



## 28 April – 4 May

Monday 28 Apr	<input type="checkbox"/> II Samuel 10:15-19; <input type="checkbox"/> I Chronicles 19:16-19;  <input type="checkbox"/> Psalm 20  <input type="checkbox"/> I Kings 15:5; <input type="checkbox"/> II Samuel 11:1-27; <input type="checkbox"/> II Samuel 12:1-15	<p>First, David's army fights against Syria.</p> <p>Psalm 20 is a prayer for God to hear the plea of His anointed.</p> <p>Then we read the disastrous story of the sin of David and Bathsheba. How far the "man after God's own heart" fell!</p>
Tuesday 29 Apr	<input type="checkbox"/> Psalm 51  <input type="checkbox"/> Psalms 32; 38; 103	<p>Psalm 51 is David's plea for mercy after the sins of yesterday's 1 reading.</p> <p>In the other three Psalms, he continues to write about sin and forgiveness. He would bless Jehovah because of His mercy.</p>
Wednesday 30 Apr	<input type="checkbox"/> Psalm 6;  <input type="checkbox"/> II Samuel 12:16-31; <input type="checkbox"/> I Chronicles 20:1-3;  <input type="checkbox"/> Psalm 21	<p>In Psalm 6, he says, "Have mercy on me in my trouble."</p> <p>The next readings are of the death of David and Bathsheba's first child and the birth of Solomon.</p> <p>In Psalm 21, we have David's thanksgiving for past victories and his anticipation of future triumphs.</p>
	II Samuel 13:1-39	<p>Then David's family troubles begin to multiply as Amnon rapes his halfsister, Tamar; and Absalom takes vengeance by having Amnon killed.</p>

Thursday 1 May	<input type="checkbox"/> II Samuel 14:1-33; 15:1-6; <input type="checkbox"/> Psalm 62; <input type="checkbox"/> II Samuel 15:7-12; <input type="checkbox"/> Psalm 41; <input type="checkbox"/> II Samuel 15:13-16; <input type="checkbox"/> Psalm 63	<p>The readings in II Samuel are of the rebellion of Absalom against his father, David. The Psalms in today's reading are of David's trust in God in spite of the dangers he faced from his enemies.</p>
Friday 2 May	<input type="checkbox"/> II Samuel 15:17-28; <input type="checkbox"/> Psalm 61; <input type="checkbox"/> II Samuel 15:29,30; <input type="checkbox"/> Psalm 3;  <input type="checkbox"/> Psalm 22	<p>Here we have a few events in David's kingdom, plus three more Psalms. These Psalms are cries for God to hear in a time of trouble.</p> <p>The other readings are more of David's victories and the heroics of his mighty men.</p> <p>Psalm 22 has many connections with the sufferings of Christ.</p>
Saturday 3 May	<input type="checkbox"/> Psalm 14; 53  <input type="checkbox"/> II Samuel 15:31-37; 16:1-23	<p>Psalms 14 and 53 are condemnations of all sin and are famous for their comment that the fool has said, "No God!"</p> <p>II Samuel 15 and 16 are stories of betrayals and enemies of David.</p>
Sunday 4 May	<input type="checkbox"/> II Samuel 17:1-24;  <input type="checkbox"/> Psalm 4; <input type="checkbox"/> II Samuel 17:25-29; <input type="checkbox"/> Psalm 42	<p>II Samuel 17 is the record of advice received by the rebellious son, Absalom.</p> <p>Psalms 4 and 42 are poems of David's need for God.</p>