

TEACHING GUIDE



**GOD IS  
IN CONTROL**

**COMFORT IN CHAOS**



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Dear Fellowship Family,

If you are here for the first time, we hope you leave here today having been stirred and challenged to move forward in your relationship with Jesus. We would love to connect to you further, so make sure you stop by and see us at the Welcome Center.

This Teaching Guide has two purposes. First, it is designed to help you journal some thoughts during our lesson today and for the rest of our series. We hope during this series that you will learn more about God and His character and that you will also consider some key takeaways that you can apply to your life this week. Second, this guide is meant to take you more deeply into the passage when the service is over. We encourage you to look up the Scriptures in the "Read More" section, to think more deeply you the "Study More" notes, and to write out a necessary personal change in the "Do More" section.

We are here for you and your family. Our hope is that you will be strengthened so that you can change your world for Christ.

If we can be of any assistance, please let us know.

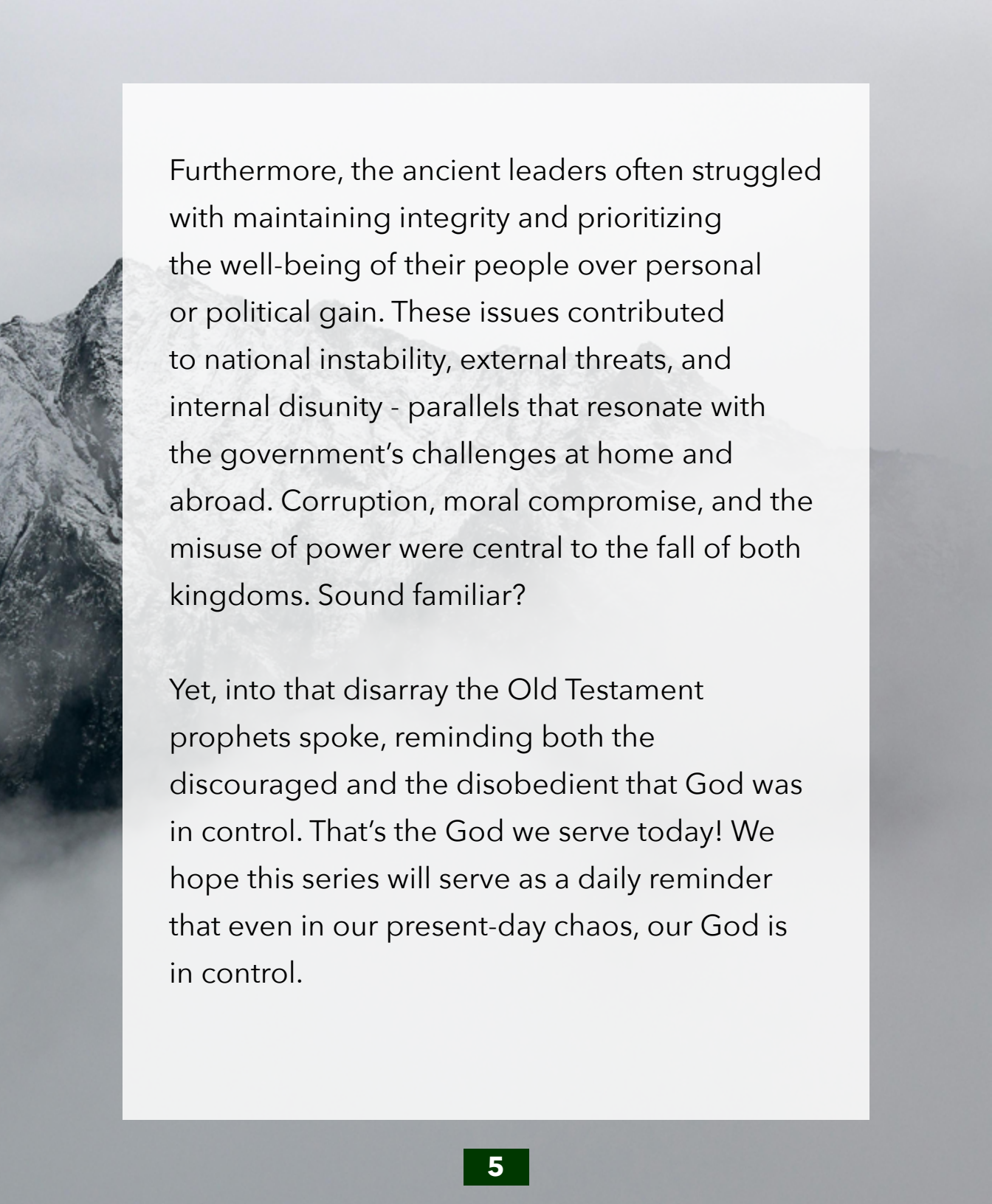
Pastor Phil

# GOD is IN CONTROL

## COMFORT IN CHAOS

The divided kingdoms of Judah and Israel offer a compelling lens through which we can examine the world's political turmoil. As we study the chaos that emerged after the split of King Solomon's united monarchy, we uncover themes that are deeply relevant to today's global landscape. The fragmentation of a once unified nation into two rival kingdoms - each with its own political, religious, and social tensions - mirrors the polarization and division we face today - making this study uniquely relevant for our times.





