



GROWING FURTHER | WEEK 4

1 SAMUEL 28:21 - 2 KINGS 25:30

1. As you read your Bible this week, which particular thought(s) and event(s) stood out to you or surprised you? What questions came up that you would like to find the answers to?
2. What important promise did God make to David concerning the future of his dynasty? (See 2 Samuel 7:11,16)
3. Which character weakness and failures played a dramatic role in David's life? What was God's response when David publicly acknowledged his sins and asked for God's forgiveness? In what ways did the consequences of David's extramarital affair affect his family and, eventually, the entire nation?
4. How would you describe Solomon? What do you find admirable (and not so admirable) about him? What drew him away from God when he got old? Why did the people eventually rebel against him?
5. What factors caused the nation of Israel to split into the northern kingdom (Israel) and the southern kingdom (Judah)?
6. When you consider the bravery of Elijah and Elisha in opposing idol worship in the northern kingdom of Israel, what stands out to you concerning their relationship with God and/or the people? Why?
7. What would you identify as the dominant tendency of the various kings who led Israel and Judah? In what ways did they disobey God? What distinguished King Josiah from many of the other kings? (See 2 Kings 22-23)

Try it!

Memorize the names of the next 5 books in the Bible, Nehemiah – Proverbs. Continue to review the others you have memorized and add these five to the list!