

THE BIBLE STUDY PROGRAM

WEEK 48 – 2 Samuel 16 – 21 & Acts 6 – Acts 7

Overview – This study is a 6 day program covering both the Old Testament (OT) and the New Testament (NT). This study program is to take place on a daily basis (Monday through Saturday). The study will involve reading/studying 6 OT chapters and 2 NT chapters per week. The OT chapters will only be covered 1 time with the NT chapters being covered 3 times. Depending on reading speed, chapter length, etc., total study time should take approximately 15 to 30 minutes a day. In other words, by simply dedicating **only** about 15 to 30 minutes a day (6 days a week) to Bible study, in roughly 2 ½ to 3 years, you will have read and studied the entire Bible. If followed, you will have read the OT once and the NT three times, while studying through the entire Bible. The KJV (King James Version) is used to prepare the questions.

How it works – Read, study, and/or answer questions as outlined below. Place an “x” in the blank after you have completed each day’s study. If you are unable to do the study on the set day, either try to “double up” and get back on schedule or if you get several days behind, simply skip to the current day’s schedule. If necessary you can always come back weeks or months later and study the chapters you missed. You will be able to identify any missed chapters easily if you consistently mark your studied chapters with an “x.” Practically speaking, however, this is not advisable and the student is encouraged to “stay on the daily schedule.” In short, this program will not work, if you do not commit yourself to a daily study habit. We also suggest that the student keeps the weekly study program sheets in a 3 ring binder for easy reference. It is likewise necessary that everyone in the local congregation who is involved in this study program get together weekly or at least biweekly to review the questions and answers.

WEEK 48 – (____ / ____ / ____) to (____ / ____ / ____)

1. **Sunday** – Worship/Time With Family/Review Answers With Others
2. **Monday** –
 - 1) OT – 2 Samuel 16 (Read & Answer Questions) _____
 - 2) NT – Acts 6 (Read) _____
3. **Tuesday** –
 - 1) OT – 2 Samuel 17 (Read & Answer Questions) _____
 - 2) NT – Acts 6 (Read & Answer Questions) _____
4. **Wednesday** –
 - 1) OT – 2 Samuel 18 (Read & Answer Questions) _____
 - 2) NT – Acts 6 (Read & Word Study/Research) _____
5. **Thursday** –
 - 1) OT – 2 Samuel 19 (Read & Answer Questions) _____
 - 2) NT – Acts 7 (Read) _____
6. **Friday** –
 - 1) OT – 2 Samuel 20 (Read & Answer Questions) _____
 - 2) NT – Acts 7 (Read & Answer Questions) _____
7. **Saturday** –
 - 1) OT – 2 Samuel 21 (Read & Answer Questions) _____
 - 2) NT – Acts 7 (Read & Word Study/Research) _____

WEEK 48 – DAILY PROGRAM

1. **Sunday** – Worship/Time With Family/Review Answers With Others

2. **Monday** –

1) 2 Samuel 16 – Read & Answer Below

- a) As indicated in this chapter, the servant of Mephibosheth was _____.
- b) What was the man’s name who was of the family of Saul who cursed David and his men?
- c) What did he cast (or throw) at David and his men?
- d) What servant of David wanted permission to go “and take off his head,” referring to Shimei?
- e) In what verse does David refer to Shimei, as a “Benjamite?”
- f) 2 Samuel 16:15 reads, “And _____, and all the people the men of Israel, came to Jerusalem, and _____ with him.”
- g) What friend of David came to Absalom under the guise of being submissive to Absalom?
- h) In what verse did the wicked Ahithophel advise the rebellious Absalom to “Go in unto thy father’s concubines?”

