

READ THROUGH THE BIBLE STUDY SCHEDULE FOR 06-17-13 TO 06-23-13

MONDAY, JUNE 17, 2013 Read Ezekiel 10 and 11

The chapters you will read today contain some of the saddest words in all of Scripture. The people to whom the Lord had made His covenant promises, to whom He had sent His holy prophets, to whom He had given His Holy Word, had turned their backs on Him. They had so defiled His temple with their idols that He could no longer stand to dwell there. The glory-cloud that had led Israel from slavery to freedom in the exodus, that had entered Solomon's temple on the day of dedication, now departs. The unbelievers of Jerusalem will face their destruction alone.

TUESDAY, JUNE 18, 2013 Read Ezekiel 12 and 13

Despite all evidence to the contrary, many exiles clung to the false hope that Jerusalem would never fall. Much like the "magical thinking" of people today who ignore the obvious, the people believe what they wanted to believe. As you read, notice the way they collected false prophets to encourage

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19, 2013 Read Ezekiel 14 and 15

Intrigued by Ezekiel's message, the leaders of the exiles came to hear him quite often. Interested in listening, they had no interest in changing. Ezekiel had only one message for them; Repent! As you read, ask yourself why you come to God to hear His Word.

THURSDAY, JUNE 20, 2013 Read Ezekiel 16 and 17

You will understand both chapters in today's reading if you have some background knowledge of the history of Israel. Chapter 16 reviews that history in broad strokes from the time of Abraham up to the exile. Imposed by Assyria and Babylon. Chapter 17 deals with a small slice of that history, mostly the last days of Judah (2 Kings 24:8-20; Jeremiah 27; 52:1-11). Even if you're not sure about all the historical facts, you find real and personal meaning, especially in the first parable. As you read Ezekiel 16: 3-14, think of your own spiritual history and of God's incredible, undeserved love for you in Jesus.

FRIDAY, JUNE 21, 2013 Read Ezekiel 18 and 19

At times, elementary school children can seem obsessed with fairness. A lost kickball game,; a low score on a test; a birthday party with cake but not ice cream-- all these can lead to the complaint, "It's not fair!" Adults, too, are quick to notice injustice. As you read today, notice the Lord's description of sin and its consequences. Is He fair?

SATURDAY, JUNE 22, 2013 Read Ezekiel 20 and 21

Ezekiel 20 builds fact upon fact, testifying to Israel's unfaithfulness. Just as the truth of the nation's guilt reaches a crescendo, the Lord stuns us with His grace, His absolute faithfulness, to His covenant people. As you read, watch for the contrast between 20:1-43 and 20:44.

SUNDAY, JUNE 23, 2013 Come worship with us in the morning and then catch up readings later.