

## BIBLE READING LIST FOR APRIL 17-23

<b><u>April 17</u></b> <b>I Chronicles 1</b> <b>I Samuel 18</b> <b>Psalms 11</b>
<b><u>April 18</u></b> <b>I Chronicles 2</b> <b>I Samuel 19</b> <b>Psalms 59</b>
<b><u>April 19</u></b> <b>I Samuel 20</b> <b>Psalms 7, 27</b>
<b><u>April 20</u></b> <b>I Chronicles 4-5</b> <b>I Samuel 21</b> <b>Psalms 31</b>
<b><u>April 21</u></b> <b>I Chronicles 6</b> <b>I Samuel 22</b> <b>Psalms 34</b>
<b><u>April 22</u></b> <b>I Chronicles 7</b> <b>I Samuel 23</b> <b>Psalms 52</b>
<b><u>April 23</u></b> <b>I Chronicles 8</b> <b>I Samuel 24</b> <b>Psalms 56, 120, 140-142</b>

We have come to the time in Bible history when David is introduced into the story. First Chronicles tells the story of David's reign, but before it does, the first nine chapters give the genealogies that led up to him. We have inserted them here a chapter at a time so they can be read along with other incidents that took place in the life of the young David. Chapter 3 is the direct story of David's line down to the Babylonian captivity (the Chronicles were written after Israel returned to the land). This chapter will be inserted later to show what led up to Jeconiah at the time of the captivity. A similar thing will happen when we get to the New Testament and have the lineages that lead up to the birth of Christ.

We also bring in many of the Psalms written by David. While it is not always possible to be certain when he wrote each Psalm, these are placed here because their content matches the events in the life of David as he was fleeing from Saul, and they may have been written as a response to his experiences at this time.

Each day after a chapter from I Samuel, one or more Psalms will be inserted as a suggestion that David may have written them then. We can read the Psalms in the light of our own experiences, and God expects us to do so for the help that their personal application can give us. But we can also think of what we have just read about David and see how these Psalms were very personal to him as he pours out his heart to God regarding the things going on in his own life. We can see a model for our own prayers for help as we study David's relationship to God.

An example of this is in Psalm 56. David is in the wilderness fleeing from Saul. Verses 1-2 talk about his enemies, and the next two verses express his trust in God, making him willing to spare Saul in the cave in chapter 24 of I Samuel. Then in verse 8 he shows his assurance that wherever he must flee from Saul, God knows where he is and is aware of his distress. Verses 9-10 repeat the idea of verses 3-4. God had delivered him from death

in the past (verse 13), and he was sure that God was going to deliver him to be the king as he had been anointed to be.