2) Acts 6 – Read Only

3. **Tuesday** –

1) 2 Samuel 17 – Read & Answer Below

- a) How many men did Ahithophel, advise should be taken in the immediate pursuit of David?
- b) Did Ahithophel counsel that all the men of David should be slain, or only David?
- c) What other advisor did Absalom call to him? Was this advisor loyal to Absalom or was he a spy for David?
- d) When Hushai counseled “go to battle in thine own person,” who was he referring to?
- e) What two priests were also secret allies of David?
- f) What two men took the message to David putting their lives in great danger and escaping only with the help of a woman who hid them in a well?
- g) What verse says, “Then David arose, and all the people that were with him, and they passed over Jordan...?”
- h) How did Ahithophel react to having his counsel rejected?
- i) What person did Absalom make “captain of the host instead of Joab?”
- j) What three men brought supplies to David and his weary band?

2) Acts 6 – Read & Answer Below

- a) During this time, was the “number of the disciples” decreasing or increasing?
- b) What group felt that their widows were being neglected during the daily ministrations or giving of food?
- c) How many men of “honest report” did the apostles tell them to find in order that they could be appointed “over this business?”
- d) Was Stephen one of the men chosen to be over this affair?

- e) What verse says, "...and a great company of the priests were obedient to the faith?"
- f) Regarding Stephen and those who were disputing with him, what verse says, "And they were not able to resist the wisdom and the spirit by which he spake?"
- g) Acts 6:13 says that these naysayers "set up _____ witnesses...."
- h) What did Stephen's face look like to those "that sat in the council?"

4. **Wednesday** –

1) 2 Samuel 18 – Read & Answer Below

- a) As this chapter begins, it says, "And David _____ the people that were with him...."
- b) How many parts did David divide his forces into and who were the key generals over these parts?
- c) Did David go with the people into battle?
- d) Did David tell his top three generals to kill Absalom?
- e) Did Joab obey David and bring Absalom to him alive and safe?
- f) What verse speaks of Absalom rearing "up for himself a pillar" and of a place called "Absalom's place?"
- g) What two men ran to give tidings unto David?
- h) Who ran the fastest and got to David first?
- i) In what verse are the chilling words of David recorded, "...O my son Absalom, my son, my son Absalom! Would God I had died for thee, O Absalom, my son, my son!?"

2) Acts 6 – Read & Word Study/Research

- a) The Grecians were murmuring "against the _____, because their widows were neglected in the daily ministrations."
- b) Acts 6:2 reads, "Then the _____ called the multitude of the disciples unto them, and said, It is not reason that we should leave the _____ of God, and serve _____."
- c) Did they expect the people to simply choose any person—regardless of their faith and background, to do this work?
- d) Was Stephen able to perform "great wonders and miracles?"
- e) Did the apostles lay their hands on Stephen? Was this laying on of hands (by the apostles), mentioned prior to the reference of Stephen working miracles?
- f) List the seven men that were chosen to do the work the apostles needed done.
- g) Referring to the apostles and the seven chosen men, what verse says, "Whom they set before the apostles: and when they had prayed, they laid their hands on them?"
- h) Which one of these seven men is referenced in the discussion of Acts 6:8-15?
- i) In what verse is "Jesus of Nazareth" referenced in this chapter?

5. **Thursday** –

1) 2 Samuel 19 – Read & Answer Below

- a) 2 Samuel 19:1 sets the stage, thusly, "And it was told _____, Behold, the king weepeth and mourneth for _____."
- b) What person rebuked King David for his continual mourning at the death of Absalom even though such was greatly depressing the people?

- c) In what verse did Joab tell David, "...thou lovest thine enemies, and hatest thy friends...?"
- d) David wanted Zadok and Abiathar to speak to the elders of what tribe, in reference to escorting him back to Jerusalem?
- e) What former top-general of Absalom, did David offer to elevate above Joab?
- f) What former blasphemer of David "fell down before the king, as he came over Jordan" going back to Jerusalem, and sought mercy?
- g) What high ranking military official of David wanted to execute Shimei because Shimei had "cursed the Lord's anointed?"
- h) Did the king have Shimei executed?
- i) Had Mephibosheth (Jonathan's son) actually rebelled against David?
- j) What "very aged man" did David seek to honor and take with him to Jerusalem for his former help?
- k) What verse says, "...And the words of the men of Judah were fiercer than the words of the men of Israel?"

