

BIBLE READING LIST FOR JUNE 26-JULY 2

<p><u>June 26</u> II Chronicles 20-21 Obadiah</p>	<p>God had a special battle plan for Jehoshaphat in II Chronicles 20:17 –"Stand ye still, and see the salvation of the LORD with you." That's not always His plan, as we see from Paul who said to "fight the good fight of faith" (I Timothy 6:12) and followed that counsel himself (II Timothy 4:7). It was not an excuse for him to be lazy or careless.</p>
<p><u>June 27</u> II Kings 1-3</p>	<p>Notice that before God gave such instructions, Jehoshaphat sought the Lord and brought others together to do the same (verses 3-4). He recognized that he was surrounded by an enemy that was too strong for him to have a hope of defeating simply with his army. And when God told him what to do, he obeyed by going out where the enemy was and using the weapon of praise (verses 20-12).</p>
<p><u>June 28</u> II Kings 4-5</p>	<p>It was "when they began to sing and to praise" (verse 22) that God went into action. The enemies turned on each other and defeated themselves. "The king's heart is in the hand of the LORD, as the rivers of water: he turneth it whithersoever he will" (Proverbs 21:1).</p>
<p><u>June 29</u> II Kings 6-7</p>	<p>God's enemies may unite against His people, but their first concern is still themselves. They not only want to defeat God's program; they also want to be in charge of what takes its place. Our foes are strong, but they usually don't like each other much more than they like us. If God turns them on each other, He can give us victory though we feel we have little to fight with.</p>
<p><u>June 30</u> II Kings 8-9</p>	<p>The prophecy of Obadiah is against Edom. See how it fits into the story of II Chronicles 21 when Edom revolted against Judah when Jehoshaphat dies and his son took over. God's government doesn't depend on a man who oversees it. A change in leaders does not lessen the obligation to be submissive to God's order.</p>
<p><u>July 1</u> II Chronicles 22-23 Psalms 82-83</p>	<p>Notice that there were two Ahaziah's and two Jehoram's, one of each in the families of Jehoshaphat and Ahab. The godly king got so friendly with the ungodly Ahab. This soon led to the execution of all but one of David's descendents as Ahab's line tried to take over David's throne. There is a reason to come out from among them and be separate (II Corinthians 6:17).</p>
<p><u>July 2</u> II Kings 10-12</p>	