

READ THROUGH THE BIBLE SCHEDULE FOR 12/10/12 TO 12/16/12

MONDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2012 Read 2 Chronicles 1:1 to 2:18

The book of 2 Chronicles picks up Israel's history where 1 Chronicles left off. We first see King Solomon, David's son and successor, worshipping. As you review his prayer in chapter 1 and his plans in chapter 2, ask yourself what it means to have true wisdom.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2012 Read 2 Chronicles 3:1 to 5:14

Maybe you've stood at a construction site. If so, keep those sights and sounds in mind as you read today's chapters from 2 Chronicles. Imagine the scent of fresh-cut lumber; watch as the workers lift the beams and door posts into place. Then imagine yourself wading into the finished structure for the first time. Ask yourself, "What does this house of worship say to me about my Lord?"

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2012 Read 2 Chronicles 6:1 to 7:22

The temple dedication service continues. The Lord has come into the midst of His people (5:14), and they worship Him. As you read, note carefully the connection between what God says and what He does.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2012 Read 2 Chronicles 8:1 to 9:31

Remember that the writer of Chronicles looked at Israel's history and recorded that history from the viewpoint of the nation's worship life. Thus the writer devotes six chapters (2 Chronicles 2-7) to the events surrounding the construction and dedication of the temple and only two chapters (8-9) to all the rest of Solomon's reign. As you read today, note evidence both of Solomon's wisdom and of God's blessings toward Israel.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2012 Read 2 Chronicles 10:1 to 11:23

In 1 Kings 12:1-19, we first read about the split that divided the Northern Kingdom (Israel) from the Southern Kingdom (Judah). The writer of Chronicles records the events that led up to this split and the fallout from the split, as did the writer of Kings. But today's account describes in more detail the spiritual division that also took place. Take special note of that description as you read.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2012 Read 2 Chronicles 12:1-16

As chapter 12 opens, King Rehoboam's stubborn arrogance has led Judah to the edge of disaster. But the Lord sends word through the prophet Shemaiah, and that word leads king and people alike to repentance. As you read, note the various references in the text to godly humility. Ask yourself what it means to be humble in a God-pleasing way.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2012

Join us in church in the morning for the 3rd Sunday in Advent and think about joining us for caroling at 4 p.m. in the afternoon. Use any free time to catch up on your readings for the week.