old idols?  
(15) Compare the trip of Jesus to Jerusalem (Luke 19:1-48) to the trip of the Ark of the Covenant to Jerusalem (1 Chron 13:1-14 & 1 Chronicles 15:1-29)

### Monday -- 1 Chronicles 16-1 Chronicles 18

- (16) Read 1st Chronicles 16:8-36 and analyze as poetry. Are there some promises of interest here?  
(17) Compare the promise in 1 Chronicles 17:10-14 with 2 Corinthians 3:12-13, 2 Corinthians 6:14-7:1 and Hebrews 1:5-8, 2 Timothy 2:8, Acts 2:29-36, Luke 1:32-33. What did you learn?  
(18) 1 Chronicles 18:14-17 What role do you have in the kingdom of God?

### Tuesday -- 1 Chronicles 19-1 Chronicles 22

- (19) Compare the way David's messengers were treated in 1 Chron 19:1-19 with Matthew 21:33-41. What is the same? What is different?  
(20) 1 Chronicles 20:4-8 So the spies weren't lying in Numbers 13:33. So what?  
(21) Compare 1 Chronicles 21:1 with Luke 22:3. What is the difference?  
(22) Is there a promise in 1 Chr 22:9-10 and if so, who is promised what under what conditions?

### Wednesday -- 1 Chronicles 23-1 Chronicles 25

- (23a) Compare 1 Chronicles 23:3 with 1 Chronicles 21:2-3. Why is one evil and not the other?  
(23b) In 1 Chronicles 23:30 It says that each morning and evening they were to stand give thanks and praises to the Lord. How hard would it be for us to do that? Do you? Why or why not?  
(24) 1 Chronicles 24:4 What do you suppose the qualifications were to be a "chief man?"  
(25) How important is music in your church?

### Thursday -- 1 Chronicles 26-1 Chronicles 28

- (26) 1 Chronicles 26:13 How did they decide who would have which duty? Is there a lesson here for us?  
(27) Compare 1 Chronicles 27:1-15 with Luke 1:8-9. So what?  
(28) Is 1 Chronicles 28:9-10 an example of Hebrew poetry? Is there a promise here and if so, who is promised what under what conditions. Does this promise apply to us?

### Friday -- 1 Chronicles 29-2 Chronicles 3

- (29) In 1 Chronicles 29:10-19 who is praying about what and what does it teach us about prayer?  
(1) In 2 Chr 1:8-13 who is praying for what and how does this help us understand prayer better?  
(2) In 2 Chronicles 2:12 is what Hiram said an accurate description of a gift from God or flattery?  
(3) 2 Chr 3:17 What do you think of those churches that put names on the pews on little brass plates?

### Saturday -- 2 Chronicles 4-2 Chronicles 6

- (4) How many violations of the commandment against having graven images can you find in 2 Chronicles chapter 4? (Exodus 20:4 & Deuteronomy 5:8)  
(5) 2 Chronicles 5:14 Anything like this ever happened at your church?  
(6) In 2 Chron 6:14-15 who is promised what with what conditions? Does this promise apply to us?

## ----- ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON FRONT -----

- [A] Luke 3:35-36 Who was between Shelah and Arphaxad in this genealogy? Cainan  
[B] 1st Chron 1:17-19 Who was between Shelah and Arpachshad in this genealogy? No one  
[C] Why are they different? One has more details than the other. The ancients did not consider the distinction between "ancestor of" and "father of" or between "descendant of" and "son of" to be significant.

**Week 17 (April 26, 2015) -- 1 Chronicles 13 - 2 Chronicles 6**

Please read these scriptures and answer the associated questions:

[A] 1 Chr 17:25 What gave David courage to pray? \_\_\_\_\_

[B] Acts 7:46-50 Where is God's throne? \_\_\_\_\_

[C] 2 Corinthians 7:1 How should we respond to God's promises? \_\_\_\_\_

[D] 1 Chr 17:25 tells what gave David courage to pray. What gives you courage to pray?

*Think & Pray* \_\_\_\_\_

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David gives Solomon the plans to build the temple

**For further thought:**

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**Week 18** (April 26 - May 2, 2015) -- **2 Chronicles 7 - 2 Chronicles 29**

**Sunday** -- 2 Chronicles 7-2 Chronicles 9

- (7) Compare 2 Chronicles 7:14-18 with James 4:7-10. What do we learn? Who is promised what with what conditions? Does this promise apply to us?
- (8) 2 Chronicles 8:1 Twenty years? What is the longest you have ever spent on a project?
- (9a) Compare the visitor from Sheba in 2nd Chr 9:1-11 with the one from Ethiopia in Acts 8:25-39.
- (9b) Compare 2 Chronicles 9:13-28 with Matthew 6:28-33. What did you learn?

