

BIBLE READING LIST FOR MAY 22-28

<p><u>May 22</u> I Chronicles 21-22 Psalm 110</p>	<p>At the end of last week, we read man's account of David's numbering of Israel (II Samuel 24). In verse 1 it says, 'He moved David to number Israel.' Critics of the Bible say it is unfair to move David to do something and then punish him for doing it. But this is clarified when we read God's account of the matter in I Chronicles 21:1: "And Satan stood up against Israel, and provoked David to number Israel." The "he" in II Samuel doesn't refer to God, but to Satan. Comparing Scripture to Scripture throws light on many of the so-called contradictions of the Bible.</p>
<p><u>May 23</u> I Chronicles 23 Psalms 131, 138-139, 143</p>	<p>David made many mistakes as a father, but at the end of his life, he was greatly concerned that his son get things right. This week's reading highlights David's preparations for Solomon to become king. Besides the counsel he gives to Solomon and the people, he takes care of the great item of unfinished business from his reign. He wanted to build a house of worship for God and get the Ark of the Covenant out of the tent where it resided.</p>
<p><u>May 24</u> I Chronicles 24-25 Psalms 144-145</p>	<p>We can learn a valuable spiritual lesson for today's church by seeing how David prepared for this. Notice that in chapter 22 God spends five verses telling how David prepared the materials for building the Temple. He then spends five chapter (23-27) organizing the worship that is to take place in this building. Many churches today have invested millions in raising a "crystal cathedral," an edifice that is supposed to glorify God but usually turns out to be more of a monument to the man who had it built. When God compares these to the splendor around Him in Heaven, He must wonder what kind of view we have of Him to think that such would glorify Him. Through this section of I Chronicles, He stresses that what takes place inside the building is many times more important than what the building is made of.</p>
<p><u>May 25</u> I Chronicles 26-27 Psalms 127, 111-115</p>	<p>David is the proper one for God to use in revealing this. As the "sweet psalmist of Israel" (II Samuel 23:1), he was a kind of expert on worship for them. With his passing, the age of writing inspired psalms nearly passes away. There will be yet a few for us to read from those who came after David, but not very many.</p>
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<p><u>May 27</u> I Chron. 28:1-29:19 Psalm 72 I Chron. 29:20-24 I Kings 1:39-53</p>	<p>David is the proper one for God to use in revealing this. As the "sweet psalmist of Israel" (II Samuel 23:1), he was a kind of expert on worship for them. With his passing, the age of writing inspired psalms nearly passes away. There will be yet a few for us to read from those who came after David, but not very many.</p>
<p><u>May 28</u> I Kings 2 I Chron. 29:25-30 Psalms 71, 94</p>	<p>David is the proper one for God to use in revealing this. As the "sweet psalmist of Israel" (II Samuel 23:1), he was a kind of expert on worship for them. With his passing, the age of writing inspired psalms nearly passes away. There will be yet a few for us to read from those who came after David, but not very many.</p>