

# APRIL 27

## Read 2 Kings 24–1 Chronicles 1

### CHAPTER 24

**I**N his days Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came up, and Jehoiakim became his servant three years: then he turned and rebelled against him.

2 And the LORD sent against him bands of the Chaldees, and bands of the Syrians, and bands of the Moabites, and bands of the children of Ammon, and sent them against Judah to destroy it, according to the word of the LORD, which he spake by his servants the prophets.

3 Surely at the commandment of the LORD came *this* upon Judah, to remove *them* out of his sight, for the sins of Manasseh, according to all that he did;

4 And also for the innocent blood that he shed: for he filled Jerusalem with innocent blood; which the LORD would not pardon.

5 ¶ Now the rest of the acts of Jehoiakim, and all that he did, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?

6 So Jehoiakim slept with his

fathers: and Jehoiachin his son reigned in his stead.

7 And the king of Egypt came not again any more out of his land: for the king of Babylon had taken from the river of Egypt unto the river Euphrates all that pertained to the king of Egypt.

8 ¶ Jehoiachin *was* eighteen years old when he began to reign, and he reigned in Jerusalem three months. And his mother's name *was* Nehushta, the daughter of Elnathan of Jerusalem.

9 And he did *that which was* evil in the sight of the LORD, according to all that his father had done.

10 ¶ At that time the servants of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came up against Jerusalem, and the city was besieged.

11 And Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came against the city, and his servants did besiege it.

12 And Jehoiachin the king of Judah went out to the king of Babylon, he, and his mother, and his servants, and his princes, and his officers: and the king of Baby-

lon took him in the eighth year of his reign.

13 And he carried out thence all the treasures of the house of the LORD, and the treasures of the king's house, and cut in pieces all the vessels of gold which Solomon king of Israel had made in the temple of the LORD, as the LORD had said.

14 And he carried away all Jerusalem, and all the princes, and all the mighty men of valour, *even* ten thousand captives, and all the craftsmen and smiths: none remained, save the poorest sort of the people of the land.

15 And he carried away Jehoiachin to Babylon, and the king's mother, and the king's wives, and his officers, and the mighty of the land, *those* carried he into captivity from Jerusalem to Babylon.

16 And all the men of might, *even* seven thousand, and craftsmen and smiths a thousand, all *that were* strong *and* apt for war, *even* them the king of Babylon brought captive to Babylon.

17 ¶ And the king of Babylon made Mattaniah his father's brother king in his stead, and changed his name to Zedekiah.

18 Zedekiah *was* twenty and one

years old when he began to reign, and he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name *was* Hamutal, the daughter of Jeremiah of Libnah.

19 And he did *that which was* evil in the sight of the LORD, according to all that Jehoiakim had done.

20 For through the anger of the LORD it came to pass in Jerusalem and Judah, until he had cast them out from his presence, that Zedekiah rebelled against the king of Babylon.

## CHAPTER 25

**A**ND it came to pass in the ninth year of his reign, in the tenth month, in the tenth *day* of the month, *that* Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came, he, and all his host, against Jerusalem, and pitched against it; and they built forts against it round about.

2 And the city was besieged unto the eleventh year of king Zedekiah.

3 And on the ninth *day* of the *fourth* month the famine prevailed in the city, and there was no bread for the people of the land.

4 ¶ And the city was broken up, and all the men of war *fled* by night by the way of the gate between two walls, which *is* by the king's gar-

den: (now the Chaldees *were* against the city round about:) and *the king* went the way toward the plain.

5 And the army of the Chaldees pursued after the king, and overtook him in the plains of Jericho: and all his army were scattered from him.

6 So they took the king, and brought him up to the king of Babylon to Riblah; and they gave judgment upon him.

7 And they slew the sons of Zedekiah before his eyes, and put out the eyes of Zedekiah, and bound him with fetters of brass, and carried him to Babylon.

8 ¶ And in the fifth month, on the seventh *day* of the month, which *is* the nineteenth year of king Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, came Nebuzaradan, captain of the guard, a servant of the king of Babylon, unto Jerusalem:

9 And he burnt the house of the LORD, and the king's house, and all the houses of Jerusalem, and every great *man's* house burnt he with fire.

