

READ THROUGH THE BIBLE STUDY SCHEDULE FOR 10/15/12 TO 10/21/12

MONDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2012 Read 2 Samuel 11:1 to 12:31

"In the spring of the year... when kings go off to war" David stayed in his palace (2 Samuel 11:1). One seemingly insignificant wrong turn. Followed by another. Then another. And soon David found himself mired so deeply in the swamp of sin that there was no way out. Or so it appeared. As you read today, notice Satan's subtle snares. And notice also the Lord's tender mercy toward David, His wandering son.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2012 Read 2 Samuel 13:1 TO 14:24

The incident with Bathsheba marks a turning point in David's life and reign. The Lord had fully forgiven him, yet the earthly consequences of his sins would continue until the day he died. Quite possibly David felt that by his sin he had lost his moral authority. As you read today, look for opportunities David missed- as a father and a king in Israel.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2012 Read 2 Samuel 14:25 to 16:23

Rejected by his father, Absalom began to curry favor with those who came to David with legal complaints. Year after year, Absalom lived just outside the shadow of his father's love. Finally, Absalom's anger exploded into a rebellion that nearly toppled David from Israel's throne. Read about how that came about now.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2012 Read 2 Samuel 17:1 to 18:23

Absalom's resentment and frustration have led him to rape and pillage his way through David's palace. Intoxicated by power, Absalom ignores the wise advice Ahithophel gives; Absalom holds off his attack until David's armies have a chance to regroup.

The next day, Joab and his army defeat Absalom and his forces; Joab himself assassinates Absalom.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2012 Read 2 Samuel 19:1 to 20:26

Absalom's death plunged David into deep grief. So much so that his troops though victorious, sneak back from the battlefield in shame. Joab's sharp words bring David back to reality. He acts decisively to regain his crown in both Judah and Israel. His enemies receive mercy, and his allies rewards.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2012 Read 2 Samuel 21:1 to 22:51

The holy writer recounts several instances from King David's reign that illustrate the ways in which he righted the wrongs done by King Saul and also showed respect for Saul and Jonathan even after their deaths. Chapter 22 then records a song written by King David in praise to the Lord for his faithfulness throughout David's life.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2012 Come and worship with us to receive the Lord's Supper and then spend some time later in the day reading anything you missed during the week.