

## One Year Bible – Week 25

### **Summary: Acts Reading**

Saul is accepted by the disciples as a believer. Peter goes to Cornelius' house, a gentile. Barnabas and Saul teach believers in Antioch. An angel of YHWH frees Peter from prison. Paul and Barnabas are set apart by the Holy Spirit.

### **Summary: 1 Kings Reading**

The destruction of a kingdom... After the death of Solomon who had turned from faithfulness to God, the Kingdom of Israel divides in two: the northern kingdom – Israel, and the southern kingdom – Judah. Israel departs from following God. Judah remains loyal to the line of David but has a checkered path in its faithfulness to God. Elijah challenges the prophets of Baal on Mount Carmel during the reign of Ahab, King of Israel. While fleeing for his life, Elijah encounters the presence of YHWH.

### **Things to Look For and Questions to Ponder as You Read:**

- *OT* – Where have all the good men gone? David's reign had ended with his son Solomon who, though he built the Temple, "did evil in the eyes of YHWH." (1Ki 11:6) From Solomon the kingdom is divided with Jeroboam breaking off to lead Israel (north) and Rehoboam being retained as king of Judah (south). Israel started with Jeroboam, then Nadab, Baasha, Elah, Zimri, Omri, Ahab, and Ahaziah. All of these kings did evil in the sight of God. As for Judah, neither Rehoboam or his son Abijah were devoted to God. These were dark times for God's holy people and the legacy of David was forsaken. Yet God does not forget his people or his promise to David (1Ki 15:4-5) After Abijah comes Asa and after Asa, Jehoshaphat, both of whom did right in the eyes of God. What observations do you make about the choices of those who did evil in the sight of God? What of the choices of Asa and Jehoshaphat? Where are the fingerprints of God in this unfolding story. Write down your observations as you read.

### **Small Group Questions:**

- 1) *NT* – Jesus was the Messiah the Jews were awaiting, yet in Acts 10-11 Peter preaches the Gospel to the house of Cornelius; gentiles. Read Acts 10:44-11:18. How does Peter describe his actions? How would you describe the reaction given to Peter? What do you think is significant

about the message about Jesus being given to gentiles? What does this mean as we live out our faith today? – *June 16-17*

- 2) *OT* – Read the story of Elijah on Mt Carmel – 1Kings 18:16-40. How is Elijah perceived? How would you describe the attitude of the prophets of Baal? Of Elijah? What is Elijah's goal in this act? How would you describe what God wants from reading this story? How does this story connect with our lives now? – *June 17*
- 3) *OT* – As Elijah flees for fear of his life, God speaks to him and tells him that he is about to witness the presence of YHWH. (1Ki 19:9-18) What does the passage indicate about what Elijah is feeling during this episode? How does God act toward Elijah? What is important to Elijah here? What is important to God? What catches your attention as you read about the passing of the presence of God in this passage? What can we learn about God from this passage? How does this affect the way we relate to him? – *June 18*
- 4) *NT* – In Acts 13 in his longest recorded sermon, Paul preaches the Gospel of Jesus to the Jews at Pisidian Antioch in their synagogue. Read Acts 13:38-39. What do you think a Jewish listener would hear in these verses? What in these verses would be difficult to hear/believe? Summarize in your own words the message that Paul gives to the Jews in these verses. What does this tell you about God's relationship with his holy people at this point? – *June 20*

### **Journal the Psalms this week:**

Read Psalm 136. What do you perceive is the main point of this Psalm? What does this point make you feel? What are some ideas for allowing the truth of this Psalm to affect your life on a daily basis? Journal about your answers to these questions. – *June 18*

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### **Reading Schedule:**

1Ki = 1 Kings / Acts / Ps = Psalms / Pr = Proverbs



June 14 – 1Ki 12:20-13:34 / Acts 9:26-43 / Ps 132:1-18 / Pr 17:6  
June 15 – 1Ki 14:1-15:24 / Acts 10:1-23a / Ps 133:1-3 / Pr 17:7-8  
June 16 – 1Ki 15:25-17:24 / Acts 10:23b-48 / Ps 134:1-3 / Pr 17:9-11  
June 17 – 1Ki 18:1-46 / Acts 11:1-30 / Ps 135:1-21 / Pr 17:12-13  
June 18 – 1Ki 19:1-21 / Acts 12:1-23 / Ps 136:1-26 / Pr 17:14-15  
June 19 – 1Ki 20:1-21:29 / Acts 12:24-13:15 / Ps 137:1-9 / Pr 17:16  
June 20 – 1Ki 22:1-53 / Acts 13:16-41 / Ps 138:1-8 / Pr 17:17-18