

## One Year Bible – Week 31

### **Summary: Romans Reading**

In the reading for this week in Romans, Paul talks at length about God's sovereign choosing of Israel. He then speaks about Christian living including subjects of worship, love, submission to authorities, weak and strong faith, and unity.

### **Summary: 2 Chronicles Reading**

Second Chronicles accounts the reign's of the kings of Judah from Jehoshaphat to Hezekiah, with mentions of the Temple.

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

- *NT* – When we read the word “law” in Scripture it is easy to think of it as God's rules for the Israelites long ago that means little to us today. However, in many instances, references to the law generally include God's moral righteousness which is relevant for us today. So how are we to think of the law today? Paul writes, “Christ is the end of the law so that there may be righteousness for everyone who believes.” (Ro 10:4) This is similar to what he says earlier in the book, “no one will be declared righteous in his sight by observing the law; rather, through the law we become conscious of sin.” (Ro 3:20) The law for us is not an expectation that we would live by in order to be acceptable to God. Rather, the law shows us our sin and points us to Christ's righteousness for those who are believers. We do not become righteous by observing the law but instead are led to see Christ's righteousness for us. In other words, as believers we are not becoming more morally right, we are becoming more grateful and submissive toward God. – *July 26*
- *OT* – King Hezekiah was one of the greatest kings of Israel. He was the first king of Judah to reign after the northern Kingdom of Israel fell to the Assyrians and were deported. During his reign he took steps toward reconciliation of the northern tribes that were left to live in Israel with Judah. He invited all Israel, north and south, to return to the temple in Jerusalem and worship God for the passover. Read his letter in 2Chr 30:6-9. What is notable about Hezekiah's invitation is that he writes on God's behalf rather than his own. Maybe part of the life of faith that God wants us to live is to be so connected with him that we think and act on his behalf rather than our own. – *Aug 1*

### **Small Group Questions:**

- 1) *NT* – Read Romans 10:8-13. What does this passage indicate to us is necessary for one to be saved? What is this passage leading a person to be/do? How are our heart and our words related in this passage? What does this passage tell us about the character of God? – *July 26*
- 2) *NT* – Read Romans 12:1-2. The beginning of “Therefore,” in verse one indicates that this passage is referring back to previous verses, and in fact here, several chapters. What do you observe about this passage? What action(s) are we being called to? Why do you think Paul refers to God's mercy in verse one? How would you describe offering “your bodies as living sacrifices?” What are some ways we can do this in our lives today? – *July 29*
- 3) *NT* – Beginning in ch. 12 Paul speaks on what Christian living looks like. At the end of ch. 13 makes some summary statements. Read Ro 13:8-14. What observations do you make from this passage? Specifically in verses 12-14 Paul contrasts light and dark. What do you think he is intending to communicate through these uses of “light” and “dark?” Explain in your own words what you think Paul means when he says “clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ,” (v 14).

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

“Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of YHWH our God.” (Ps 20:7) Chariots and horses were the tools of might in the ancient world. Those who had such tools relied upon them as the extension of their power. What are the chariots and horses of our world? Are there chariots and horses in your life? To trust in God's name is to trust in all that he is. YHWH our God, he is worthy of trust; more than chariots, more than horses. Journal about where you place your trust. – *July 24*

### **Reading Schedule:**

2Ch = 2 Chronicles / Ro = Romans / Ps = Psalms / Pr = Proverbs



July 26 – 2Ch 17:1-18:34 / Ro 9:22-10:13 / Ps 20:1-9 / Pr 20:2-3  
July 27 – 2Ch 19:1-20:37 / Ro 10:14-11:12 / Ps 21:1-13 / Pr 20:4-6  
July 28 – 2Ch 21:1-23:21 / Ro 11:13-36 / Ps 22:1-18 / Pr 20:7  
July 29 – 2Ch 24:1-25:28 / Ro 12:1-21 / Ps 22:19-31 / Pr 20:8-10  
July 30 – 2Ch 26:1-28:27 / Ro 13:1-14 / Ps 23:1-6 / Pr 20:11  
July 31 – 2Ch 29:1-36 / Ro 14:1-23 / Ps 24:1-10 / Pr 20:12  
Aug 1 – 2Ch 30:1-31:21 / Ro 15:1-22 / Ps 25:1-15 / Pr 20:13-15