2) Acts 7 – Read Only

6. **Friday** –

1) 2 Samuel 20 – Read & Answer Below

- a) What person is referred to as "a man of Belial" (i.e., referencing his evil ways)?
- b) What did David do with "the ten women his concubines" upon returning to Jerusalem?
- c) What general "tarried longer than the set time" in assembling the army to go after Sheba?
- d) What great military leader of David slew another general of David?
- e) In what verse does the inspired Text say, "Then cried a wise woman out of the city, Hear, hear; say, I pray you, unto Joab...?"
- f) What was thrown over the wall, to Joab?
- g) Upon the re-establishment of David in Jerusalem, what was the name of David's scribe?
- h) What person was "a chief ruler about David?"

2) Acts 7 – Read & Answer Below

- a) When Stephen started his defense, what beloved patriarch did he talk about first?
- b) In what verse does Stephen say, "...and Jacob begat the twelve patriarchs?"
- c) What Old Testament great does Stephen talk about in Acts 7:9?
- d) Acts 7:17 declares, "But when the time of the _____ drew nigh, which God had sworn to _____, the people grew and multiplied in Egypt."
- e) What Old Testament hero is mentioned beginning in Acts 7:20?
- f) Speaking of the fact that Solomon, not David, built the Temple, in what verse does Stephen say, "But Solomon built Him an house?"
- g) Acts 7:54 records their reaction to Stephen's preaching. It states, "When they _____ these things, they were cut to the _____, and they gnashed on him with their teeth."
- h) The Scripture says that "the witnesses laid down their clothes at a young man's feet, whose name was _____."
- i) In what way did the vicious mob murder Stephen?

7. **Saturday** –

1) 2 Samuel 21 – Read & Answer Below

- a) A _____ was “in the days of David three years, year after year.”
- b) What was the cause of this three-year disaster?
- c) How many sons of Saul did the Gibeonites want slain as a measure of appeasement?
- d) What “son of Jonathan” was spared by King David?
- e) What “concubine of Saul” made sure “the birds of the air...nor the beasts of the field” consumed the dead bodies of the sons of Saul that were hanged?
- f) What group had stolen “the bones of Saul and the bones of Jonathan his son,” from the Philistines?
- g) What great warrior helped/saved David from “Ishbibenob, which was of the sons of the giant?”
- h) What warrior and relative of David slew the giant that had six fingers and six toes on each hand/foot?

2) Acts 7 – Read & Word Study/Research

- a) In what verse is the “covenant of circumcision” that was given to Abraham, mentioned?
- b) Joseph was sold into Egypt, yet Stephen, perfectly aligned with Old Testament teaching, says, “but _____ was with him.”
- c) What verse says, “And Moses was learned in all the wisdom of the Egyptians, and was mighty in words and in deeds?”
- d) It is said of Moses, “For he supposed his _____ would have understood how that _____ by his hand would _____ them: but they understood _____.”
- e) In what verse does Stephen reference the fact that the Hebrew fathers had refused Moses. The exact reference is this: “This Moses whom they refused, saying, Who made thee a ruler and a judge?....”
- f) In Acts 7:37 Stephen quotes Moses. What passage in Deuteronomy is he drawing the words of Moses from?
- g) In Acts 7:39 Stephen continues showing the rebellious nature of many of the Hebrew fathers toward God/Moses, by saying, “To whom our fathers would not _____, but thrust him from them, and in their _____ turned back again into _____.”
- h) In what verse does Stephen tell them they are rejecting or resisting the Holy Spirit (i.e., the inspired message from the Holy Spirit through Stephen)?
- i) In what two verses is Jesus pictured as “standing on the right hand of God?”
- j) Does Stephen curse his enemies or does he graciously wish for their future salvation?