

**Friday**, February 3: Read [2 Kings 19-20](#)

Hezekiah's reign offers some "meaty" insights into Old Testament history. Read these chapters carefully -- God can use their content to challenge and encourage his people in our time period today.

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 30: Read [2 Kings 11-12](#)

An uprising occurs in the Southern Kingdom and Athaliah sets herself up as queen. Note the series of events that occurs to keep the blood line of David intact. Was Joash considered a good king? Why? A reform of sorts occurs in the temple. Not all ends well, even though Joash was faithful to God.

Notes:

### **Pray for:**

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

**Tuesday**, January 31: Read [2 Kings 13-14](#)

Notice the descriptions of the next two kings of the Northern Kingdom. How do they compare to Amaziah, the next king of Judah? Note the civil war that ensues and the results of it in Judah. Where did Amaziah go wrong? ([Proverbs 11:2; 16:18](#))

Notes:

**Pray for family and friends by name.**

**Wednesday** February 1: Read [2 Kings 15-16](#)

Azariah logs the longest reign of any of the kings of Israel. Why might that be? Note the succession of short reigns of the next three Northern kings. Why so short? What determines whether a king's dynasty in scripture will be good or evil? How did Ahaz' rule open the way for disaster?

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**, February 2: Read [2 Kings 17-18](#)

Read carefully chapter 17 and reflect again on the wages of sin ([Romans 6:23](#)) What main lessons can we learn from Israel's sad trajectory? Notice in chapter 18 the contrast of Hezekiah's reign in Judah, the Southern Kingdom. Recall Jesus' admonition that we are to shine bright in the darkness. Are you doing that?

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.