**Monday** -- 2 Chronicles 10-2 Chronicles 13

- (10) Is 2 Chronicles 10:16 an example of Hebrew poetry?
- (11) Why did Rehoboam listen to wise counsel in 2 Chronicles 11:1-4 but not in 2 Chronicles 10:8?
- (12) 2 Chronicles 12:2 So Shishak got a report of the doings in Judah and said, "I'm going to attack them because they have been unfaithful to the Lord?" What is a more likely explanation?
- (13) In 2 Chronicles 13:14 who is praying about what and what does it teach us about prayer?

**Tuesday** -- 2 Chronicles 14-2 Chronicles 16

- (14) In 2 Chr 14:11 who is praying for what and how does this help us understand prayer better? Is there a promise here and if so, who is promised what under what conditions. Does it apply to us?
- (15) Compare James 4:8 with Zechariah 1:3 and 2 Chronicles 15:2. What did you learn?
- (16) Is it a promise in 2 Chr 16:9? Who is promised what under what conditions. Does it apply to us?

**Wednesday** -- 2 Chronicles 17-2 Chronicles 19

- (17) 2 Chronicles 17:10 Have you ever gotten respect or special treatment from unbelievers just because they knew you were a Christian?
- (18) In 2 Chronicles 18:31 who is praying about what and what does it teach us about prayer?
- (19) Is it a promise in 2 Chr 19:7? Who is promised what under what conditions. Does it apply to us?

**Thursday** -- 2 Chronicles 20-2 Chronicles 23

- (20) How does James 3:23 help us to understand the prayer in 2 Chronicles 20:3-13.
- (21) 2 Chronicles 21:12-15 Have you ever gotten any "hate" mail?
- (22) 2 Chronicles 22:9 What has Jehoshaphat got to do with the funeral of Ahaziah?
- (23) 2 Chronicles 23:16 Who do you belong to? Who is helping you keep that promise?

**Friday** -- 2 Chronicles 24-2 Chronicles 26

- (24) 2 Chronicles 24:3 What do you think about arranged marriages?
- (25) 2 Chronicles 25:9 Have you ever given something up for God only to be blessed with even more?
- (26) 2 Chronicles 26:16 Has your pride ever led you into something you regret?

**Saturday** -- 2 Chronicles 27-2 Chronicles 29

- (27) 2 Chronicles 27:6 How do you order your ways?
- (28) 2 Chronicles 28:10 The prophet Oded offered a reason they should not take the people of Judah as slaves. How can we apply that reason today? (Hint: Matthew 6:12)
- (29) 2 Chronicles 29:32-36 When was the last time your church had a fellowship meal and there was not enough for everyone?

----- ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON FRONT -----

- [A] 1 Chr 17:25 What gave David courage to pray? God's promises
- [B] Acts 7:46-50 Where is God's throne? In heaven How does Acts 7 help us understand 1 Chr 17?
- [C] 2 Corinthians 7:1 How should we respond to God's promises? If we will seek God, humble ourselves, and repent of our sin we can confidently expect God to hear our prayers and bless us.
- [D] 1 Chr 17:25 tells what gave David courage to pray. What gives you courage to pray?  
God had revealed to David what He was going to do so David was confident that he could pray for it. God had shown Himself more than faithful to David. If we know it is what God intends we can confidently pray for it. God intends to establish the kingdom of God forever and ever. Are you praying for that? What promises of God in the Scriptures give you courage to pray for what?

**Week 18 (May 3, 2015) -- 2 Chronicles 7 - 2 Chronicles 29**

Please read these scriptures and answer the associated questions:

[A] 2 Chron 7:14 What 3 things are promised? \_\_\_\_\_

[B] 2 Chron 7:14 Who is the promise to? \_\_\_\_\_

[C] 2 Chron 7:14 What are the 4 conditions? \_\_\_\_\_

[D] James 4:7-10 What 3 things are promised? \_\_\_\_\_

[E] James 4:7-10 What are the 4 conditions? \_\_\_\_\_

[F] Compare 2 Chronicles 7:14 with James 4:7-10. What do we learn?

