

BIBLE READING LIST FOR MARCH 20-26

<u>March 20</u> Deuteronomy 28-29
<u>March 21</u> Deuteronomy 30-31
<u>March 22</u> Deuteronomy 32-34
<u>March 23</u> Psalm 91; Joshua 1-3
<u>March 24</u> Joshua 4-6
<u>March 25</u> Joshua 7-8
<u>March 26</u> Joshua 9-10

Before Israel entered the Promised Land, God listed blessings for obedience and curses for disobedience (Deuteronomy 28). In the curses, He foretold what would become their history. Verses 23–24 were fulfilled in Elijah's day (I Kings 17). When they continued in disobedience, verse 25 was fulfilled in the Babylonian captivity and later in the Roman dispersion. Verse 36 does not say if they choose a king, but that they will. The end of verse 68 was fulfilled literally when the Romans destroyed Jerusalem and sold so many Jews into slavery that there was no market for them.

God has also warned us of the consequences of sin, and He will keep His Word just as surely in our case.

When God installed Joshua as the new leader in Joshua 1, He said, "Moses my servant is dead." When God gave the Law, the people wanted Moses to speak to them in God's place, and he did. But any spokesman for God is temporary. They all die; God alone remains. Some modernist theologians have said

that "God is dead"; they have been greatly surprised when the living God later told them they were the ones who were dead. God will always have another man, but it is God Himself that we are to follow.

Joshua wanted to know whose side the Lord was on (Joshua 5:13). He found out that God doesn't choose one of our sides. Instead, God wants to know who is on His side (Exodus 32:26). Joshua's victories in Canaan starting in chapter 6 were because of his surrender in 5:14).

God told the tribes that wanted to settle in Gilead to the east of the Jordan River that their sin would find them out (Numbers 32:23). Achan found out in Joshua 7 that the same thing goes for the secret sins of individuals.

Joshua failed to pray about making a league with the Gibeonites in Joshua 9. His failure to do so was still causing trouble in Israel in the days of David over 400 years later (II Samuel 21). Sowing bad seed can bring a continuing

harvest far into the future. Ere you left your room this morning, did you think to pray?