

**READ THROUGH THE BIBLE STUDY READINGS SCHEDULE FOR 11/5/12 TO 11/11/12**

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2012 Read 1 Kings 19:1-21**

The apostle James tells us that Elijah was a human being "just like us" (James 5:17). Today as you read, you will find how true that is. And you will see the Lord's compassion and concern for His children whenever they feel discouraged. As you read, look at the ways our Wonderful Counselor (Isaiah 9:6) brought healing to His servant's heart.

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2012 Read 1 Kings 20:1-43**

The more we learn to know God, the more we see that His ways are not our ways, nor His thoughts our thoughts (Isaiah 55:8). We, for instance, would probably have rained down punishment on King Ahab and his idolatrous people. Instead, the Lord delivered and blessed them. Romans 2:4 says that God's kindness leads us to repentance. Look for that kindness as you read today's accounts.

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2012 Read 1 Kings 21:1 to 22:53**

Literature is full of stories about people who "sell their soul to the devil." Generally, they get in exchange something they want very much. But in the end, they regret the high price they must pay when the invoice comes due. Twice in today's text you will read that King Ahab "sold himself" to do evil (21:20, 25). As you read, notice how the Lord worked to lead Ahab to repentance.

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2012 Read 2 Kings 1:1 to 2:25**

As you begin today's reading, recall that our books of 1 and 2 Kings were originally one volume in the Hebrew Bible. The saga of sin and grace, Law and Gospel, continues. As you read, also notice the contrast between godless King Ahaziah and the godly prophets Elijah and Elisha.

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2012 Read 2 Kings 3:1 to 4:44**

Maybe you've heard this motto: "Don't sweat the small stuff." And its corollary: "It's *all* small stuff." That's what the Lord, through His servant Elisha, tells the kings of Israel and Judah today as they face the fear of battle with Moab. God says, "This is a simple matter..." (3:18, NKJV). The Lord has the situation under control as later events will prove. Chapter 4 goes on to show that debt, drought and even death prove no problem for the Lord who protects- and resurrects- His children.

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2012 Read 2 Kings 5:1-27**

The chapter you will read today includes a series of events in which God uses the witness of a teenage prisoner of war to lead Aram's (Syria's) chief of military operations to faith. As you read, watch for cues to show the 180-degree change the Holy Spirit worked in Naaman's heart.

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2012.** Come worship with our preschoolers as they sing and then use some time later in the day to catch up on any readings you missed during the week.