Furthermore, the ancient leaders often struggled with maintaining integrity and prioritizing the well-being of their people over personal or political gain. These issues contributed to national instability, external threats, and internal disunity - parallels that resonate with the government's challenges at home and abroad. Corruption, moral compromise, and the misuse of power were central to the fall of both kingdoms. Sound familiar?

Yet, into that disarray the Old Testament prophets spoke, reminding both the discouraged and the disobedient that God was in control. That's the God we serve today! We hope this series will serve as a daily reminder that even in our present-day chaos, our God is in control.

# 1 Kings 12:1-24

Title \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Today's Truths:**

**Today's Takeaways:**

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## Read More:

The glory of the kingdom of Israel was in its height and perfection in Solomon; it was long in coming to it, but it soon declined, and began to sink and wither in the very next reign, as we find in this chapter, where we have the kingdom divided, and thereby weakened and made little in comparison with what it had been. Solomon had 1000 wives and concubines, yet we read but of one son he had to bear up his name, and he a fool. Sin is a bad way of building up a family. Rehoboam was the son of the wisest of men, yet did not inherit his father's wisdom, and then it stood him in little stead to inherit his father's throne. Neither wisdom nor grace runs in the blood. (BlueLetterRef.org)

## Study More:

What other passages say about this topic.

**V13:** Genesis 42:7, 30; Exodus 5:2, 10:28; Judges 12:1-6;

2 Samuel 19:43; Proverbs 10:11, 32; Ecclesiastes 10:12

**V15:** Deuteronomy 2:30; Judges 14:4; Psalms 5:10;

2 Chronicles 10:15, 22:7, 25:16, 20;

**V19:** 1 Samuel 10:19; 2 Kings 17:21; 2 Chronicles 10:19; Isaiah 7:17;

Hebrews 6:6

**V24:** Numbers 14:42; 2 Chronicles 11:4, 25:7, 8; Hosea 8:4

## Do More:

Write a belief or action that needs to change based upon your personal study.

# 1 Kings 12:25-13:10

Title \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## Today's Truths:



## Today's Takeaways:

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## Read More:

It seems that Jeroboam's reign began with energy and opportunity. He had a significant promise from God through the prophet Ahijah: that if you heed all that I command you, walk in My ways, and do what is right in My sight, to keep My statutes and My commandments, as My servant David did, then I will be with you and build for you an enduring house, as I built for David, and will give Israel to you (1 Kings 11:38). Jeroboam seems to forget or ignore the promise God made to him through the prophet Ahijah recorded in 1 Kings 11. Jeroboam could best secure his throne by radical obedience to God, not by leading the ten northern tribes into idolatry. (BlueLetterBible.org)

## Study More:

What other passages say about this topic.

**(12) V26:** Psalms 14:1; Mark 2:6-8; Luke 7:39; 1 Kings 11:38;  
1 Samuel 27:1; Jeremiah 38:18-21

**(12) V28:** Exodus 20:4; Deuteronomy 4:14-18; 2 Chronicles 11:15;  
Hosea 8:4-7, 10:5-6; Isaiah 30:10

**(13) V2:** Jeremiah 22:29; Ezekial 36:1, 4, 38:4; Luke 19:40

**(13) V7:** Genesis 18:5; Judges 13:15, 19:21; 1 Samuel 9:7-8;  
2 Kings 5:15; Jeremiah 40:5; Malachi 1:10

## Do More:

Write a belief or action that needs to change based upon your personal study.

# 1 Kings 15:25-16:7

Title \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## Today's Truths:



## Today's Takeaways:

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## Read More:

We are now to take a view of the miserable state of Israel, while the kingdom of Judah was happy under Asa's good government. It was threatened that they should be as a reed shaken in the water (ch. 14:15), and so they were, when, during the single reign of Asa, the government of their kingdom was in six or seven different hands, as we find in this and the following chapter.

Jeroboam was upon the throne in the beginning of his reign and Ahab at the end of it, and between them were Nadab, Baasha, Elah, Zimri, Tibni, and Omri, undermining and destroying one another. This they got by deserting the house both of God and of David. (BlueLetterBible.org)

## Study More:

What other passages say about this topic.

