

## **Bible Readings Book by Book week 112 – w/c 25/12/23**

### **Week 112**

**Monday: 1 Kings 14:1-31** Jeroboam and his wife assume that God will bless them despite their rejection of God's standards, and the past blessings they had received. Sometimes God does not answer prayer because our attitude or behaviour is not right. Repentance may be needed before we ask God for anything. Is there anything you need to confess and turn away from today?

**Tuesday: 1 Kings 15:1-34** In this passage it is fascinating to see a good king follow on from a bad king. We assume that good parents raise good children and vice versa. Children can grow up in ways that are hard to explain away simply with parenting. Pray for your children, or children that you know, that they will grow up to be people who follow God.

**Wednesday: 1 Kings 16:1-34.** While the southern half of Israel (Judah) experienced stability during Asa's reign, the same was not true of Israel. This chapter outlines the Kings in Israel, none of whom walked with God. But verse 33 makes it clear that Ahab was the worst! Whatever state our nation is in, God still sees and fulfils his purposes. Today, pray for the UK that as a nation we might turn back to God.

**Thursday: 1 Kings 17:1-24.** This chapter shows the miraculous provision of God. God provided Elijah with bread and meat supplied by ravens which were considered unclean animals. He then provided food for Elijah, the widow and her son through a jar of flour and a jug of oil which would not run out until the Lord sent rain to the land. Praise God that he is Jehovah Jireh, the Lord who provides (Genesis 22:14).

**Friday: 1 Kings 18:1-46.** After the amazing miracle on Mount Carmel, we see something of Elijah as a man of prayer. Seven times he prays and expects to see a result, until after the seventh time, a small cloud indicates the beginning of answered prayer for rain. Are you as persistent in prayer? Do you expect such an obvious answer to your prayers? Are you looking to see the answer after you pray in faith?

**Weekend: 1 Kings 19:1-21** God saw that Elijah was discouraged and depressed. Elijah needed a personal encounter with God. We often make the mistake of looking for God in the spectacular rather than listening for the gentle whisper of the Holy Spirit. Do you need a personal encounter with God today? Spend time listening for the gentle whisper of the Holy Spirit.