

# DAILY BIBLE READING PLAN

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## 04-16-2023 // WEEK 15 NOTES

This past week, you've finished **2 Samuel 19 - 1 Kings 11**. Here are a few highlights:

- **2 Samuel 19:** David is sad to learn of Absalom's death. Joah, his commander, takes him to task for not rejoicing with his army and followers for the victory. David puts on his happy face, though his heart is still sad. He also blesses a supporter, Barzilai. He also gives Ziba more of Mephibosheth's land (Saul's crippled son who stayed in Jerusalem and apparently thought perhaps he would become king).
- **Chapter 20:** Sheba's rebellion. Remember: he was a follower of Saul. The huge fissures between David and Saul's houses remain. This is important to remember as we move forward.
- **Chapter 21:** Remember that Joshua gave the Gibeonites an eternal covenant of peace in **Joshua 9**. It was broken and David avenged it. War with Philistines is described.
- **Chapters 22 - 23:** David's song/psalm of deliverance. It's very similar to **Psalms 18**. It's a beautiful song/psalm of God's faithfulness. And David's last words are recorded in chapter 23.
- **Chapter 24:** David takes a census. God is not pleased. He never wanted his people to depend on numbers but his sovereign, providential power. A plague is sent over three days. 70,000 lives are lost. David buys a plot of land to build a sacrifice. This place later becomes the place where God has Solomon build the Temple on the Temple Mount. God uses bad (the census) for good (the Temple – **Genesis 50:20**).
- **1 Kings 1:** David in his old age. Adonijah, another son, tries a coup. It's much like Absalom's. Bathsheba and Nathan intervene to make Solomon king.
- **Chapter 2:** David's final instructions to Solomon. A beautiful thought from a father to a son and his will for his life.
- **Chapter 3:** Solomon's prayer for wisdom from God – above power, prestige, wealth, or anything else – Solomon asks for wisdom. And here we have the famous story of the two prostitutes and the child. Solomon's godly wisdom couldn't be more apparent!
- **Chapter 4:** Solomon's officials are given. Solomon increases in power and wealth – all rooted in his

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amazing wisdom.

- **Chapters 5 - 7:** Solomon's preparation and building of the Temple.
- **Chapter 8:** The Temple is completed. The ark is brought into the Temple. God's glory is shown. The Lord tells Solomon how his obedience will bring blessings. His disobedience will bring curses. And Solomon offers a beautiful prayer of dedication. **Please read it again. It is a statement of the holiness and greatness of God:** the beginning place for all worship and humility.
- **Chapter 9:** God hears Solomon's prayer in **chapter 8** and is pleased. But he sternly warns Solomon to follow him faithfully and walk in uprightness. But throughout the rest of the chapter, you see Solomon's heart begin to wane. Money, power (forced labor), and multiple foreign wives (sex) begin to dominate and his heart moves away from God.
- **Chapter 10:** The Queen of Sheba comes to visit. She is amazed at Solomon's wisdom, wealth, and power. All given to him by God. Some think Solomon impregnated her and thus the reason for Jewish evidence in Ethiopia even to this day. But there is little proof.
- **Chapter 11:** You now see **Solomon's heart turning away from the Lord** and toward the worship of false, Canaanite gods. The fall is startling and enemies start to be raised up "by the Lord" against Solomon. One of those is the introduction of Jeroboam. He lifts up his hand against Solomon. Solomon retaliates and Jeroboam flees to Egypt. Solomon dies.

*OK – Here's the storyline again: Abraham to Isaac to Jacob to Joseph to Moses to the Judges to Samuel (the last of the judges) to Saul to David to Solomon to soon, in the near readings, the division of the northern and southern kingdoms. The southern kingdom is the continuation of the covenant through David. The baton will be passed on to Rehoboam, not Jeroboam in the north. Hope this makes sense. If not, always ask!*