

**MON)** April 1**Ch. 21 – David Listens to the Gibeonites**

This chapter records the three-year famine that occurred during David's time, and this famine occurred because Saul killed the Gibeonites. As requested by the Gibeonites, David gives them seven men from Saul's family (to be killed by Gibeonites for revenge). In some ways, doesn't it seem unfair that innocent descendants have to die for Saul's sins? Let us think about why the innocent descendants of Saul had to solve the famine in Israel by being hung on trees, and meditate on how Jesus, who had no sin, solved our sins by hanging Himself on a tree.

**Ch. 22 – David's Song of Victory**

David's song of victory recounts God's deliverance of David over the hands of his enemies and of Saul. (Verse 1) Perhaps that is why David expressed God's favor for him as follows.

- 1) Verse 2:
- 2) Verse 3:
- 3) Who is God to me?

**Ch. 23 – David's mighty men**

In verses 8-39 of this chapter, David's warriors are recorded. Especially in verses 13-17, three of the thirty leaders risked their lives to draw water from the well near the gate of Bethlehem for David, but what did David do out of love for his men?

**Ch. 24 – David's Census**

What are two things that David did in his life that displeased God?

- 1) Not building the temple of God
- 2) Taking Bathsheba and killing Uriah
- 3) Killing the rebellious Absalom
- 4) Survey of the number of soldiers

**TUE)** April 2 **1 Kings Ch. 1 – Adonijah and Solomon**

As King David grew old, Adonijah, the son of David and Haggith, posed as the successor, boasting that he would become king. But who does David appoint as the next king (as he previously promised)?

**Ch. 2 – David's Will and Death, Solomon's ascension to kingship**

David's will recorded in this chapter is divided into two parts: what Solomon ought to do toward God and what he ought to do toward the people.

- 1) What shall Solomon do for God? (Verse 3)
- 2) Who shall Solomon be gracious to (because they helped David when he was in need)?

**Ch. 3 – Solomon's Wisdom and Judgment**

After Solomon's thousand burnt offerings, God tells Solomon "Ask what I shall give you." What does Solomon ask for? (Verses 9, 11)

**Ch. 4 – Solomon's Glory and Wisdom**

God's promise in verse 3:13 to give Solomon the wealth and glory that he did not ask for is realized in chapter 4. How many proverbs and songs did Solomon, who was gifted with wisdom and intelligence, write?

**WED)** April 3**Ch. 5 – Preparation for the construction of Solomon's temple**

Solomon prepares to build the temple. How many workers participated in building the temple?

- 1) Laborers working in Lebanon and Israel (vv. 13-14):
- 2) Porter:
- 3) A person who lifts stones from mountains:
- 4) Supervisors: 3,300 (A total of 183,300 people were mobilized to build the temple)

**Ch. 6 – Construction of the Temple**

Solomon began construction of the temple in the fourth year of his reign, and completed it in seven years. Verse 7 states that "neither hammer nor axe nor any tool of iron was heard in the house while it was being built." Why?

(This means that all the parts were prepared perfectly and brought to the Temple.)

**Ch. 7 – Construction of Solomon's palace and production of temple utensils**

This chapter records the production of temple utensils during the 13 years while Solomon was building the royal palace. The two pillars in front of the portico of the temple were made by brass smith Hiram. What are the names of these two pillars?

(Jachin means 'He will build,' and what we must remember every day is the faith that confesses that God will build our lives, families, and churches. Boaz means 'He has the power,' and it is the faith we live in today. It is a confession of faith that all power is in Him)

**Ch. 8 – The glory of God fills the Temple**

After completing the construction, Solomon moved the Ark of the Covenant to the Most Holy Place and dedicated the temple. When the priests came out of the Holy Place, what filled the Temple? (verses 10-11)

**THU)** April 4 **Ch. 9 – God Appears to Solomon Again**

Just as the Lord appeared at Gibeon and gave him wisdom (Chapter 3), he appears again to Solomon and speaks to him. "I have consecrated this house that you have built, by putting my (.....) there forever. My (.....) and my (.....) will be there for all time." (We pray that our Life Church will become a precious temple where God's name, God's gaze, and God's heart reside forever).

