Friday, February 10: Read 2 Kings 25

Judah attempts to defend itself in vain and is taken into captivity. This actually occurs over a period of fifteen years in three different stages. A "puppet king" is set on the throne to govern the remaining people under Babylonian authority. Read the parallel account as recorded in <u>2 Chronicles 36</u>. Notice <u>why</u> the exile occurs as well as what God promises in regards to Israel's future. He's not done with his people!

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:

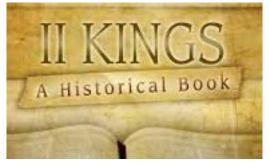
Pray this weekend:

- •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 advise 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, February 6: Read 2 Kings 21

2 Kings dedicates four chapters to one of its greatest kings, Hezekiah. God brought much good out of his reign. What went wrong that the son who succeeds him reverses many of the spiritual reforms that Hezekiah implemented? What can we, as parents, do to insure that our children stay in the faith? Note also the prophecy against Jerusalem due to Manasseh's idolatry.

Notes:

Pray for:

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

Tuesday, February 7: Read 2 Kings 22

Josiah is a breath of fresh air, a true light in a dark era and the last good king the Southern Kingdom Judah has. What is the result of Josiah's discovery of God's word? Where had the Bible been and how long had it been lost? Can God's word have a similar effect on leaders today? What happens to a nation when its leaders ignore God's word?

Notes:

Pray for family and friends by name.

Wednesday February 8: Read 2 Kings 23:1-30

Revival hits Judah. Idols are removed and "high places" destroyed. The Passover is celebrated for the first time in years. (God had intended Israel to celebrate it annually.) Josiah, like Hezekiah, is another "standout." Even so, God's judgment will still be carried out on Judah and the revival is squelched by the next generation.

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 9, Read <u>2 Kings 23:31 - 24:20</u>

These are the last kings of the remaining southern kingdom. All of them are evil and their reigns relatively short. Babylon positions itself to take over the kingdom of Judah in fulfillment of God's decrees and warnings given over a period of 300 years.

Notes:

Pray for "My World"

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