

Bible Readings Book by Book week 115 – w/c 15/1/24

Week 115

Monday: 2 Kings 9:1-37. The prophet is sent by Elisha with what is called in the New Testament a “message of wisdom”. Jehu doesn’t take it fully to heart until others recognise the message as appropriate (v13). The opinion and approval of trusted advisors is always important and is one way to test what God says to you. Have you built the good relationships with people who you can trust to give good advice? Thank God for them today!

Tuesday: 2 Kings 10:1-36 Clearly, there was much good in the reign of Jehu. He was absolutely committed to fulfilling God’s judgment against the house of Ahab and driving the worship of Baal out of Israel. Yet, Jehu was also clearly disobedient and did not obey or serve God with all his heart. Are you following God whole-heartedly or just as much as your interest permits?

Wednesday: 2 Kings 11:1-21. The previous chapter focussed on the Northern Kingdom of Israel, but the focus now shifts back to the southern kingdom of Judah. Athaliah, Ahaziah’s mother ruthlessly seeks to take control when he is killed, but the Priests hide Joash the rightful heir, for six years before proclaiming him King. Some plans take years to come to pass, and we must learn to wait for God’s timing, and not always expect quick results.

Thursday: 2 Kings 12:1-21 Jehoash did what was right in the sight of the Lord during the time the priest Jehoiada was instructing him. After the priest died Jehoash turned back to idolatry. Who do you turn to for wise counsel and to help you grow spiritually? Have you asked anyone to be your DNA partner?

Friday: 2 Kings 13:1-25. When Jehoash visits Elisha he uses the same words Elisha had used at Elijah’s passing (see 2 Kings 2:12). As Elijah imparted a blessing onto Elisha, so Jehoash wanted a similar anointing from Elisha. But his lack of spiritual passion was revealed in v 19. A half-hearted effort will never obtain a full reward from God.

Weekend: 2 Kings 14:1-29 Because of his foolish attack against Israel, Amaziah lost his freedom and for a time became a prisoner of the king of Israel. He saw the defences of Jerusalem broken down and he lost the treasure of the people of God. Amaziah didn’t have the wisdom to see how his actions would hurt others as well as himself. Do you consider the needs of others when you make important decisions?