STEPINIO SCRIPIURE QUARTER 3: SOUNDS WEEK IT IS WELL

THISWEEK'S READING:

WED, AUG 13 THU, AUG 14 FRI. AUG 15 SAT, AUG 16 SUN, AUG 17 MON, AUG 18 TUE. AUG 19 OBADIAH; PSALMS 82—83 2 KINGS 1—4

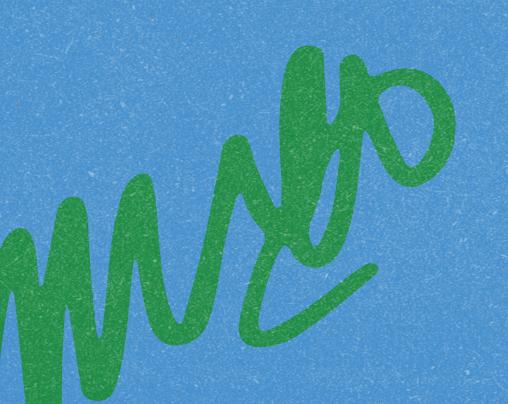
2 KINGS 5—8 2 KINGS 9—11

2 KINGS 12—13; 2 CHRONICLES 24 2 KINGS 14; 2 CHRONICLES 25

JONAH 1—4



TODAY'S READING OBADIAH; PSALMS 82—83 DAY 182 IN STEP INTO SCRIPTURE



MAGE (1)



HERMENEUTICS

REFERS TO THE PRINCIPLES AND METHODS WE USE TO INTERPRET SCRIPTURE ACCURATELY.





INTERPRETATION BEGINS WITH GOD'S WORD, NOT OUR ASSUMPTIONS

THE THREEKEY STEPS

1. EXEGESIS

2. HERMENEUTICS

3.APPLICATION



MAJORPROPHETS

- 1.ISAIAH
- 2.JEREMIAH
- 3. LAMENTATIONS (WRITTEN BY JEREMIAH, OFTEN GROUPED HERE)
- 4. EZEKIEL
- 5. DANIEL





MAJOR PROPHETS

- 1.HOSEA
- 2JOEL
- 3.AMOS
- 4.OBADIAH
- 5.JONAH
- 6.MICAH
- 7.NAHUM
- 8. HABAKKUK
- 9.ZEPHANIAH
- 10. HAGGAI
- 11.ZECHARIAH
- 12.MALACHI



• CHRONICLES FOCUSES ALMOST ENTIRELY ON JUDAH AND THE DAVIDIC LINE (LEADING TO JESUS).

• KINGS GIVES US THE HISTORY OF BOTH ISRAEL AND JUDAH, HIGHLIGHTING THE POLITICAL AND SPIRITUAL FAILURES OF THE NORTHERN KINGDOM AS WELL.

FROM EGYPT TO THE PROMISED LAND

THE ERA OF THE JUDGES



THE UNITED KINGDOM

THE DIVIDED KINGDOM

WHERE WE ARE NOW—SPIRITUAL FREEFALL IN ISRAEL

WHAT DOES THIS PASSAGE TEACH ME ABOUT THE CHARACTER AND NATURE OF GOD?

DEUTERONOMY 4:7-8

"WHAT OTHER NATION IS SO GREAT AS TO HAVE THEIR GODS NEAR THEM THE WAY THE LORD OUR GOD IS NEAR US WHENEVER WE PRAY TO HIM? AND WHAT OTHER NATION IS SO GREAT AS TO HAVE SUCH RIGHTEOUS DECREES AND LAWS AS THIS BODY OF LAWS I AM SETTING BEFORE YOU TODAY?"

THEDEPTHOF ISRAEL'SSIN

- CHILD SACRIFICE
- RITUAL PROSTITUTION
- OCCULT PRACTICES
- ASTROLOGICAL WORSHIP
- DRUNKEN PAGAN FEASTS





RAMPANT VIOLENCE AND INJUSTICE

"THERE IS ONLY CURSING, LYING AND MURDER, STEALING AND ADULTERY; THEY BREAK ALL BOUNDS, AND BLOODSHED FOLLOWS BLOODSHED" (HOS. 4:2).



OPPRESSION OF THE POOR

"THEY SELL THE INNOCENT FOR SILVER, AND THE NEEDY FOR A PAIR OF SANDALS. THEY TRAMPLE ON THE HEADS OF THE POOR... FATHER AND SON USE THE SAME GIRL' (AMOS 2:6-8).

