



WEEK 31

August 2-7, 2021

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Bible Reading Journey

Key Study Points by Rev. Dr. Todd Biermann

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Historical Context: The prophets Elijah, Micaiah and Elisha serve in the northern kingdom of Israel under kings Ahab, Ahaziah and Jehoram. Pious king Jehoshaphat reigns over the southern kingdom of Judah. (~870-850 BC)

Law & Gospel Themes: Elijah defeats the prophets of Baal, yet he is terrified by the threats of evil queen Jezebel & flees for his life, complaining that he alone remains faithful. At Mt. Horeb (where Moses received the 10 Com's), in grace, the LORD strengthens Elijah through a still, small voice. Elisha leaves everything behind as he is

called by the LORD to succeed Elijah, who is miraculously taken up to heaven. God is merciful to Ahab, but his persistent sin finally leads to his demise. His son follows his sinful lead, entering a foolish war with Moab. Elisha performs several miracles by God's power...including raising a dead boy & healing leprous Naaman, a Syrian. A miracle of oil is cut short only by the widow's limited faith...and vessels to hold the oil.

Life Application Starters: When have you felt alone in your faith? How has God reminded you that you are never alone? When & how

has God's still, small voice spoken most clearly to you? What have you left behind to follow the LORD? How can you honor God for His mercy to you? What comfort & guidance do you receive from Elisha's miracles?

Prayer Starters: To resist Satan's lies that tell us we are alone in faith. To hear God's voice, esp. in His Word in Scripture. That we will not take God's mercy for granted, but praise Him with new obedience. To pass to the next generation faith like Elijah versus sin like Ahab. To see God's miracles for and through us still today.

Daily Readings and notes:

Monday: 1 Kings 19:1-21

Tuesday: 1 Kings 20:1-43

Wednesday: 1 Kings 21:1-22:53

Thursday: 2 Kings 1:1-2:25

Friday: 2 Kings 3:1-4:44

Saturday: 2 Kings 5:1-27

August's Memory Verses:

2 Kings 6:16, "Do not be afraid, for those who are with us are more than those who are with them."

2 Kings 19:6, "Thus says the LORD; Do not be afraid because of the words that you have heard, with which the servants of the king of Assyria have reviled me."

2 Kings 20:9-11, "This shall be the sign to you from the LORD, that the LORD will do the thing that he has promised...and he brought the shadow back ten steps...."

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Law & Gospel Themes:

Elisha shows his servant the forces serving the LORD are always greater than those of evil as horses and chariots of fire are revealed. (6:17) Israel's suffering for its evil is terrible as they're led to cannibalism. (6:29) Such judgment is the result of man's rebellion, not God's lack of care. The LORD

delivers without our help and proclaims victory through weak vessels. (Ch. 7) Elisha weeps over the coming destruction of Israel by Syria. (8:7+) Cunning Jehu brings God's wrath to Israel, including destroying Jezebel & the prophets of Baal. Jehoash, guided by the priest Jehoiada, repairs the temple in Jerusalem. Ahaz rules with evil in Judah, but Isaiah (we hear later) gives him a prophecy of Jesus' coming. (Isa. 7:10+)

Life Application Starters:

When have you seen a glimpse of God's invisible power that is greater than all evil? When have you

blamed God or His messengers for evil that's come upon you? Are you capable of serving for the LORD's good purposes? Do you ever grieve over the coming destruction of all evil on Judgment Day?

Prayer Starters: For eyes of faith to see God's power that's always greater than evil. To repent of our sin rather than blaming God for the evil that befalls us. That God would use us to deliver His Words of Law and Gospel in spite of our weakness. That all sinners who are facing destruction on Judgment Day would repent and receive free salvation in Jesus.

