

## Reading Assignments for 1-2 Kings to Prophets (ending with Micah) in OT Course (Dr. Marshall)

[Note: for each book of the Bible in TNIV, you should read the Study Bible's "Introduction" at the beginning of the book before reading the chapters of the biblical text assigned.]

1-2 KINGS: Read the following chapters in 1-2 Kings (as well as EOT Chs. 15-16).

### 1 KINGS

1-4  
6:1 to 7:1  
8:1 to 9:9  
10-13  
16:29 to 19:21  
21

### 2 KINGS

1-2  
5  
9-11  
17:1 to 19:20  
19:32 to 19:37  
21:1 to 21:18  
22:1 to 23:30  
24:8 to 24:17  
25

1-2 CHRONICLES: Read EOT Ch.17 (pp. 251-261) and the following passages from 1-2 Chronicles in the Bible.

Read 1 Chron 13, 15, and 16; compare with 2 Sam 6. What kinds of things does the Chronicler include (but not found in 2 Samuel) that show his interest in the Levites and worship?

Read 1 Chron 11-12; 14; 17-21. This is the record of David's reign. What does the Chronicler say about David's adultery with Bathsheba and the murder of Uriah (cf. 2 Sam 10-12)? About the rape of Tamar by Amnon (cf. 2 Sam 13-14)? About the rebellion of Absalom (cf. 2 Sam 15-20)?

Read 2 Chron 5-9. This is the record of Solomon's reign after he built the Temple. What does the Chronicler say about Solomon's numerous wives and concubines and about his

idolatry (cf. 1 Ki 11:1-10)? About Solomon's adversaries that cause him trouble (cf. 1 Ki 11:14-40)?

Read 2 Chron 33; compare with 2 Ki 21:1-18. What does 2 Chronicles include about the second half of Manasseh's reign that Kings does not?

Read 2 Chron 36; compare with 2 Ki 25. Notice especially how both books end, Kings talking about Johoiachin during the reign of Awel-Marduk of Babylon, and Chronicles talking about the decree of Cyrus, the king of Persia (Persia had defeated Babylon at this point). What does this tell you was important to the Chronicler?

EZRA/NEHEMIAH/ESTHER: Read EOT Ch.18 (pp. 263-277) and the following passages from the Bible.

EZRA:

1

3-7

9-10

NEHEMIAH:

1-13 (Note: You can skim/skip the name lists in chapters 3, 7, the first half of 10, 11, and the first half of 12)

ESTHER

1-10

POETRY & WISDOM BOOKS: For Job, Proverbs, Psalms, Ecclesiastes, Song of Songs, read the intros in TNIV and EOT Ch.19-23. Then, for the Biblical texts, read the following chapters from the books of Psalms, Proverbs, and Job:

PSALMS: The following 14 chapters:

1-2

32

51

90

106

From Book I: 41

From Book II: 72

From Book III: 89

From Book IV: 106

From Book V: 146-150

Note well: to do well on the quiz section on the Psalms, you \*must\* read the TNIV intro to the Psalms carefully. The book of Psalms (sometimes called the Psalter) is divided into 5 books or sections. For the last part of the Psalms reading assignment above, I'm having you read the last psalm of each of Books I through IV, and then the last 5 psalms of Book V. Pay particular attention to how Psalms 41, 72, 89, and 106 end: 41:13; 72:18-20; 89:52; 106:48. Compare these "book" endings to the way each of Psalms 146 to 150 begin and end. What's the similarity? How is Psalm 150 both like and unlike Psalms 146 to 149?

PROVERBS: Read the following 8 chapters:

1-3  
7  
9-10  
30-31

JOB: Read the following 9 chapters.

1-3  
28  
38-42

PROPHETS: Read the following chapters from EOT: EOT Ch. 24 (pp. 339-352); EOT Ch. 25 (353-360); EOT Ch.26 (369-373); EOT Ch.27 (383-386); EOT Ch.28 (393-398); EOT Ch.33 (454-456). Read the following chapters from three of the prophets in the Bible (22 chs. in all):

ISAIAH

1-7  
40

JEREMIAH

1-4  
31-33

MICAH

1-7