10 And all the army of the Chaldees, that *were with* the captain of the guard, brake down the walls of Jerusalem round about.

11 Now the rest of the people *that were* left in the city, and the fugitives that fell away to the king of Babylon, with the remnant of the multitude, did Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard carry away.

12 But the captain of the guard left of the poor of the land *to be* vinedressers and husbandmen.

13 And the pillars of brass that *were* in the house of the LORD, and the bases, and the brasen sea that *was* in the house of the LORD, did the Chaldees break in pieces, and carried the brass of them to Babylon.

14 And the pots, and the shovels, and the snuffers, and the spoons, and all the vessels of brass wherewith they ministered, took they away.

15 And the firepans, and the bowls, *and* such things as *were* of gold, *in* gold, and of silver, *in* silver, the captain of the guard took away.

16 The two pillars, one sea, and the bases which Solomon had made for the house of the LORD; the brass of all these vessels was without weight.

17 The height of the one pillar *was* eighteen cubits, and the chapter upon it *was* brass: and the height of the chapter three cubits;

and the wreathen work, and pomegranates upon the chapter round about, all of brass: and like unto these had the second pillar with wreathen work.

18 ¶ And the captain of the guard took Seraiah the chief priest, and Zephaniah the second priest, and the three keepers of the door:

19 And out of the city he took an officer that was set over the men of war, and five men of them that were in the king's presence, which were found in the city, and the principal scribe of the host, which mustered the people of the land, and threescore men of the people of the land *that were* found in the city:

20 And Nebuzaradan captain of the guard took these, and brought them to the king of Babylon to Riblah:

21 And the king of Babylon smote them, and slew them at Riblah in the land of Hamath. So Judah was carried away out of their land.

22 ¶ And *as for* the people that remained in the land of Judah, whom Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon had left, even over them he made Gedaliah the son of Ahikam, the son of Shaphan, ruler.

23 And when all the captains of

the armies, they and their men, heard that the king of Babylon had made Gedaliah governor, there came to Gedaliah to Mizpah, even Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, and Johanan the son of Careah, and Seraiah the son of Tanhumeth the Netophathite, and Jaazaniah the son of a Maachathite, they and their men.

24 And Gedaliah swore to them, and to their men, and said unto them, Fear not to be the servants of the Chaldees: dwell in the land, and serve the king of Babylon; and it shall be well with you.

25 But it came to pass in the seventh month, that Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, the son of Elishama, of the seed royal, came, and ten men with him, and smote Gedaliah, that he died, and the Jews and the Chaldees that were with him at Mizpah.

26 And all the people, both small and great, and the captains of the armies, arose, and came to Egypt: for they were afraid of the Chaldees.

27 ¶ And it came to pass in the seven and thirtieth year of the captivity of Jehoiachin king of Judah, in the twelfth month, on the seven and twentieth *day* of the month,

that Evilmerodach king of Babylon in the year that he began to reign did lift up the head of Jehoiachin king of Judah out of prison;

28 And he spake kindly to him, and set his throne above the throne of the kings that *were* with him in Babylon;

29 And changed his prison garments: and he did eat bread continually before him all the days of his life.

30 And his allowance *was* a continual allowance given him of the king, a daily rate for every day, all the days of his life.

## 1 CHRONICLES CHAPTER 1

**A**DAM, Sheth, Enosh,  
2 Kenan, Mahalaleel, Jered,  
3 Henoch, Methuselah, Lamech,  
4 Noah, Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

5 ¶ The sons of Japheth; Gomer, and Magog, and Madai, and Javan, and Tubal, and Meshech, and Tiras.

6 And the sons of Gomer; Ashchenaz, and Riphath, and Togarmah.

7 And the sons of Javan; Elishah, and Tarshish, Kittim, and Dodanim.

8 ¶ The sons of Ham; Cush, and

Mizraim, Put, and Canaan.

9 And the sons of Cush; Seba, and Havilah, and Sabta, and Raamah, and Sabtecha. And the sons of Raamah; Sheba, and Dedan.

