


# STEP INTO SCRIPTURE

**WEEK 13: RISE & RUIN**



# THIS WEEK'S READING:



WED, JULY 23 2 CHRONICLES 10—12

THU, JULY 24 1 KINGS 15; 2 CHRONICLES 13—16

FRI, JULY 25 1 KINGS 16; 2 CHRONICLES 17

SAT, JULY 26 1 KINGS 17—19

SUN, JULY 27 1 KINGS 20—21

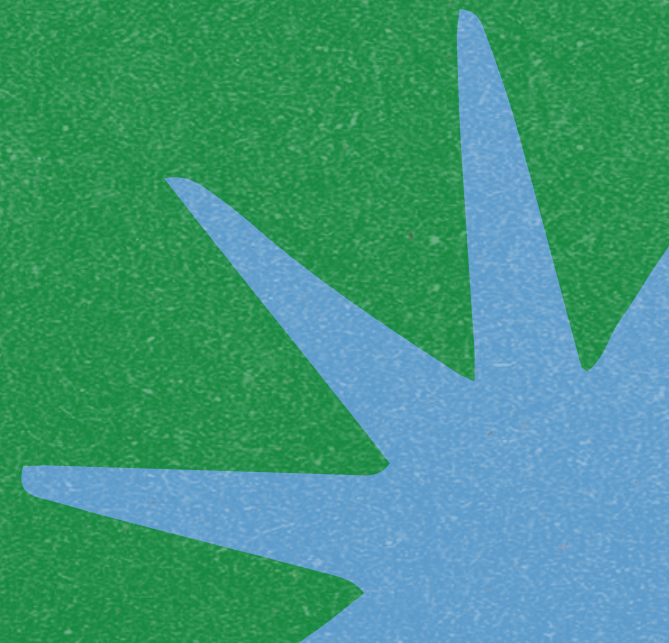
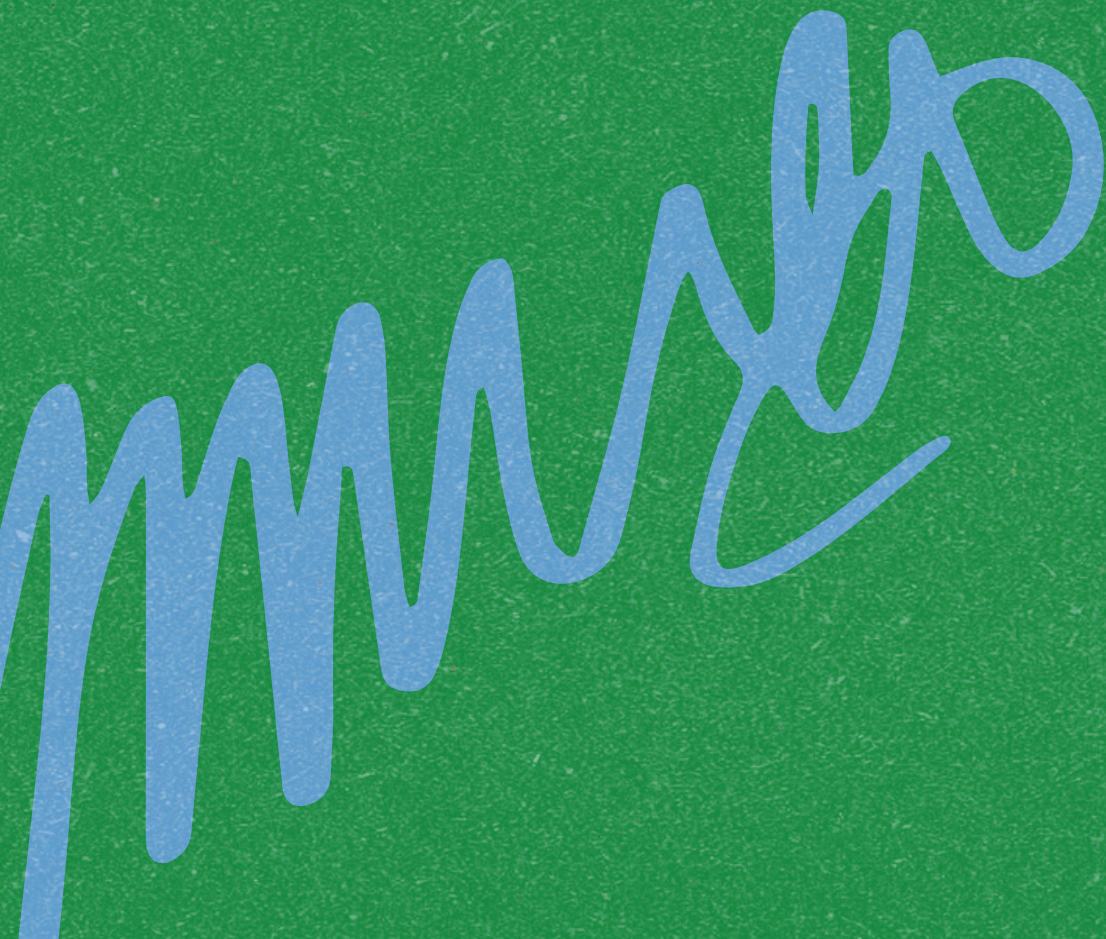
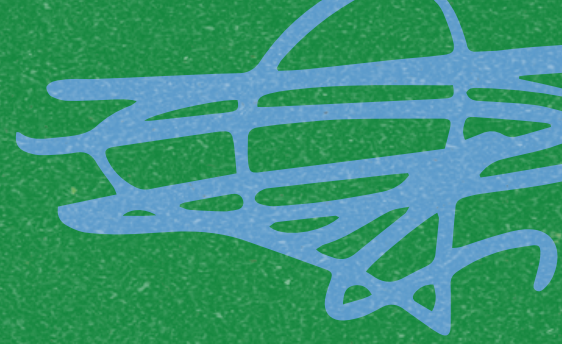
MON, JULY 28 1 KINGS 22; 2 CHRONICLES 18

