

BIBLE READING LIST FOR JULY 31-AUGUST 6

<p><u>July 31</u> Isaiah 51-54</p>	<p>Once again this week the bulk of our early reading is in Isaiah as we finish the work of this first of the major prophets. Politically we see the end of Hezekiah's reign and the reign of wicked Manasseh. Again we note the different emphases in Kings and Chronicles, as II Kings (man's view) stresses his wickedness and the judgment that fell because of his shedding of innocent blood. In II Chronicles we see God's view as 33:11-13 tells of his captivity and repentance before continuing his reign. The wickedest can count on God's grace when he repents.</p>
<p><u>August 1</u> Isaiah 55-59</p>	<p>There is a pattern to be seen in Isaiah's chapters. There are 66, corresponding to the 66 books of the Bible. The first 39 have to do with judgment, as the first 39 books of the Bible make up the Old Testament which was under the dispensation of Law. As there are 27 New Testament books, so the last 27 chapters of Isaiah deal with future blessings. These chapters begin with God's promise of comfort to His people.</p>
<p><u>August 2</u> Isaiah 60-63</p>	<p>The chapters in the 40s seem to emphasize God the Father, as we have many great verses about Jehovah (42:8; 43:3, 11, 15; 44:6; 45:5, 22; 46:9; 48:11). Israel treasured these chapters as they repeatedly stressed that Jehovah is the only God. But they missed the message of the remaining chapters.</p>
<p><u>August 3</u> Isaiah 64-66</p>	<p>The chapters in the 50s contain many of the great Messianic prophecies of the Bible. His passion is foretold in 50:6 and 52:14. Then comes the great chapter 53 which is referenced in the New Testament in explaining the Gospel (e.g. Acts 8:26-40).</p>
<p><u>August 4</u> II Kings 20-21 II Chronicles 32</p>	<p>Then in chapter 61 the Holy Spirit is introduced. Thus God introduced Israel to all three Persons of the Trinity if they had the spiritual understanding to comprehend.</p>
<p><u>August 5</u> II Chronicles 33 Zephaniah 1-3</p>	<p>Besides Isaiah, two of the minor prophets wrote during the time covered by this week's reading. In Zephaniah we see the only time it is recorded that God sang. The song is one of joy, and the cause of the song is found in 3:15-17. When His people are saved, God will so rejoice that He will break forth in song.</p>
<p><u>August 6</u> II Kings 22 Habakkuk 1-3</p>	