

Bible Readings Book by Book week 117 – w/c 29/1/24

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Monday: 2 Kings 21:1-26. Manasseh's impact upon the nation and his children was a terrible legacy. Even though this man found repentance and faith as 2 Chronicles 33 makes clear, nevertheless the consequences of his previous sinfulness remained and that is what many remembered him for. We must never take lightly the impact of our sin on others, while remembering repentance and forgiveness are always available with Jesus.

Tuesday: 2 Kings 22:1-20 The hearing of God's word did a spiritual work in King Josiah. By tearing his clothes Josiah showed his grief on his own account and on account of the nation. God showed mercy to Josiah. His own godliness and tender heart could not stop the eventual judgment of God, but it could delay it. How do you respond when God convicts you through his word?

Wednesday: 2 Kings 23:1-30. Repentance, rededication and recommitment are appropriate responses when we realise the gap between our current state when measured against God's standards. Does your life demonstrate a right relationship with Jesus or is it time for self-examination and change?

Thursday: 2 Kings 23:31-24:20 These verses tell of more kings that rebelled against God. They suffer defeat at the hands of the Babylonians until Judah is destroyed. Despite God's patience, generations of disobedience eventually lead to defeat. God continues to work even through this defeat. Are you rebelling against God? Turn back to God in repentance. Thank him for His continued work in your life.

Friday: 2 Kings 24:20 - 25:30. 2 Kings 24:20 gives us the reason why Jerusalem was destroyed. It was permitted because of God's anger and judgement. While individually God's judgement has paid for our sin, as a nation we deserve his judgement and should not expect special treatment, because of our Christian heritage. Pray for the UK!

Weekend: Proverbs 7:1-5. How do you store up and guard God's teachings? Could memorizing verses of scripture be a helpful practice for you to do so?