TUE, JULY 29 2 CHRONICLES 19—23

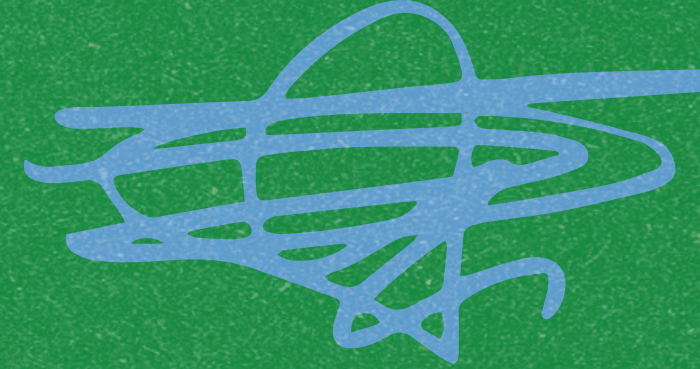




# BIBLE READING PLAN





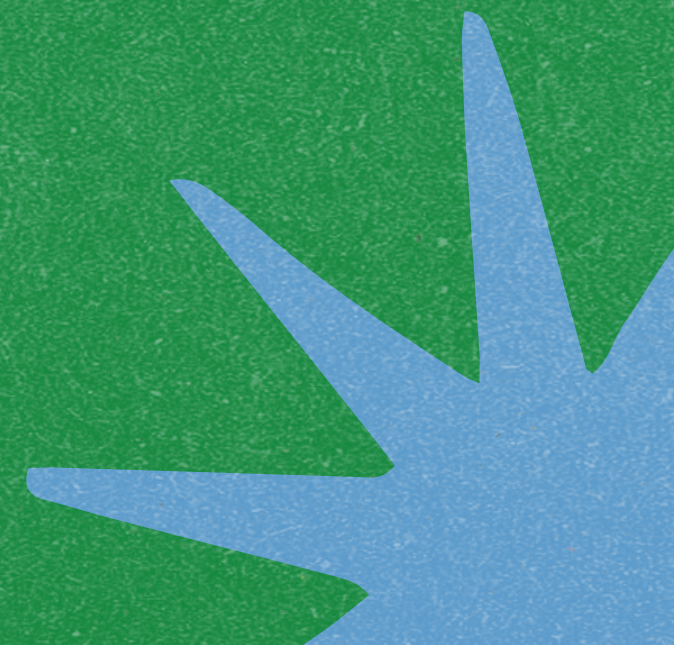


# SCHEDULE

30 MINUTES FOR ARRIVAL, FELLOWSHIP, AND READING

30 MINUTES FOR TEACHING

30 MINUTES FOR TABLE DISCUSSION & ANNOUNCEMENTS





# TODAY'S READING

2 CHRONICLES 10—12

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# PART 1:

## THE GOLDEN AGE






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## DURING THE REIGN OF KING SOLOMON








**“THE WORD BECAME FLESH AND  
MADE HIS DWELLING AMONG US.”**

**LITERALLY, JESUS TABERNACLED  
AMONG US (JOHN 1:14).**





INDIVIDUALLY, WE ARE TEMPLES OF  
THE HOLY SPIRIT (1 CORINTHIANS 6:19),  
AND COLLECTIVELY, THE CHURCH—  
THE **EKKLESIA**, THE ASSEMBLY OF  
GOD'S PEOPLE—IS HIS DWELLING  
PLACE (EPHESIANS 2:21–22).