10 And Cush begat Nimrod: he began to be mighty upon the earth.

11 And Mizraim begat Ludim, and Anamim, and Lehabim, and Naphtuhim,

12 And Pathrusim, and Casluhim, (of whom came the Philistines,) and Caphthorim.

13 And Canaan begat Zidon his firstborn, and Heth,

14 The Jebusite also, and the Amorite, and the Girgashite,

15 And the Hivite, and the Arkite, and the Sinite,

16 And the Arvadite, and the Zemarite, and the Hamathite.

17 ¶ The sons of Shem; Elam, and Asshur, and Arphaxad, and Lud, and Aram, and Uz, and Hul, and Gether, and Meshech.

18 And Arphaxad begat Shelah, and Shelah begat Eber.

19 And unto Eber were born two sons: the name of the one *was* Peleg; because in his days the earth was divided: and his brother's name *was* Joktan.

20 And Joktan begat Almodad,



and Sheleph, and Hazarmaveth,  
and Jerah,

21 Hadoram also, and Uzal, and  
Diklah,

22 And Ebal, and Abimael, and  
Sheba,

23 And Ophir, and Havilah, and  
Jobab. All these *were* the sons of  
Joktan.

24 ¶ Shem, Arphaxad, Shelah,

25 Eber, Peleg, Reu,

26 Serug, Nahor, Terah,

27 Abram; the same *is* Abra-  
ham.

28. The sons of Abraham; Isaac,  
and Ishmael.

29 ¶ These *are* their generations:  
The firstborn of Ishmael, Nebaioth;  
then Kedar, and Adbeel, and Mib-  
sam,

30 Mishma, and Dumah, Massa,  
Hadad, and Tema,

31 Jetur, Naphish, and  
Kedemah. These are the sons of  
Ishmael.

32 ¶ Now the sons of Keturah,  
Abraham's concubine: she bare  
Zimran, and Jokshan, and Medan,  
and Midian, and Ishbak, and  
Shuah. And the sons of Jokshan;  
Sheba, and Dedan.

33 And the sons of Midian;  
Ephah, and Ephher, and Henoah,  
and Abida, and Eldaah. All these

*are* the sons of Keturah.

34 And Abraham begat Isaac.  
The sons of Isaac; Esau and Israel.

35 ¶ The sons of Esau; Eliphaz,  
Reuel, and Jeush, and Jaalam, and  
Korah.

36 The sons of Eliphaz; Teman,  
and Omar, Zephi, and Gatam,  
Kenaz, and Timna, and Amalek.

37 The sons of Reuel; Nahath,  
Zerah, Shammah, and Mizzah.

38 And the sons of Seir; Lotan,  
and Shobal, and Zibeon, and Anah,  
and Dishon, and Ezer, and Dishan.

39 And the sons of Lotan; Hori,  
and Homam: and Timna *was*  
Lotan's sister.

40 The sons of Shobal; Alian,  
and Manahath, and Ebal, Shephi,  
and Onam. And the sons of Zibeon;  
Aiah, and Anah.

41 The sons of Anah; Dishon. And  
the sons of Dishon; Amram, and  
Eshban, and Ithran, and Cheran.

42 The sons of Ezer; Bilhan, and  
Zavan, *and* Jakan. The sons of Dis-  
han; Uz, and Aran.

43 ¶ Now these *are* the kings  
that reigned in the land of Edom  
before *any* king reigned over the  
children of Israel; Bela the son of  
Beor: and the name of his city *was*  
Dinhabah.

44 And when Bela was dead,

Jobab the son of Zerah of Bozrah reigned in his stead.

45 And when Jobab was dead, Husham of the land of the Temanites reigned in his stead.

46 And when Husham was dead, Hadad the son of Bedad, which smote Midian in the field of Moab, reigned in his stead: and the name of his city *was* Avith.

47 And when Hadad was dead, Samlah of Masrekah reigned in his stead.

48 And when Samlah was dead, Shaul of Rehoboth by the river reigned in his stead.

49 And when Shaul was dead,

Baalhanan the son of Achbor reigned in his stead.

