

## **Bible Readings Book by Book week 116 – w/c 22/1/24**

### **Week 116**

**Monday: 2 Kings 15:1-38.** This book was written during brutal days, as evidenced by the behaviour of Menahem (v16). In fact not one of the Kings of Israel (the northern kingdom of the Jews) was regarded as doing good in the sight of God, whereas some of the Kings of Judah are commended, including Azariah (v 3) and his son, Jotham (v34). What action will you take to attempt to do what is “right in the eyes of the Lord”?

**Tuesday: 2 Kings 16:1-20** Ahaz put his trust in himself and in man instead of in the living God. Therefore his reign was a disaster, probably the worst among the kings of Judah. The key was that Ahaz had no relationship with God. He was interested in spiritual things, and would even make great spiritual sacrifices but not to the living God. Who do you put your trust in - yourself, others or God?

**Wednesday: 2 Kings 17:1-41.** Look at verse 41. It is amazing how deceitful sinful people can be! We compartmentalize our lives so that idolatry and Christianity, Marriage and unfaithfulness, debt and overspending, dieting and cheating and others can exist in our hearts. Where is compromise and inconsistency evident in you? Pray that God will give you grace and strength to change.

**Thursday: 2 Kings 18:1-37** The commander’s speech was intended to destroy Judah’s trust in God. He had the vastly superior armies; he could have just attacked Jerusalem without this little speech. But the commander would prefer it if Judah would simply give up out of fear, discouragement, or despair. This is how Satan attacks us today. Pray that God will strengthen you against spiritual attack.

**Friday: 2 Kings 19:1-37.** Sennacherib of Assyria had conquered the whole area apart from Jerusalem. He assumed that the God of Israel was no stronger than the gods of other nations (v12). But our God is not one among many gods; he is the Supreme Being and Creator of all. Remind yourself of his greatness and praise him, whatever difficulties you face.

**Weekend: 2 Kings 20:1-21** There is no doubt that Hezekiah started out as a godly king, and overall, his reign was one of outstanding godliness. Yet his beginning was much better than his end; Hezekiah did not finish well. God gave Hezekiah the gift of 15 more years of life, but the added years did not make him a better or a more godly man. What changes do you need to make to be able to finish well?