

**April 15:** Read **1 Kings 17-19**, then Pray **Psalm 99**. Elijah appears on the scene. Take note of the Widow, and note that she is a Gentile (non-Hebrew) living in Gentile territory. Next, we come to Elijah versus the prophets of Baal. This episode is one of the greatest examples of the difference between “up religion” where people have to “do stuff” or “climb up” to get to their gods and “down religion” where God comes down to save His people!

**April 16:** Read **1 Kings 20-22**, then Pray **Psalm 100**. The dark days continue, and God sends Elijah on specific missions. But the specific theme of justice in God’s eyes continue: when leaders cause others to sin, this is a grievous offense to God.  
\*\*Remember, the only reason 1 Kings ends at this point is they ran out of scroll!\*\*

**April 17:** Read **2 Kings 1-3**, then Pray **Psalm 101**. Chapter 2 has one of the most famous stories in the Bible. It is strange at best, and leaves us wondering why God would take Elijah like this! Remember Genesis 5:21-24. Because we don’t know everything, we don’t know why. The problem is that humans ate from the Tree of “I Know What’s Best” and we don’t *like* not knowing why.

**April 18:** Read **2 Kings 4-7**, then Pray **Psalm 102**. Take note of the story of Naaman. Again, not a Hebrew, but a Gentile. Jesus reminds the people of His hometown of this story in Luke 4:14-30.

**April 19:** Available Video → [Justice](#). Read **2 Kings 8-11**, then Pray **Psalm 103**. He As you read, take note of the phrase “He did evil in the eyes of the LORD.” It will appear many times. The Bible Project Video on Justice helps us remember what God is interested in and contrast that with what people, especially most of these kings are interested in.

**April 20:** Read **2 Kings 12-14**, then Pray **Psalm 104**. We see mention of “Asherah poles” in various places become a part of the story. These were detestable places where people did detestable things in order to “arouse” Asherah.

**April 21:** Read **2 Kings 15-17**, then Pray **Psalm 105**. We are invited to remember the story of the Exodus (2 Kings 17:7). We are encouraged to be outraged at the behavior of these kings and to see that they were behaving like Pharaoh did in that story. And remember: the issue wasn’t the behavior, but what caused it. The same problem, hard hearts, now exist in God’s people as well.