

Friday, January 27: Read [2 Kings 9-10](#)

Although Jehu is an unfaithful king of Israel, God uses him as an instrument of punishment to avenge the sins of Ahab and the worship of Baal propagated in Israel by Ahab's wife Jezebel. Note [1 Kings 16:29-33](#).

Notes:

Pray for Our Missionaries

Juan & Adriana Palacios (Angola, Africa), **David & Miriam Trott** (Cochabamba, Bolivia), **Mario Bloise** (Argentina), **Nate & MaryBeth Brace** (Kentucky), **Dan & DeAnn Gerard** (San Antonio, TX), **Robert Newkirk** (Jesus Film), **Craig & Shelly Shafer** (Sentani, Indonesia), **Randy & Kari Ash**, (CEF), **Mike & Fran VanBruggen** (S. Africa), **Sue Sanders** (Detroit, MI), **Matt Kooi** (Tijuana), **Daniel Jezonski** (Wycliffe), **Danielle Tucker** (YWAM), **Andrew & Sara Williams** (New Tribes).

Specific Concerns:

Pray this weekend:

- Review of the week (Thank God for answered prayer)
- Note any ongoing concerns to pray for the week.
- Praise God that He is working in your life. You are growing in your faith.



Spiritual Disciplines

Reading Assignments

- Invite the Holy Spirit to guide your reading each day.
- Read the chapters of the Bible according to the date.
- Underline any meaningful verses and take note of specific advice or wisdom gleaned from your reading.
- Note any unclear passages or teaching and seek insight, answers or help.
- Think about what you're reading. Ask:
 1. How does this apply to me?
 2. Are there any temptations to avoid, sins to confess, commands to obey or promises to claim?
 3. What insight do I gain on God, myself, others, or life?
- Ask God to show you any specific action you need to take as you read.

Weekly Readings

Monday, January 23: Read [2 Kings 1-2](#)

The book of 2 Kings picks up with the conclusion of Elijah's ministry and the succession of Elisha as the premier prophet of Israel. Elisha and his fellow band of prophets knew Elijah was soon to leave. What did he request and why? According to Chapter 2, verse 15, did he get his request? What can we now expect in Elisha's ministry as a result? According to [James 5:16-18](#), what kind of men were these prophets? How should this encourage us today?

Notes:

Monday Pray for:

1. My relationship with God.
2. My life roles
3. My personal needs/weak areas
4. Goals and objectives

Tuesday, January 24: Read [2 Kings 3-4](#)

The double portion of Elijah's spirit is fast at work in Elisha. He actually performs twice as many miracles as are recorded for Elijah. Note how **pendent** he is though to act only as the word of the Lord dictates. What should this emphasize for us today who have the written word of the Lord in scripture? Note [Joshua 1:7-8](#).

Notes:

Pray for family and friends by name.

Wednesday January 25: Read [2 Kings 5-6](#)

Several of Elisha's miracles mirror what we see Jesus doing in the gospels. What is the intended result of miracles? Note Chapter 5, verse 15-18, [Matthew 11:20-24](#). Like Jesus, the old Testament prophets often demonstrated God's power in order to validate God's word. Is this necessary for us today?

Notes:

**Wednesday Pray for Bethel Gilead Community Church
(Consider fasting one, two, or all meals this day.)**

- a. Pastors: Pray for God's grace and guidance in Pastor Jim and Pastor David's ministries and families. Pray for Linda Penn as she transitions into her new position at BGCC.
- b. Worship: Ask God to strengthen our devotion to Him, in prayer, praise, and thanksgiving.
- c. Fellowship: Ask God to deepen our love and commitment to one another as a family of believers.
- d. Discipleship: ask God to develop the faith, dedication, and leadership of our people. Pray for the children and youth ministries here at BGCC.
- e. Outreach: Pray that God will use Bethel Gilead to make a positive impact on our community so that many would come to Christ.
- f. Future Faith Goals: Ask God to give our congregation a united vision for the future Pray for God's clear leading in 2017 and beyond.

Thursday, January 26: Read [2 Kings 7-8](#)

While most of the book of the Kings deals with the dynasties of the kings of the Northern and Southern kingdoms of Israel, occasionally foreign kings and lords play into the story. Chapters 7 and 8 are an example of this as Elisha also deals with the Arameans and their kings in Damascus. Note Isaiah's prophecy against Aram in [Isaiah 17](#) because of their treatment of Israel as predicted by Elisha.

Notes:

Pray for "My World"

- Neighbors • People at Work • Others God brings into my life
- Continue to pray for the nation, our county and area churches.
- Ask God to bring revival and a spiritual awakening to Branch County.