# EPHESIANS 2:21—22

21 IN HIM THE WHOLE BUILDING IS  
JOINED TOGETHER AND RISES TO  
BECOME A HOLY TEMPLE IN THE LORD.  
22 AND IN HIM YOU TOO ARE BEING  
BUILT TOGETHER TO BECOME A  
DWELLING IN WHICH GOD LIVES BY HIS  
SPIRIT.



**“I DID NOT SEE A TEMPLE IN THE CITY,  
BECAUSE THE LORD GOD ALMIGHTY  
AND THE LAMB ARE ITS TEMPLE”  
(REVELATION 21:22).**



- “SOLOMON ACCUMULATED CHARIOTS AND HORSES... HE MADE SILVER AS COMMON IN JERUSALEM AS STONES” (2 CHRONICLES 1:14–15).
- “ALL THE KINGS OF THE EARTH SOUGHT AUDIENCE WITH SOLOMON TO HEAR THE WISDOM GOD HAD PUT IN HIS HEART” (2 CHRONICLES 9:23).



**DISPENSATIONALISM—HOLDS THE  
VIEW THAT A PHYSICAL JEWISH  
TEMPLE WILL BE REBUILT IN  
JERUSALEM PRIOR TO THE RETURN OF  
CHRIST**





# PART 2:

## THE DECLINE BEGINS





700 WIVES AND 300 CONCUBINES.

1 Kings 11:3





# 1 KINGS 11:4-8

AS SOLOMON GREW OLD, HIS WIVES TURNED HIS HEART AFTER OTHER GODS, AND HIS HEART WAS NOT FULLY DEVOTED TO THE LORD HIS GOD, AS THE HEART OF DAVID HIS FATHER HAD BEEN. 5 HE FOLLOWED ASHTORETH THE GODDESS OF THE SIDONIANS, AND MOLEK THE DETESTABLE GOD OF THE AMMONITES. 6 SO SOLOMON DID EVIL IN THE EYES OF THE LORD; HE DID NOT FOLLOW THE LORD COMPLETELY, AS DAVID HIS FATHER HAD DONE.



# 1 KINGS 11:4-8

7 ON A HILL EAST OF JERUSALEM, SOLOMON BUILT A HIGH PLACE FOR CHEMOSH THE DETESTABLE GOD OF MOAB, AND FOR MOLEK THE DETESTABLE GOD OF THE AMMONITES. 8 HE DID THE SAME FOR ALL HIS FOREIGN WIVES, WHO BURNED INCENSE AND OFFERED SACRIFICES TO THEIR GODS.







# 1 KINGS 11:11–13

11 SO THE LORD SAID TO SOLOMON, “SINCE THIS IS YOUR ATTITUDE AND YOU HAVE NOT KEPT MY COVENANT AND MY DECREES, WHICH I COMMANDED YOU, I WILL MOST CERTAINLY TEAR THE KINGDOM AWAY FROM YOU AND GIVE IT TO ONE OF YOUR SUBORDINATES. 12 NEVERTHELESS, FOR THE SAKE OF DAVID YOUR FATHER, I WILL NOT DO IT DURING YOUR LIFETIME. I WILL TEAR IT OUT OF THE HAND OF YOUR SON.



# 1 KINGS 11:11–13

13 YET I WILL NOT TEAR THE WHOLE KINGDOM FROM HIM, BUT WILL GIVE HIM ONE TRIBE FOR THE SAKE OF DAVID MY SERVANT AND FOR THE SAKE OF JERUSALEM, WHICH I HAVE CHOSEN.”



# 1 KINGS 12:28

28 AFTER SEEKING ADVICE, THE KING MADE TWO GOLDEN CALVES. HE SAID TO THE PEOPLE, 'IT IS TOO MUCH FOR YOU TO GO UP TO JERUSALEM. HERE ARE YOUR GODS, ISRAEL, WHO BROUGHT YOU UP OUT OF EGYPT.'