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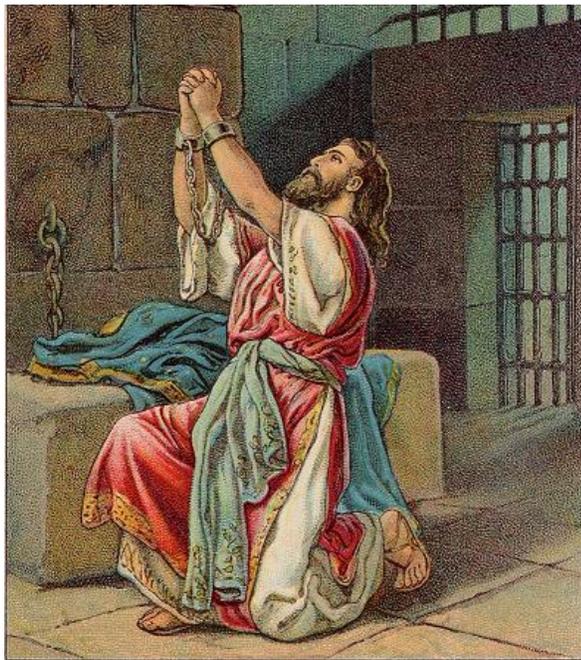
**For further thought:**

(y) 2 Chronicles 28:10 The prophet Oded offered a reason they should not take the people of Judah as slaves. How can we apply that reason today? We owe God too much not to forgive others. (See Matthew 6:12) Do you agree with this application of 2 Chronicles 28:10?

(x) If you had to pick the most important point from the reading the past week what and why?

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**MANASSEH'S SIN AND REPENTANCE**

When he prayed to Him, God was moved by his entreaty and heard his supplication, and brought him again to Jerusalem to his kingdom. Then Manasseh knew that the Lord was God. 2 Chronicles 33:13

**Week 19 (May 3 - May 9, 2015) -- 2 Chronicles 30 - Nehemiah 7**

**Sunday -- 2 Chronicles 30-2 Chronicles 33**

- (30) Is there a promise in 2 Chr 30:9 and if so, who is promised what under what conditions?
- (31) 2 Chronicles 31:1 Is it time to take an inventory and destroy the false gods in our own lives?
- (32) Is there a promise in 2 Chr 32:7-8 and if so, who is promised what under what conditions?
- (33) In 2 Chronicles 33:12-13 who is praying about what and what does it teach us about prayer?

**Monday -- 2 Chronicles 34-2 Chronicles 36**

- (34) 2 Chronicles 34:1-7 What is your plan for preventing old sins from coming back in your life?
- (35) Compare 2 Chronicles 35:14-21 with Matthew 3:2-8, Luke 24:44-48 and Acts 2:38.
- (36) 2 Chronicles 36:10-13. Has a family member betrayed you as Zedekiah did Nebuchadnezzar?

**Tuesday -- Ezra 1-Ezra 3**

- (1) Compare Ezra 1:4 with Exodus 12:35-36. If God is going to send you some place to do something where will you get the money for the trip?
- (2) Ezra 2:62 Have you ever been denied anything because of something your ancestors failed to do?
- (3) Ezra 3:1-7 In Ezra 3:1-7 he re-establishes the temple sacrifices. Why don't we do this anymore?

**Wednesday -- Ezra 4-Ezra 7**

- (4) Ezra 4:8-16 Anything in the archives that might give you trouble later on?
- (5) Ezra 5:8 What does this say about God's reputation in the ancient world?
- (6) Tattenai's complaint did not work. What does this tell us about Darius' understanding of God?
- (7) In Ezra 7:10 who is promised what with what conditions? Does this promise apply to us?

**Thursday -- Ezra 8-Ezra 10**

- (8) Read again these three passages: 7:10, 8:21-23, and 8:31. What can we learn from Ezra's example?
- (9) In Ezra 9:5 the position Ezra took for his prayer is described? So what?
- (10) Ezra 10:1 Have you ever mourned over sin publically?

**Friday -- Nehemiah 1-Nehemiah 3**

- (1) In Nehemiah 1:4-11 who is praying about what and what does it teach us about prayer?
- (2) In Nehemiah 2:20 who is promised what with what conditions? Does this promise apply to us?
- (3) Nehemiah 3:8 Perfumers laying stone. Do you get outside your "comfort zone" for God?