50 And when Baalhanan was dead, Hadad reigned in his stead: and the name of his city *was* Pai; and his wife's name *was* Mehetabel, the daughter of Matred, the daughter of Mezahab.

51 ¶ Hadad died also. And the dukes of Edom were; duke Timnah, duke Aliah, duke Jetheth,

52 Duke Aholibamah, duke Elah, duke Pinon,

53 Duke Kenaz, duke Teman, duke Mibzar,

54 Duke Magdiel, duke Iram. These *are* the dukes of Edom.

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## DEVOTIONAL COMMENTS

In the final chapters of II Kings we see that God keeps His Word according to His promise, as He brings terrible wrath upon His people in the kingdom of Judah. God had called His people out from among the world to worship Him in spirit and truth. The people had violently opposed God, turning away from Him to the gods of the heathen nations. Therefore, God pours out His anger and wrath upon them.

These chapters record the people being deported from their land and the city of Jerusalem being destroyed. The Book of Lamentations records Jeremiah's graphic description of the destruction of Jerusalem. One of the Babylonian officers gathered together the nobles that were left and had them slain. All that remained in the land were the poorest people. Nebuchadnezzar set up a system of governors over the land, making Gedaliah the first governor. Gedaliah established a reasonable amount of safety, peace, and security for those who were left behind; but he was murdered and many of the Jews fled to Egypt for safety. Everything God had given them was taken from them. They had no king on David's

throne, nor do they have one today. They had no Temple, for it had been burned and its sacred vessels confiscated. Their land was taken from them and they were scattered among the nations. They lost everything, including their national character, until 1948.

The tragic results of sin can be seen in these chapters. God will not tolerate sin—not in the nation of Israel and not in the lives of individuals. Neither will He tolerate sin in our nation. As Christians, our lives should demonstrate the love of Christ within us. We should witness to all those about us and try to draw our nation back to God. The hope of America lies within the hands of Christians who are willing to give of themselves to rally this nation back to God.

## PROVERB FOR TODAY

“Wrath is cruel, and anger is outrageous: but who is able to stand before envy?” (Proverbs 27:4).

## TREASURE PATH TO SOUL WINNING

Spend this month reviewing the previous 13 lessons. For today, review Memory Verse Assignment 12 (found on page 10).

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO

**DORETHA MACKEY**

### HYMN FOR TODAY

#### ABIDE WITH ME

by **Henry F. Lyte, 1793-1847**

The author of this text, Henry F. Lyte, was an Anglican pastor. Though he battled tuberculosis all of his life, Lyte was known as a man strong in spirit and faith. It was he who coined the phrase “it is better to wear out than to rust out.”

During his later years, Lyte’s health progressively worsened so that he was forced to seek a warmer climate in Italy. For the last sermon with his parishioners at Lower Brixham, England, on September 4, 1847, it is recorded that he nearly had to crawl to the pulpit. His final words made a deep impact upon his people when he proclaimed, “It is my desire to induce you to prepare for the solemn hour which must come to all, by a timely appreciation and dependence on the death of Christ.”

Henry Lyte’s inspiration for writing “Abide with Me” came shortly before his final sermon, while reading from the account in Luke 24 of our Lord’s appearance with the two disciples on their seven mile walk from Jerusalem to the village of Emmaus on that first Easter evening. How the hearts of those discouraged disciples suddenly burned within them when they realized that they were in the company of the risen, the eternal Son of God!

*Abide with me—fast falls the eventide.  
The darkness deepens—Lord, with me abide;  
when other helpers fail and comforts flee,  
help of the helpless, O abide with me!*

*Swift to its close ebbs out life’s little day;  
earth’s joys grow dim; its glories pass away;  
change and decay all around I see—  
O Thou who changest not, abide with me!*

*I need Thy presence ev’ry passing hour—  
What but grace can foil the tempter’s pow’r?  
Who like Thyself my guide and stay can be?  
Thru cloud and sunshine, O abide with me.*

*Hold Thou Thy word before my closing eyes.  
Shine thru the gloom and point me to the skies;  
heav’n’s morning breaks and earth’s vain shadows  
flee—  
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.*

## ON THIS DATE IN HISTORY

**1822**

### ULYSSES S. GRANT WAS BORN.

Of course, he was President of our nation, but more than that, he was a great general. We are so prone to remember our servicemen but forget those generals that have authority over them. The decisions of these men affect the lives of our boys. Pray today for God’s blessings upon the generals, commanding officers, and the military leaders who have much weight on their shoulders.

