

READ THROUGH THE BIBLE SCHEDULE FOR 12/03/12 TO 12/09/12

MONDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2012 Read 1 Chronicles 18:1 to 20:8

Miscellaneous victories. That's what you'll see if you disconnect 1 Chronicles 18-20 from 17:25-27. If you do that, you'll miss the real point of the section of the Word of God you'll read today. So review 17:25-27 as you begin.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2012 Read 1 Chronicles 21:1-30

Maybe it was pride. Maybe it was wrong-headed confidence in the size of the militia he was able to muster. Either way, David's sin brought the Lord's judgment down around the ears of all Israel. Nonetheless, the account you are about to read show once again that God's mercy triumphs over judgment for his repentant people (James 2:13, Micah 7:18).

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2012 Read 1 Chronicles 22:1-19

David had one duty, Solomon another. David conquered the land. Solomon constructed the temple. Given the tendency of human beings to hold a grudge, the same person could not have handled both task (22:8). As you read today, look for evidence that God's heart of love reached out beyond Israel to people of *all* nations.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2012 Read 1 Chronicles 23:1 to 27:34

You may want to skim today's reading; it is quite lengthy. On the other hand, the text includes many gems to be mined- a phrase or two, a sentence or two that provoke thought and nearly beg us to apply them to our lives. (See, for instance, 23:13; 25:1-3, 5-7)/

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2012 Read 1 Chronicles 28:1-21

Because the nation of Israel was to be the "cradle of Christ" in human history, Israel's history mattered. A lot! As you read today, remember that these are some of David's last official words as Israel's ruler. As yourself why David did and said all these things as he looked forward to the Lord's promised Messiah.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2012 Read 1 Chronicles 29:1-30

If a reader had to choose one word to summarize the mood of 1 Chronicles 29, that word would have to be *joy*. As you read, particularly as you read David's prayer in verses 10-15, ask the Holy Spirit to work an attitude of joy and thanksgiving in your own heart.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2012. Join us and our Sunday Schoolers in the morning as they share with us the Christmas story through song and verse in the Sunday School Christmas service then use the rest of the day to catch up on any readings you missed during the week.