**Saturday -- Nehemiah 4-Nehemiah 7**

- (4) In Nehemiah 4:14 who is promised what with what conditions? Does this promise apply to us?
- (5) Nehemiah 5:1-5 Have you have lost a house to foreclosure or had your car repossessed?
- (6) Nehemiah 6:8 Nehemiah answered discouragement with prayer. How about you?
- (7) How do you feel about the way records are kept at your church?

----- ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON FRONT -----

- [A] 2 Chron 7:14 What 3 things are promised? Hearing, forgiving and healing
- [B] 2 Chron 7:14 Who is the promise to? God's people
- [C] 2 Chron 7:14 What are the 4 conditions? Humility, prayer, seeking God's face and repentance
- [D] James 4:7-10 What 3 things are promised? Devil fleeing, intimacy with God, exaltation
- [E] James 4:7-10 What are the 4 conditions? Resisting evil, seeking God, repentance, humility
- [F] If we will seek God, humble ourselves, and repent of our sin we can confidently expect God to hear our prayers of distress and bless us. 2 Corinthians 7:1 " Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all defilement of flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God."

**Week 19** (May 10, 2015) -- **2 Chronicles 30 - Nehemiah 7**

Please read Nehemiah 1:1-11 and answer these questions:

[A] Neh 1:1-3 What was the condition of Jerusalem? \_\_\_\_\_

[B] Neh 1:4 How did Nehemiah respond to this news? \_\_\_\_\_

[C] Neh 1:5-11 How did he try to convince God to answer? \_\_\_\_\_

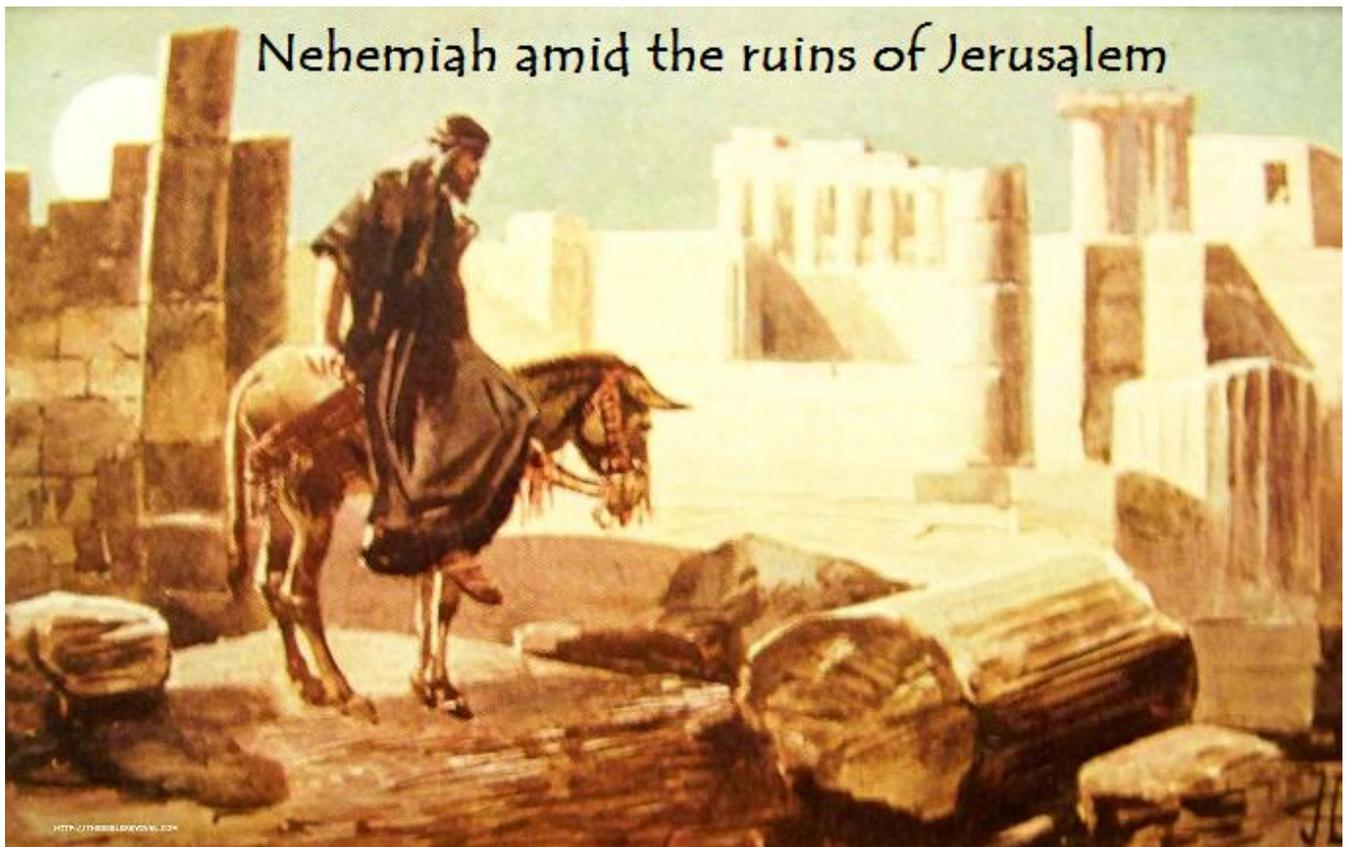
[D] Many have had experiences similar to Nehemiah's in chapters 1&2. They become concerned about a problem, and when they pray, they discover their concern is a message from God to get involved in the solution to the problem. Has something like this ever happened to you? If so, please describe it? If not, have you ever fasted and prayed about something very important to you? If so, what happened? If you have never fasted and prayed, why not?

