

Friday, April 21: Read [2 Chronicles 8-9](#)

Chapter highlights:

*A key passage for me:

*One point of application from today's reading:

Friday: Pray for Our Missionaries

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Spiritual Disciplines Guide

Week of April 16, 2023

We pick up our reading this week in 2 Chronicles and the rule of Solomon, the third king of Israel. Most of Solomon's reign is focused on the task of building the temple. According to chapter 8:1, it took him about twenty years to finish the temple and his own palace. Chapter 9:30 says that he ruled over Israel for a total of 40 years -- the same span of time that both Saul and David ruled.

Take note again this week of the details included in 2 Chronicles in relation to building the temple. When reading the Bible, you'll need to become accustomed to the weights and measurements used in those days (cubits, spans, rods, ephahs, shekels, minas, etc.). In general, Solomon's temple would be about 30 feet wide by 90 feet long. It would include the main hall called the Holy Place, the inner sanctuary called the Most Holy Place and a porch or porico. Inside would be the Ark of the Covenant, the Altar of Incense, 10 tables with 10 lampstands. Outside in the temple courtyard would be the bronze altar and the bronze washing basin. Only the Levites (priests) would be allowed inside the Temple and only the high priest could enter the inner sanctuary and that only occurred once a year on the Day of Atonement. Israel reaches its peak of national glory under Solomon (2 Chronicles 24).

Monday, April 17: Read [2 Chronicles 1](#)

Chapter highlights:

*A key passage for me:

*One point of application from today's reading:

Monday: Pray for yourself:

My relationship with God

My life roles and responsibilities

My personal needs/weak areas

My goals and objectives for the spring season.

Tuesday, April 18: Read [2 Chronicles 2-3](#)

*Chapter highlights:

*A key passage for me:

*One point of application from today's reading:

Tuesday: Pray for Family by Name.

Wednesday, April 19: Read [2 Chronicles 4-5](#)

Chapter highlights:

*A key passage for me:

*One point of application from today's reading:

Wednesday: Pray for Bethel Gilead Community Church

1. **Leadership**: Pray for God's grace and guidance in Pastor Jim and Pastor David's ministries and families. Pray for Linda Penn in her work at BGCC. Pray for the church council and the various ministry team leaders. Ask the Lord of the harvest to raise up more workers for the harvest ([Matthew 9:38](#))
2. **Worship**: Ask God to strengthen our devotion to Him, in prayer, praise and thanksgiving. Pray for more musicians to help lead the church in worship, including a pianist. Pray for the development of a youth praise team.
3. **Fellowship**: Ask God to deepen our love and commitment to one another as a family of believers. Pray that we incorporate newcomers into our church fellowship. Take some time to pray through this past Sunday's congregational prayer requests.
4. **Discipleship**: Ask God to develop the faith, dedication, and leadership of our people. Pray for the children and youth ministries at BGCC. Ask God to bless our small group ministry, to raise up new groups, new teachers and more leaders.
5. **Outreach**: Pray that God will use Bethel Gilead to make a positive impact on our community so that many would come to Christ. Ask God to embolden our people to intentionally reach out to others through the Kingdom Assignment "*Dare to Care*".

6. **Future Faith Goals**: Ask God to give our congregation a united vision for the future. Pray for God's clear leading in our future plans as we call our members to a greater love and commitment to the Lord and his service. Ask God to bless our finances so that we can better accomplish his purposes for our congregation.

Thursday, April 20: Read [2 Chronicles 6-7](#)

*Chapter highlights:

*A key passage for me:

*One point of application from today's reading:

Thursday: Pray for "My World"

(Write down names as God brings people to mind.)

- **Neighbors** • People who live around me.
- **People at Work** • Others God brings into my life. Take note of specific needs around you and ask God what he wants you to do to help. Who can you invite to church?
- **Community** -- Ask God to bring revival and a spiritual awakening to Branch County, even through time of crisis.
- **Pray for the area churches** and a greater spirit of unity and cooperation, especially as churches reunite after the pandemic.
- **Pray for the community parachurch ministries** serving our county, including Beginnings Care for Life Center, Branch County Right to Life, Joppa Recovery/ Celebrate Recovery, Coach Eby Center, Family Promise, Forgotten Man Ministries, Freedom Recovery Center, God's Choice Church, Jacob's Well Ministry, Presbyterian Free Health Clinic, Shelterhouse, Tommy's House, the Gideons and the Bronson Food Pantry.
- **America**: Continue to pray for the nation, our national leaders and a revival in America. Pray that God would use the pandemic, the economy and world events to lead people to faith in Jesus Christ. Pray for God's guidance and protection for our nation in the coming weeks and months.