July-September

READING SCHEDULE

JULY

T 7/1	1 Kings 1
W 7/2	1 Kings 2
T 7/3	1 Kings 3
F 7/4	1 Kings 4
S 7/5	1 Kings 5-6
s 7/6	••••
M 7/7	1 Kings 7
T 7/8	1 Kings 8
W 7/9	1 Kings 9-10
T 7/10	1 Kings 11
F 7/11	1 Kings 12
s 7/12	1 Kings 13
S 7/13	••••
M 7/14	1 Kings 14-15
	1 Kings 16
W 7/16	1 Kings 17

2 Kings 3

2 Kings 9

AUGUST

8/13 8/14

Ezra 9

Ezra 10

Nehemiah 3

Matthew 3-4 Matthew 6

Matthew 8

Matthew 9

Matthew 12

M Matthew 19-20

Matthew 22

9/28 9/29 Matthew 27 M Matthew 28



Prophesied & Present Kingdom of God

After a short-lived time of peace and prosperity in Israel, the nation was divided into two kingdoms by civil war. God sent prophets to warn each kingdom that their continual rebellion would lead to their exile, but their repentance could reestablish their relationship with God. Unmoved and hard-hearted, each kingdom is exiled from their land and taken captive. Woven into the prophet's message was a promise of future hope: God would send a truly righteous King who would once and for all redeem God's people and reconcile them to himself. After 400 years, Jesus, the long-awaited Messiah, came to establish the Kingdom of God. Through his life, death, and resurrection, he made a way for sinful mankind to once again be reconciled to a Holy God forever.

Be Still

Find a place where you can remove distractions and practice being still and silent. Then ask God to be with you and speak to you. Pray that the Holy Spirit will guide your time and draw you near to Jesus.

Read

Read through the passage for the day. Then read through it again slowly. Write down what you observe and any questions you might have. What stands out? What is repeated? What is compared or contrasted? What words are unfamiliar?

Examine

Examine the text and then let the text examine you. What is the context of this passage and how does it relate to the story of Scripture? Use a study Bible or commentary to dig deeper into what this author intended to communicate. Seek to discover what God is revealing and how it speaks to your heart and mind. Write your reflections.

Apply

Write down one thing you believe God is asking you to do in response. Is there a sin to avoid, a promise to trust, an example to follow, a command to obey, or knowledge about God and his plan that changes, challenges, or comforts you? How will you apply this passage to your life today?

Devote to Prayer

Finally, close by writing a simple prayer of devotion to God, praising him for who he is and thanking him for what he has done for you. Ask that, through the power of the Holy Spirit, his truth would bear fruit in your life as you trust in and follow Jesus.

