

**READ THROUGH THE BIBLE STUDY READING SCHEDULE FOR 4/8/13 TO 4/14/13**

**MONDAY, APRIL 8, 2013** Read Song of Songs 4 to 6

The wedding over, the Shulamite moves into the royal palace. While Solomon is away, his bride dreams about him knocking at the door, but in her dream she answers him too late (5:2-6). In a panic, she searches Jerusalem for him (5:7-8). When he returns to the city, he soothes her fears by repeating his pledges of love and praising her beauty (6:4-7:10). As you read, think about God's love for His covenant people, Israel and Christ's love for His bride, the holy Christian church.

**TUESDAY, APRIL 9, 2013** Read Songs of Songs 7 and 8

Again today's reading can be understood on two levels. On the surface, we read the love story of Solomon and his bride the Shulamite. The account commends this love and in doing so recommends it for all married couples of all time. On another level, we read about the love Christ has for His church. Nothing can quench this love; no flood can drown it out (8:7). Neither can anyone buy this love. But our Savior has given it freely to us through His cross and open tomb. As you read, ask your Lord to reveal more of His love to you.

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10, 2013** Read Isaiah 1 and 2

Judah at the time of Isaiah enjoyed many of the same blessings we do. But much like us, the people of Judah had fallen for the temptation to grab the gifts and forget the giver. Outwardly religious and financially rich, they were spiritually sick and morally bankrupt. As you read, ask yourself what idols the Holy Spirit would point out in your life if He had your full attention.

**THURSDAY, APRIL 11, 2013** Read Isaiah 3 and 4

Ancient Israel ignored her godly kings and disobeyed the priests and prophets God sent. So the Lord let them have the kind of leaders they preferred, and lawlessness multiplied (3:1-15). As you read, look for evidence for that the Lord longed to show mercy to Judah despite her sins.

**FRIDAY, APRIL 12, 2013** Read Isaiah 5

Suppose you planted a garden, and for every hundred seeds you planted, you raised one ear of corn with ten kernels on it. Suppose you invested in the stock market and for every \$100 you put in, you got only \$10 back. How long would you continue your efforts? That's the picture the Lord paints of Judah in Isaiah 5. As you read, look both for His expressions of disappointment and for the specific charges He brings against His people.

**SATURDAY, APRIL 13, 2013** Read Isaiah 6

As we have seen so far, Isaiah spoke some of the sternest Law and some of the sweetest Gospel in all of Scripture. But who gave Isaiah, a sinner, the right to speak for the holy God? As you study his commission, focus not on the sinful spokesmen but on the holy God whose Word Isaiah proclaimed.

**SUNDAY, APRIL 14, 2013** COME TO CELEBRATE EASTER AGAIN IN THE MORNING AND RECEIVE THE LORD'S SUPPER AND THEN TAKE SOME TIME IN THE AFTERNOON TO CATCH UP ON ANY READINGS YOU MISSED DURING THE WEEK.