

BIBLE READING LIST FOR JUNE 19-25

<p><u>June 19</u> I Kings 14 II Chronicles 10-12</p>	<p>Sometimes politicians get caught around a hot microphone and have words meant to be private broadcast publicly. Jeroboam faced a similar situation in I Kings 14. He wanted the prophet of God to give him God's message without knowing it was for Jeroboam. He had his wife disguise herself, not knowing that the prophet had gone blind. But the prophet had God's message and knew who it was for anyway because God can still see. We need to remember that all we do, even that done in private, is open to the eyes of God and will be taken into account at the judgment.</p>
<p><u>June 20</u> I Kings 15 II Chronicles 13-14</p>	<p>When Judah "transgressed" (II Chronicles 12:2), he sent powerful enemies against them. When they heard the prophets message, they humbled themselves (verses 5-6). This averted God's judgment on their sin but it didn't avoid all chastisement (verses 7-8). When God's people won't serve Him, He may see to it that they serve some men so they can learn to be servants. We would find it much more blessed to serve God in the first place—He is a better Master than any man!</p>
<p><u>June 21</u> II Chronicles 15-16 I Kings 16</p>	<p>The story of King Asa in II Chronicles 14-16 gives us a good number of admonitions as God's servants. First, we see in chapter 14 that the young king won an amazing victory over an army of a million Ethiopians (verses 9-12). There were three reasons for his victory that show us how we can win against the Devil. One, he prepared ahead of time for the battle (verses 4-6) both spiritually and militarily. He used the time of peace for preparation instead of for play. Two, he called on God during the battle (verse 11). He knew there was no defeat if God was leading in the battle. Third, he gave God glory for the victory after the battle (15:8-12). This would not be his last battle, and he would need God's help again.</p>
<p><u>June 22</u> II Chronicles 17 I Kings 17-18</p>	<p>But the story of even one who had won such a notable victory did not end well. Future victory is not guaranteed if we neglect the three things that brought him the first victory. He didn't prepare (15:17-19), he trusted in man rather than in God (16:2-3), and instead of honoring God, he got angry when the prophet delivered God's rebuke (verse 10). As a result, he gave the Syrians that which was God's (verse 2) when he could have had victory over them (verse 7). Don't give the world what is rightfully God's.</p>
<p><u>June 23</u> I Kings 19-20</p>	<p></p>
<p><u>June 24</u> I Kings 21 II Chronicles 18</p>	<p></p>
<p><u>June 25</u> I Kings 22 II Chronicles 19</p>	<p></p>