# DEUTERONOMY 12:4-5

4 YOU MUST NOT WORSHIP THE LORD YOUR GOD IN THEIR WAY. 5 BUT YOU ARE TO SEEK THE PLACE THE LORD YOUR GOD WILL CHOOSE FROM AMONG ALL YOUR TRIBES TO PUT HIS NAME THERE FOR HIS DWELLING. TO THAT PLACE YOU MUST GO;



**DISTRUSTING GOD'S WORD CAN  
LEAD TO DISOBEDIENCE DRESSED  
UP AS "DOING WHAT SEEMS BEST."**



**“I BELIEVE; HELP MY UNBELIEF!”**

**MARK 9:24**



# PART 3:

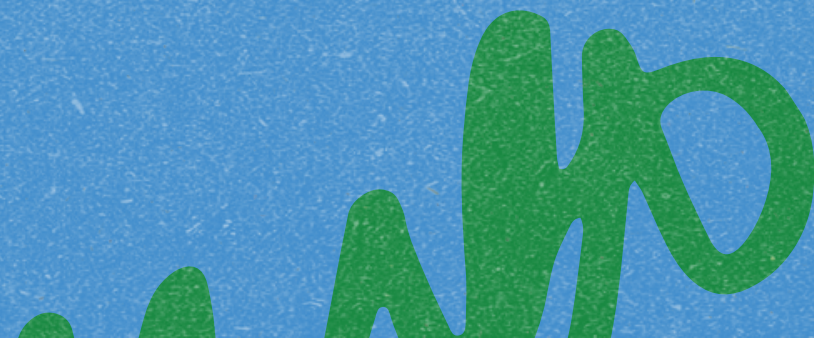
## CONVENIENCE AND COMPROMISE





# HEBREWS 10:25

25 NOT GIVING UP MEETING  
TOGETHER, AS SOME ARE IN THE  
HABIT OF DOING, BUT ENCOURAGING  
ONE ANOTHER—AND ALL THE MORE  
AS YOU SEE THE DAY APPROACHING.





**DON'T CHOOSE CONVENIENCE  
OVER CONVICTION.**





I WOULD RATHER DRIVE **FOUR TIMES**  
**FARTHER** TO ATTEND A CHURCH THAT  
PREACHES TRUTH THAN WALK ACROSS  
THE STREET TO ONE THAT WATERS DOWN  
THE GOSPEL.





# THREE CAUTIONS FROM JEROBOAM'S COMPROMISE:


1. WE SHOULD GATHER MORE OFTEN, NOT LESS, AS THE DAY APPROACHES.
2. WE SHOULD CHERISH THE SPIRITUAL FAMILY GOD HAS PLANTED US IN—ESPECIALLY WHEN WE'RE SERVING, GROWING, AND THRIVING TOGETHER.
3. WE SHOULD NEVER LET CONVENIENCE OVERRIDE COMMITMENT TO SOUND DOCTRINE AND BIBLICAL TRUTH.




**WE MUST KNOW THE WORD  
OF GOD FOR OURSELVES.**



**CONSENSUS DOES NOT OVERRIDE  
WHAT GOD'S WORD SAYS.**

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**IT DOESN'T MATTER HOW MANY  
PEOPLE YOU CAN GATHER TO  
VALIDATE YOUR OPINION—WHAT  
MATTERS IS WHETHER IT ALIGNS  
WITH THE FULL COUNSEL OF GOD.**

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# PART 4:

## THE DIVIDED KINGDOM



- ISRAEL, THE NORTHERN KINGDOM, RULED BY JEROBOAM AND HIS SUCCESSORS.
- JUDAH, THE SOUTHERN KINGDOM, RULED BY REHOBOAM AND THE LINE OF DAVID.






**“HE WALKED IN THE WAYS OF  
JEROBOAM SON OF NEBAT AND IN  
HIS SINS, WHICH HE HAD CAUSED  
ISRAEL TO COMMIT.”**

**(1 KINGS 15:34 AND REPEATED THROUGHOUT KINGS)**





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- FROM CREATION TO COVENANT.
  - FROM PROMISE TO POSSESSION.
  - FROM SLAVERY TO FREEDOM.
  - FROM WANDERING TO WORSHIP.
  - FROM THE RISE OF KINGS TO THE SPLITTING OF A KINGDOM.
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