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Monday: 2 Kings 6:1-7:20

Tuesday: 2 Kings 8:1-29

Wednesday: 2 Kings 9:1-10:36

Thursday: 2 Kings 11:1-12:21

Friday: 2 Kings 13:1-14:29

Saturday: 2 Kings 15:1-16:20

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Historical Context: After the death of Elisha and the reign of many godless kings, the northern kingdom comes to its destruction in 722 BC. Judah, in spite of some relatively faithful kings, comes to its fall in 587 BC (~722-561 BC)

Law & Gospel Themes: Exile came to the northern kingdom because they "sinned against the LORD their God, who had brought them up out of the land of Egypt...." (17:7) The maps and notes on page 609 & 615 summarize well the exiles of Israel & Judah respectively. Under Assyrian control, foreigners are settled in Israel and become

the ancestors of the Samaritans in Jesus' day...bringing false religion with them. Hezekiah does good in Judah, but is callous about the pending fall of Judah under his son, Manasseh, who was the worst king in Judah's history. Josiah becomes king at eight-years-old and serves well under the guidance of Hilkiah, the high priest. Solomon's temple is destroyed by Babylon in 587 BC.

Life Application Starters: What "exile" has fallen upon you as a result of your rebellion against the LORD? What "foreign" religion have you allowed

to corrupt your belief in the LORD? If God can make the earth spin backwards, what is there He cannot do for you? Do you have proper concern for the generations that will follow you? How important are wise teachers for children?

Prayer Starters: To humbly repent and follow the LORD before we fall into exile. That we will resist any corruption of our faith as taught from God's Word. To seek to pass along sincere faith and better blessings to the next generations, teaching them to know the LORD. To trust in God's almighty power to guide & bless us.

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Monday: 2 Kings 17:1-41

Tuesday: 2 Kings 18:1-19:37

Wednesday: 2 Kings 20:1-21

Thursday: 2 Kings 21:1-26

Friday: 2 Kings 22:1-23:37

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Historical Context: The author of Chronicles is likely a Levite who is living among the Israelites who have returned to Jerusalem from the Babylonian captivity. He reviews history from the time of Adam to the decree of Cyrus, king of Persia, in 538 BC, that allowed the people to return to rebuild the temple. This week we review the genealogies leading up to David and through the first part of his life ~1000 BC.

Law & Gospel Themes: Chs. 1-9 feature genealogies from Adam (the father of all nations), to all Israel, to Judah, Benjamin & Levi, and then to the exiles returned

from Babylon. These show God's plan of salvation for all people as His Gospel care delivers from the Law's condemnation. Extra focus is given to the Levites at the center of the record to show that life and salvation come to all people of all times through the ministry of God's Word and worship. Music is key in such worship. Tiny David is lifted up as king by God's grace as reflected in His life, music and prayer.

Life Application Starters: How do you still see God's hand in the genealogies traced through all of history? What evidence do you see that nations and

families thrive when God's Word and worship are at the center of life, and suffer when it is not? What can you do to support and find new ministers to lead our worship of God? How does music convey God's Word of Law & Gospel in worship?

Prayer Starters: For faithfulness to God's Word & worship throughout our generations. To pass along the importance of God's Word, worship & music to our children in public and home gatherings. For the support of ministers. That new servants will answer God's call to lead us in ongoing public worship.

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Monday: 1 Chronicles 1:1-4:43

Tuesday: 1 Chronicles 5:1-8:40

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Law & Gospel Themes: David's blatant sins are omitted in Chronicles as they're secondary to the focus on the worship of God. Ch. 20 highlights the defeat of giants like those that kept faithless Israel from entering the promised land under Moses. David & Israel suffer as they "count THEIR power" with a census.

The focus of Chs. 23-26 is David's preparation for orderly & regular worship in the temple to come, with Ch. 25 emphasizing the importance of music. Chs. 28-29 focus on the passing of the kingship to Solomon. Both themes point to Jesus who will always be the focus of worship as King of Kings. In Ch. 29 David teaches of proper stewardship as he joyfully gives for the future temple and encourages all to join him in response to God's grace.

Life Application Starters: What does David teach us about the power of God in public worship versus the

greatness of our sins? How are you tempted to count YOUR power and put your trust in it rather than God? How is Jesus revealed as prophet, priest and king in our public worship? How do you freely give to support public worship in response to God's grace?

Prayer Starters: To cherish public worship as a gift from God that keeps us focused on Him and not on ourselves. To count God's blessings rather than our power. That we will always honor Jesus as the Word of God who died, rose and rules the universe. To freely give our time, talent and treasure to God.

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Monday: 1 Chronicles 18:1-20:8

Tuesday: 1 Chronicles 21:1-30

Wednesday: 1 Chronicles 22:1-19

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