

READ THROUGH THE BIBLE SCHEDULE FOR 10/08/12 TO 10/14/12

MONDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2012 Read 2 Samuel 1:1 to 2:32

The books of I and 2 Samuel form a seamless story of God's mercy to his people, especially through David. As you read today, note the humility, honesty, and wisdom the Lord has worked in David's character during his years as a fugitive.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2012 Read 2 Samuel 3:1 to 4:12

Chapter 3 introduces a seven-year civil war between David and in Judah and Ish-Bosheth, Saul's Son in Israel. As you read, note how again and again David acts with integrity and justice despite the opportunity to seize the crown by force and to take vengeance on his enemies.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2012 Read 2 Samuel 5:1-25

The Lord works through people and events to establish David as king over all 12 tribes. As this happens, we begin to see David more and more as a "type of Christ." As you read, note that David is portrayed as a shepherd for Israel (v. 2), the ruler of Zion (v. 7), and the king over Israel (v. 12).

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2012 Read 2 Samuel 6:1-23

The Lord had given His people specific directions about the proper way to carry the ark of the covenant. (See Exodus 25:10-14 and Numbers 4:15) Nothing in those instructions mentioned an oxcart! Yet in their excitement, David and his people had "a better idea." It ended in tragedy. In fear and anger, David left the ark outside Jerusalem for 3 months. Then, convicted of his sin, David brought the ark of the covenant into his capital city with an unforgettable demonstration of joy and worship.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2012 Read 2 Samuel 7:1-29

Moved by a thankful heart, David proposes to build a "house" for Yahweh, the Lord. But through the prophet Nathan, the Lord promises to establish a house of a different kind for David, a dynasty that would last forever. As you read, note all of God's specific "I will..." promises to David.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2012 Read 2 Samuel 8:1 to 10:19

It would be easy to think of David only as a conquering warrior. But as you read today, note how the strength God gave David showed itself in kindness, in sensitivity to others, and in a heart of worship toward the Lord.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2012 Come to worship in the morning as our preschoolers sing God's praises for the first time this school year. Then use some of your free time in the afternoon or evening to catch up on any readings you missed during the week.