**Ch. 10 – The Queen of Sheba came in search of wisdom**

The queen of Sheba came to visit Solomon after hearing about his wisdom and fame.

- 1) What was the Queen of Sheba's original purpose in visiting Solomon? (Verse 1)
- 2) What does the Queen of Sheba ultimately confess after seeing Solomon's wisdom and the prosperity of his kingdom?
  - To Solomon's men and servants:
  - To the Lord God:

**Ch. 11 – Solomon's Fall and Israel's Division**

The sad story continues of King Solomon, who enjoyed the greatest prosperity, but also becomes corrupt and apostate. What sin did King Solomon commit as a result of loving many foreign women? (verses 4-8)

**Ch. 12 – Division of the Kingdom of Israel**

Due to accumulated dissatisfaction with Solomon's son Rehoboam, Jeroboam, who had taken charge of the Northern Kingdom, left God from the beginning. The following is how he committed sin before God.

- 1) He made (.....) to be worshipped by the people as the god who brought them out from Egypt.
- 2) He built high places and appointed priests from (.....) who were not descendants of Levi.
- 3) Feasts (.....) were established for the children of Israel. (Verse 33)

**FRI)** April 5**Ch. 13 – Jeroboam's sin continues**

Jeroboam, the king of Northern Israel, continues in his path of sin making golden calves in Bethel and Dan to strengthen his royal authority. A prophet from Judah prophesied judgment. What was Jeroboam's sin recorded in verse 33?

**Ch. 14 – Faith that is honest in the eyes of the Lord**

This chapter records the story of how the prophecy of judgment against Jeroboam, the king of Israel, and his family came true, and how Rehoboam, the king of Judah, also fell into idolatry. Who attacked Jerusalem in the fifth year of King Rehoboam of Judah and took away all the treasures of the Temple?

**Ch. 15 – Kings of Judah and Israel**

This chapter records the reigns of Abijam, the 2nd king of Southern Judah, Asa, the 3rd king, and Nadab, the 2nd king of Northern Israel, and Baasha, the 3rd king of Israel. Among these kings, which one did what was right in the sight of the Lord and whose heart was perfect before the Lord all his life?

**Ch. 16 – Kings increasingly follow the way of Jeroboam**

This chapter is the record of the kings of Israel (North) including Baasha, the third king; Elah, the fourth king; Zimri, the fifth king; Omri, the sixth king; and Ahab, the seventh king. It is recorded that these people all walked in the way of (.....) and caused Israel to sin. (Verses 2, 7, 19, 26, 31)

**SAT)** April 6**Ch. 17 – Elijah, Man of God**

In response to the sins of Ahab, Elijah declares a great drought. When the whole earth was suffering from a severe drought, God fed Elijah through a foreign woman living in Zarephath. What are the two blessings that the Zarephath woman received for feeding Elijah?

- 1) Verse 14:
- 2) Verses 22-23:

**Ch. 18 – So that they will know that the Lord is God**

The fight between Elijah's 850 men and the prophets of Asherah was over who was the true God. In verse 37, Elijah cries out, "Answer me, O Lord, answer me, that this people may know that you, O Lord, are God." What of the conclusion of the confrontation? Write verse 39.

**Ch. 19 – Elijah on Mount Horeb**

After the events of chapter 18, Elijah was afraid of Jezebel, so he quickly fled to save his life, going to Beersheba in Judah. After that he went 40 days and 40 nights until he came to Horeb, the mountain of God. After Jehovah showed Elijah three things (a great and strong wind, an earthquake and fire) on Mount Horeb, what did Elijah hear?

(Elijah expected great works from God, but sometimes God is present in a whisper.)

**Ch. 20 – God Reveals Himself Through Ahab**

With Elijah's help, Ahab is victorious over Aram (Syria), twice. However, Ahab will be judged for releasing the man whom God delivered into Ahab's hands to be killed. Who did Ahab fail to kill but released?