*Think & Pray* \_\_\_\_\_

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**Quest for next week:**

Many see in Nehemiah a "type" or foreshadowing of Jesus Christ. What do you think and why?

**For further thought:**

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**Week 20** (May 10 - May 16, 2015) -- **Nehemiah 8 - Job 7**

**Sunday** -- Nehemiah 8-Nehemiah 10

- (8) In Nehemiah 8:10 who is promised what with what conditions? Does this promise apply to us?
- (9) Compare Neh 9:12 with John 1:4. What does this teach us about the nature of God?
- (10) Nehemiah 10:28-31 When was the last time you rededicated yourself to obedience to the Lord?  
When was the last time you forgave a debt and gave God the glory?

**Monday** -- Nehemiah 11-Nehemiah 13

- (11) How do you decide where you are going to live? Do you consider how it serves God's purposes?
- (12) If you had been at this dedication ceremony which role would you want to fill? Why?
- (13) Many see in Nehemiah a "type" or foreshadowing of Jesus Christ. What do you think and why?

**Tuesday** -- Esther 1-Esther 4

- (1) It has been suggested that Shakespeare got his idea for the final scene in the play "The Taming of the Shrew" from this story of Queen Vashti and the King. What do you think?
- (2) Esther 2:7 In what way were Mordecai and Esther related?
- (3) Have you ever been the victim of a manipulative plot? How did that feel? Have you ever been the perpetrator of a scheme of some kind, even just for fun? So?
- (4) In Esther 4:13-14 who is promised what with what conditions? Does this promise apply to us?

**Wednesday** -- Esther 5-Esther 7

- (5) Esther 5:11-12 How do you handle it when people brag about themselves?
- (6) Esther 6:13 What made these people believe Mordecai would not be overcome?
- (7) Why would the king leave the accused and the accuser alone together?

**Thursday** -- Esther 8-Esther 10

- (8) In Esther 8:16 who is promised what with what conditions? Does this promise apply to us?
- (9) If the ten sons were dead (Esther 9:12) why did she ask for them to be hanged in the very next verse?
- (10) Compare Esther 10:3 with Genesis 41:38-45.

**Friday** -- Job 1-Job 4 (James 5:11 cites Job as an example of perseverance in suffering.)

- (1) Compare Job 1:6-12 with Ephesians 6:10-20. What do we learn by making this comparison?
- (2a) Compare Job 2:1-7 with Luke 22:31. What do we learn by making this comparison?
- (2b) Compare Job 2:3 with 1 John 3:5. What do we learn by making this comparison?
- (3) Do you ever feel the way Job did in Job 3? What did you do about it?
- (4) Analyze Job 4 as Hebrew poetry.

**Saturday** -- Job 5-Job 7

- (5) In Job 5:17 who is promised what with what conditions? Does this promise apply to us?
- (6) Analyze Job 6 as Hebrew poetry.
- (7) Compare Job 7:1-2 with Genesis 3:17-19. What did you learn?

----- ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON FRONT -----

- [A] Neh 1:1-3 What was the condition of Jerusalem? Distressed and defenseless
- [B] Neh 1:4 How did Nehemiah respond to this news? He was sad so he fasted and prayed
- [C] Neh 1:5-11 How did he try to convince God to answer? Praise, acknowledged the circumstances were the righteous response of God to their sins, asked forgiveness and claimed promises.
- [D] I found myself complaining one day that there was not enough activities for the youth in the church we were attending at the time. I realized complaining was a bad thing to do and started praying instead. Before long I was involved in youth ministry. We ended up taking them on a trip to Mexico to help a missionary in his work. So, turn your complaints into prayers, and God will turn your prayers into solutions.

**Week 20** (May 17, 2015) -- **Nehemiah 8 - Job 7**

Please read these scriptures and answer the associated questions:

[A] 1 Corinthians 10:1-6 Why did "these things" happen? \_\_\_\_\_

[B] Luke 24:27 What did Jesus explain from the Old Testament scriptures? \_\_\_\_\_

[C] Many see in Nehemiah a "type" or foreshadowing of Jesus Christ. What do you think and why?

*Think & Pray* \_\_\_\_\_

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Job 2:7-8 Then Satan smote Job with sore boils from the sole of his foot to the crown of his head. And he took a potsherd to scrape himself while he was sitting among the ashes.

**For further thought:**

(x) If you had to pick the most important point from the reading the past week what and why?

(y) How would you summarize the passages we read this past week?

(z) What passage from our reading this past week would you recommend memorizing and why?

**Week 21 (May 17 - May 23, 2015) -- Job 8 - Job 30**

**Sunday -- Job 8-Job 10**

- (8) Analyze Job 8 as Hebrew poetry.
- (9) Compare Job 9:33 with 1 Tim 2:5. What do we learn by making this comparison?
- (10) In Job 10:12 who is promised what with what conditions? Does this promise apply to us?

**Monday -- Job 11-Job 14**

- (11) Analyze Job 11 as Hebrew poetry.
- (12) In Job 12:13-14 who is promised what with what conditions? Does this promise apply to us?
- (13) In Job 13:15 who is promised what with what conditions? Does this promise apply to us?
- (14) In Job 14:14 who is promised what with what conditions? Does this promise apply to us?

**Tuesday -- Job 15-Job 17**

- (15) Analyze Job 15 as Hebrew poetry.
- (16) In Job 16:19 who is promised what with what conditions? Does this promise apply to us?
- (17) Analyze Job 17 as Hebrew poetry.

**Wednesday -- Job 18-Job 20**

- (18) Job 18:13 What does "firstborn of death" mean in Job 18:13?
- (19) Compare Job 19:25 with Luke 1:68, Titus 2:14, Gal 3:13, Eph 1:7, 1 Cor 15:20-22, and Acts 1:9-11, 2:30-31, 13:32-35, 17:2-3 What do we learn from these comparisons?
- (20) In Job 20:3 what is the "spirit of my understanding" talking about?

**Thursday -- Job 21-Job 24**

- (21) Analyze Job 21 as Hebrew poetry.
- (22) Analyze Job 22 as Hebrew poetry.
- (23) In Job 23:10 who is promised what with what conditions? Does this promise apply to us?
- (24) Analyze Job 24 as Hebrew poetry.

**Friday -- Job 25-Job 27**

- (25) Analyze Job 25 as Hebrew poetry.
- (26) Analyze Job 26 as Hebrew poetry.
- (27) Analyze Job 27 as Hebrew poetry.

**Saturday -- Job 28-Job 30**

- (28) In Job 28:28 who is promised what with what conditions? Does this promise apply to us?
- (29) Analyze Job 29 as Hebrew poetry.
- (30) Analyze Job 30 as Hebrew poetry.

----- ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON FRONT -----

- [A] 1 Corinthians 10:1-6 Why did "these things" happen? As examples for us
- [B] Luke 24:27 What did Jesus explain from the Old Testament scriptures? The things about Himself
- [C] Nehemiah came from a distant capital, where he sat with the emperor, like Jesus came from distant Heaven and the throne room of God the Father. Nehemiah and Jesus both established new nations; Judah and the Church. They both had forerunners that began the work; Ezra and John the Baptist. When Nehemiah left to go back to the emperor things fell into disarray, but he came back, and straightened things out. Jesus ascended to the Father, but when He comes back, He will straighten things out. Do you agree with ""type"" or ""foreshadowing"" idea? Why, or why not? I think looking for types of Jesus Christ in the Old Testament is fun and faith encouraging.