

Thru the Bible- April 13-19

2 Sam.16-1 Kings 6

Monday, April 13- 2 Samuel 16, 17

Note David's response to the cursing of Shimei (2 Samuel 16:9-12): What was David aware of with respect to this situation? How did this affect his response? What does it suggest concerning the way we ought to respond to situation in which we are being criticized by some? What should our attitude be to that criticism—at least initially?

Tuesday, April 14- 2 Samuel 18, 19

How does David respond to the news that Absalom is dead? What does this indicate concerning the heart of David? What effect does this have on the people? Is Joab correct in his rebuke to David?

Wednesday, April 15- 2 Samuel 20-22

What was the reason for the famine in the land (ch.21) and how was this crisis resolved?

Thursday, April 16- 2 Samuel 23, 24

In the incident of the census recorded in 2 Samuel 24, how does David demonstrate that he was a man after God's own heart? What things does David do that demonstrate his recognition of God's sovereignty and his responsibility to submit to that authority?

Friday, April 17- 1 Kings 1

How do David's words in 1 Kings 1:29 reflect his heart for God? What do they indicate concerning his understanding of how his life has been preserved throughout all his times of difficulty?

Saturday, April 18- 1 Kings 2, 3

Take note in 1 Kings 2-3 how the reign of Solomon is framed in terms of God's covenant with the people of Israel as reiterated by Moses in the book of Deuteronomy (1 Kings 2:3, 3:14—see Deut.29:9, also 4:1, 5, 8, 45; 5:1; 6:1, 2; 17:18-20).

Sunday, April 19- 1 Kings 4-6

Take note in 1 Kings 6:11-13 how once again the Lord frames Solomon's reign in terms of the Deuteronomic covenant—the promise to bless obedience and discipline disobedience (Deut.28:2); so it is that we understand that these who period of Israel's history, up until the time of the Lord Jesus, specifically the crucifixion and resurrection, was carried on under the framework set out in Deut.28-30.