THE POOR WIDOW (2 KINGS 4:1—7)

GOD CAN MULTIPLY ANYTHING. THE ONLY NUMBER THAT CAN'T BE MULTIPLIED FOR INCREASE IS ZERO.

THE WEALTHY SHUNAMMITE (2 KINGS 4:8-37)

2KINGS4:22--26

22 THEN SHE CALLED TO HER HUSBAND, AND SAID, "PLEASE SEND ME ONE OF THE YOUNG MEN AND ONE OF THE DONKEYS. THAT I MAY RUN TO THE MAN OF GOD AND COME BACK." 23 SO HE SAID, "WHY ARE YOU GOING TO HIM TODAY? IT IS NEITHER THE NEW MOON NOR THE SABBATH." AND SHE SAID, "IT IS WELL." 24 THEN SHE SADDLED A DONKEY, AND SAID TO HER SERVANT, "DRIVE, AND GO FORWARD; DO NOT SLACKEN THE PACE FOR ME UNLESS I TELL YOU." 25 AND SO SHE DEPARTED, AND WENT TO THE MAN OF GOD AT MOUNT CARMEL. SO IT WAS, WHEN THE MAN OF GOD SAW HER AFAR OFF, THAT HE SAID TO HIS SERVANT GEHAZI, "LOOK, THE SHUNAMMITE WOMAN! 26 PLEASE RUN NOW TO MEET HER, AND SAY TO HER, 'IS IT WELL WITH YOU? IS IT WELL WITH YOUR HUSBAND? IS IT WELL WITH THE CHILD?' "AND SHE ANSWERED, "IT IS WELL."

THE FAITHFUL EPHRAIMITE (2KINGS 4:42–44)



"EPHRAIM IS JOINED TO IDOLS; LEAVE HIM ALONE!" (HOSEA 4:17)



"BAAL-SHALISHAH".
BAAL IS A PROPER NAME/TITLE FOR
THE CANAANITE STORM AND
FERTILITY GOD.



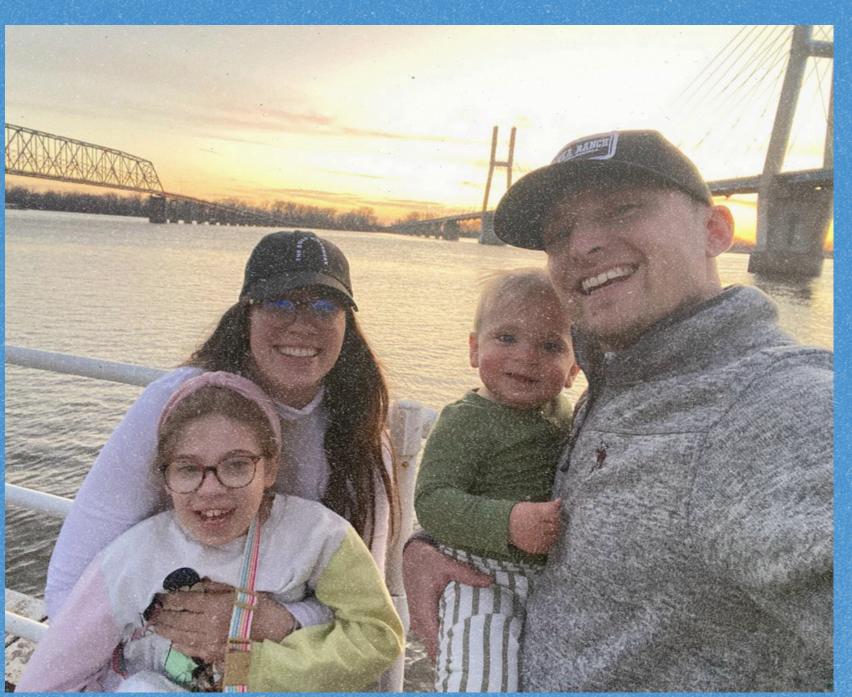


WHEN CHAOS IS REIGNING AROUND THEM, THEY'RE ABLE TO SAY "IT IS WELL" HOW?

- BY REMEMBERING GOD'S CHARACTER
- BY REFUSING CULTURAL SHORTCUTS
- BY STAYING CLOSE TO THE TRUE SOURCE
- BY KNOWING GOD TAKES WHAT WE HAVE AND TURNS IT INTO WHAT WE NEED.









IN ALL CIRCUMSTANCES, IT IS WELL.