

BIBLE READING LIST FOR JUNE 5-11

<p><u>June 5</u> II Chronicles 5 Proverbs 15-17</p>	<p>Again we see the emphasis on man's view in Kings and God's view in Chronicles. God appears to Solomon in I Kings 3 and gives him wisdom in his dealings with men. Then in the famous passage in II Chronicles 7, God appears once again to Solomon and gives him promises having to do with our dealings with Him. The second time took place seven years after the first, after Solomon had exhibited his wisdom in reigning and the Temple had been built, but both events followed elaborate worship services where great numbers of sacrifices were offered. The sacrifices were representative of the coming Savior, and if we want God to show up, it is best to make much of His Son. This is the way to claim God's promise of revival in II Chronicles 7:14.</p>
<p><u>June 6</u> I Kings 8 Proverbs 18</p>	<p>Notice also that the "Hallelujah Psalms" of Psalms 146-150 were likely written around this time, perhaps used in this worship celebration. Each of these Psalms begins and ends with "Praise ye the LORD," or "<i>hallelujah</i>" in Hebrew.</p>
<p><u>June 7</u> II Chronicles 6 Proverbs 19</p>	<p>Also many of Solomon's proverbs are from this time. It is a blessed land that is ruled by one who possesses God's wisdom. Solomon spoke three thousand proverbs (I Kings 4:32), but only a few hundred contained inspired wisdom and were preserved for us. He also wrote a thousand five songs, but only one is in the Bible (except for some of the psalms, perhaps). Even the wisest of men cannot match the wisdom of God.</p>
<p><u>June 8</u> II Chronicles 7 Psalms 134, 136, 146-150</p>	<p>As Solomon followed God in his early years, his fame spread until even the Queen of Sheba came from far away just to see his wisdom for herself. God can exalt His faithful servants and give them favor before men, as He did with Joseph among others. But Solomon's mistake in marrying many heathen women for political purposes began to take its toll and led to his heart's growing cold before God. When we trust our own political maneuvers instead of God, our land and our testimony become less secure.</p>
<p><u>June 9</u> I Kings 9 Proverbs 20-22</p>	<p></p>
<p><u>June 10</u> II Chronicles 8 Proverbs 23-25</p>	<p></p>
<p><u>June 11</u> I Kings 10 Proverbs 26-28</p>	<p></p>