

**BIBLE READING LIST FOR JUNE 12-18**

<p><u>June 12</u> II Chronicles 9 Proverbs 29-31</p>	<p>Last week's reading ended with the visit of the Queen of Sheba; this week's begins with the same account in Chronicles. Her visit shows just how far the fame of Solomon had spread early in his reign. Sheba was on the southern part of the Arabian Peninsula, twice as far away as Egypt and further than Ethiopia. It was over a month's journey one way in that day, but she had heard enough of his glory that she had to go and see for herself if such were true.</p>
<p><u>June 13</u> I Kings 11:1-8 Ecclesiastes 1-3</p>	<p>The placement of Ecclesiastes and Song of Solomon in the order of reading is intended to reflect the events taking place in Solomon's and his spiritual condition. As a young man with God's wisdom, he wrote the Proverbs. But when his heart turned from the Lord at the beginning of I Kings 11, he writes Ecclesiastes, showing the frame of mind of the backslider. Five times in this book he says, "All is vanity" as life has lost its meaning.</p>
<p><u>June 14</u> Ecclesiastes 4-7</p>	<p>Then comes the chastening of the Lord, and Song of Solomon is written. In the book, Solomon desires the affections of the Shulamite girl, but she loves an unnamed shepherd. Her head is turned for a time by the splendor of the palace, so much that she turns away her lover who risked his life to see her (chapter 5). In the end her love for his is too strong, and Solomon fails to win her with all he can offer. She is a contrast to Solomon whose heart turned from the Lord through all the world had to offer. He writes her story as a warning to us to guard our hearts. He let himself be turned aside and ended up the man in Ecclesiastes. She overcame the temptation and ended us joyfully with the one she loved.</p>
<p><u>June 15</u> Ecclesiastes 8-12</p>	<p>The results of Solomon's folly lasted past his own reign, as the effects are seen in Rehoboam, resulting in the dividing of the kingdom until the time of captivity. Our coldness to the Lord affects more than just our own lives.</p>
<p><u>June 16</u> I Kings 11:9-25 Song of Solomon 1-4</p>	<p>The results of Solomon's folly lasted past his own reign, as the effects are seen in Rehoboam, resulting in the dividing of the kingdom until the time of captivity. Our coldness to the Lord affects more than just our own lives.</p>
<p><u>June 17</u> Song of Solomon 5-8 I Kings 11:26-43</p>	<p>The results of Solomon's folly lasted past his own reign, as the effects are seen in Rehoboam, resulting in the dividing of the kingdom until the time of captivity. Our coldness to the Lord affects more than just our own lives.</p>
<p><u>June 18</u> I Kings 12-13</p>	<p>The results of Solomon's folly lasted past his own reign, as the effects are seen in Rehoboam, resulting in the dividing of the kingdom until the time of captivity. Our coldness to the Lord affects more than just our own lives.</p>