

READ THROUGH THE BIBLE STUDY SCHEDULE FOR 8/20/12 TO 8/26/12

MONDAY, AUGUST 20, 2012 Read Joshua 20 and 21

As the Lord had commanded through Moses, the nation now establishes the cities of refuge to which those accused of capital crimes may flee and receive a fair hearing. Joshua and the other elders allot cities to people from the tribe of Levi. This tribe received no land of its own. Rather, the Lord was Levi's portion (Numbers 18:20). The Levites served in Israel's worship life, received the tithes offered to the Lord by the other tribes, and shared those portions of the animal sacrifices that were not burned up. Some of them were scattered through the Land to teach the people God's Word. As you read, reeiew for yourself the ways that Jesus is your city of refuge and also think about the high standing you enjoy as the Lord's New Testament priest.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 21, 2012 Read Joshua 22

With thanks and the Lord's blessing, Joshua sends the armies of Reuben, Gad, the half tribe of Manasseh back home to the east side of the Jordan (see Numbers 32). Joshua 22 continues with a short story about zeal for the Lord that results in a near disaster. As you read, ask yourself what accounts for all this zeal.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 22, 2012 Read Joshua 23.

Today's chapter records the second of three meetings Joshua calls with the people of Israel shortly before his death (The first came in 22:1-9, and the third is recorded in 24:1-28). As you read, picture Joshua at about age 110. He know he will soon die. What concerns are uppermost in his mind? Why?

THURSDAY, AUGUST 23, 2012 Read Joshua 24.

In his farewell sermon, Joshua focuses on what the Lord has done for His people from the time of Abraham onward. Then he calls for a response of love from the people. As you read, note (and perhaps circle) the "I's" with which the Lord refers to Himself. Then notice the verbs that follow each. These tell of specific ways in which the Lord acted to deliver His people and to prepare the way for the Savior He has promised to send.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 24, 201 Read Judges 1

Joshua is dead. The relatively bright 35 years of conquest he led to Canaan is about to be eclipsed by 350 years of spiritual failure in Israel. The time of the judges was truly a dark age for God's people. In chapter 1, we meet this darkness. As you read, note evidence the Lord has not withdrawn His presence or His promises. What, then, has changed?

SATURDAY, AUGUST 25, 2012 Read Judges 2

Chapters 1 and 2 of Judges overlap the last several chapters of Joshua. In the chapter you will read today, the writer links the passing of the generation Joshua led with the spiritual history of that generation's children and grandchildren. Verses 11-19 are particularly important because they give a general description of the cycle of judgment tha the nation would live again and again and again over the next three and a half centuries

SUNDAY, AUGUST 26, 2012 Come worship with us as Mark Haworth again leads worship and then catch up on any readings you missed this week later in the day.