**1791**

### THE BIRTHDAY OF SAMUEL MORSE.

Samuel Morse was the inventor of the telegraph. Of course, we should thank God for the telegram. How easy it is today to communicate with people around the world. May we not let this day pass without thanking God for this means of communication.

**1882**

### RALPH WALDO EMERSON DIED.

Yes, we all must die. One of the most interesting portions of Scripture is the early part of Genesis where Lamech, Methuselah, Adam, Seth, and others are listed. They lived to be seven hundred, eight hundred, nine hundred years old, but the concluding statement about each one is “And he died.” Yes, we must die. We only have one life to live. As someone has said, “Only one life, ‘twill soon be past. Only what’s done for Christ will last.” May we redeem the time and use our fleeting moments wisely in the service of the Lord Jesus Christ.

**1521**

### MAGELLAN WAS KILLED.

## ON THIS DATE IN AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY

**1883**

### HUBERT HARRISON, WRITER, FREEDOM FIGHTER, BORN in St. Croix, Virgin Island.

**1903**

### U.S. SUPREME COURT UPHELD CLAUSES IN ALABAMA CONSTITUTION which disenfranchised blacks.

**PUBLICATION OF W.E.B. DU BOIS’S THE  
SOULS OF BLACK FOLK** crystallized opposition to  
Booker T. Washington’s program of social and political  
subordination.



**MAGGIE L. WALKER NAMED PRESIDENT OF RICHMOND'S ST. LUKE BANK** and Trust Company and became the first black woman to head a bank.

**EIGHTY-FOUR BLACKS REPORTED LYNCHED** in 1903.

**1874**  
**WHITE LEAGUE, PARAMILITARY WHITE**

**SUPREMACIST ORGANIZATION**, founded at Opelousas, Louisiana.

**1961**  
**SIERRA LEONE PROCLAIMED INDEPENDENT.**

**DEATH OF KWAME NKRUMAH** (62) African statesman and first president of Ghana, in exile, in Conakry, Guinea.

# THE STORY OF THE PSALMS

## Psalm 36

**AUTHOR: David.**

### **THE STORY BEHIND THE PSALM**

This Psalm was written after David's victory over Goliath's four sons. One of these sons was named Ishbibenob. He had a spear that weighed 300 shekels. There was another brother whose name was Saph. There was another who had six fingers and toes. Of course, these were all giants because they came from the children of Anak. Upon winning the victory over these giants, David wrote Psalm 36. This Psalm is akin to the 18th Psalm.

### **THE WAY IT WAS USED BY GOD'S PEOPLE**

It was used after a victory, especially a great victory. There were many Psalms used after winning a victory, but the 36th was a special one used after conquering a mighty foe.

## **MEMORY VERSE ASSIGNMENT 12 (for review):**

Please spend time reviewing these memory verses. If you have been completing the assignments in the TREASURE PATH TO SOUL WINNING, then you already have spent a week memorizing the Scriptures below. Now it's time to review!

### **SINNER'S RESPONSIBILITY**

(Assignment 12)

Please recite all three components of each of these five verses aloud, five times each morning, and five times each evening, for the next seven days. The three components of each verse are: Subject, Scripture Reference, and Scripture Text. (For more details, see "The Treasure Path to Soul Winning," page xiii near the front of this book.)

#### **To Repent.**

( ) Acts 17:30 (Luke 13:3, 5) (Acts 20:21)

And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men everywhere to repent:

#### **To Receive.**

( ) John 1:12

But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:

#### **To Believe.**

( ) John 3:36

He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.

#### **To Confess.**

( ) Romans 10:9 (Matt. 10:32) (Luke 23:42)

That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.

#### **To Call.**

( ) Romans 10:13

For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.