

BIBLE READING LIST FOR JULY 24-30

<p><u>July 24</u> Isaiah 30-33</p>	<p>Almost all of this week's reading comes from the prophecy of Isaiah. The only historical chapter we will cover is I Kings 19. This is the chapter where the Assyrians gathered outside Jerusalem to take them captive as they had captured the Northern Kingdom a couple of decades earlier. Isaiah is mentioned in this chapter as present in the palace during this time, and God gave Isaiah the answer to give King Hezekiah regarding the threats of the world power outside his gates. Any head of state would be profited by having a genuine man of God as his counselor in dealing with other nations. Neither church nor state were designed to dominate or run the other, but God instituted both, and both need His guidance through His Word. As Hezekiah gave heed to God's instructions through His prophet, great deliverance was given without any military action whatever on the part of Israel. He could do the same today.</p>
<p><u>July 25</u> Isaiah 34-37</p>	
<p><u>July 26</u> Psalm 76 Isaiah 38-40</p>	<p>The three Psalms we will read at the end of the week may have been written during this time period. They certainly do apply to the situation Israel was in and the actions God took on their behalf.</p>
<p><u>July 27</u> Isaiah 41-43</p>	<p>Notice in the sections of Isaiah we are reading this week that Isaiah warns them against trusting an alliance with Egypt to protect them against the Assyrians (30:1-14). Instead, they should trust God to take care of them (verses 15-33). The latter part of this portion looks forward to the Tribulation Period and God's deliverance of Israel then. As persecuted Israel in that future day is threatened by the Antichrist and Satan, they can read in this portion how God defeated the Assyrians singlehandedly, and take comfort in the faith that He will also deliver them then against impossible odds.</p>
<p><u>July 28</u> Isaiah 44-46</p>	
<p><u>July 29</u> Isaiah 47-48 II Kings 19</p>	<p>The story of II Kings 19 is repeated by Isaiah in chapters 36-39. He then changes themes and pronounces "Comfort ye [sound familiar?] my people. The rest of the chapters deal with God's mercy to Israel and His grace to all men, including the great message about the Christ to come in chapter 53.</p>
<p><u>July 30</u> Isaiah 49-50 Psalms 46, 80, 135</p>	