**(15) V26:** 1 Kings 16:7, 25, 30; 2 Chronicles 22:3; Jeremiah 9:14;

Ezekial 20:18; Matthew 14:8

**(16) V2:** 1 Kings 14:7; 1 Samuel 2:8, 27-28; 2 Samuel 12:7-11;

Psalms 113:7-8; Luke 1:52

**(16) V7:** Isaiah 10:6-7; Hosea 1:4; Acts 2:23, 4:27-28

## Do More:

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# 1 Kings 15:9-24

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## Today's Truths:



## Today's Takeaways:

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## Read More:

In the account we have of the kings of Judah we find the number of the good kings and the bad ones nearly equal; but then we may observe, to our comfort, that the reign of the good kings was generally long, but that of the bad kings short, the consideration of which will make the state of God's church not altogether so bad within that period as it appears at first sight. [Asa] reigned forty-one years in Jerusalem. What he did for God he was sincere in, steady and uniform, and did it from a good principle, with a single eye to the glory of God. (BlueLetterBible.org)

## Study More:

What other passages say about this topic.

**V13:** Leviticus 26:30; Deuteronomy 7:5; 2 Kings 18:4, 23:12-15;  
2 Chronicles 34:4

**V18:** 1 Kings 11:23-24; Genesis 14:15, 15:2; Jeremiah 49:27;  
Amos 1:4

**V19:** 2 Chronicles 19:2; Isaiah 31:1; 2 Samuel 21:2; Ezekial 17:13-16;  
Romans 1:31, 3:8

## Do More:

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# 1 Kings 17

Title \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## Today's Truths:



## Today's Takeaways:

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## Read More:

One might have expected God would cast off a people that had so cast him off; but, as an evidence to the contrary, never was Israel so blessed with a good prophet as when it was so plagued with a bad king...Scarcely any part of the Old-Testament history shines brighter than this history of the spirit and power of Elias; he only, of all the prophets, had the honour of Enoch, the first prophet, to be translated, that he should not see death, and the honour of Moses, the great prophet, to attend our Saviour in his transfiguration. Other prophets prophesied and wrote, he prophesied and acted, but wrote nothing; but his actions cast more lustre on his name than their writings did on theirs. (BlueLetterBible.org)

## Study More:

What other passages say about this topic.

**V6:** Exodus 16:35; Numbers 11:23; Judges 14:14, 15:18-19;  
Jeremiah 37:21, 40:4; Habakkuk 3:17-18

**V12:** Judges 8:19; Mark 12:44; Exodus 9:8; Leviticus 2:2;  
Matthew 15:33-34

**V20:** 1 Kings 18:36-37; Exodus 17:4; 1 Samuel 7:8-9; Psalms 99:6

**V22:** Psalms 88:3; Deuteronomy 32:39; Luke 7:14-15, 8:54-56;  
John 5:28-29, 11:43-44

## Do More:

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# 1 Kings 18

Title \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## Today's Truths:



## Today's Takeaways:

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## Read More:

The contest is sensational as Elijah challenges the prophets of Baal. The prophets of Baal use every kind of incantation to bring fire down upon the offering in the name of Baal. Elijah, after the prophets of Baal retire in defeat, repairs the altar of twelve stones, showing that the nation Israel is one. He then arranges the wood and the sacrifice. When barrel after barrel of water is brought up from the blue Mediterranean to Mount Carmel and poured on the altar, Elijah utters one of the great prayers of Scripture, brief but effective. After slaying the prophets of Baal, he announces the approach of a rainstorm from out over the Mediterranean Sea. (BlueLetterBible.org)

## Study More:

What other passages say about this topic.

**V13:** Genesis 20:4-5; Psalms 18:21-24; Acts 20:34; Matthew 10:41:  
1 Thessalonians 2:9-10

**V27:** 2 Chronicles 25:8; Ecclesiastes 11:9; Isaiah 8:9-10, 44:15-17

**V31:** Exodus 24:4; Joshua 4:3-4, 20; Ezra 6:17; Jeremiah 31:1;  
Ezekial 37:16-22, 47:13; Ephesians 2:20, 4:4-6

**V45:** Numbers 25:8; 2 Samuel 21:14; Ezekial 36:37; James 5:18;  
Joshua 19:18

## Do More:

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# 1 Kings 19

Title \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## Today's Truths:



## Today's Takeaways:

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## Read More:

The meal to which an angel twice waked him was God's answer to [Elijah's] prayer, telling him both that his life was still needful and that God cared for him. Perhaps one of Elijah's reasons for taking to the desert was the thought that he might starve there, and so find death. At all events, God for the third time miraculously provides his food. The ravens, the widow of Zarephath, an angel, were his caterers; and, instead of taking away his life, God Himself sends the bread and water to preserve it. The revelation of a watchful, tender Providence often rebukes gloomy unbelief and shames us back to faith. (BlueLetterBible.org)

## Study More:

What other passages say about this topic.

**V4:** Genesis 21:15-16; Job 30:4; Psalms 120:4; Numbers 11:15;  
Philippians 1:21-24

**V8:** Daniel 1:15; 2 Corinthians 12:9; Exodus 24:18, 34:28; Mark 1:13;  
Luke 4:2

**V15:** Genesis 14:15; 2 Kings 8:7; Acts 9:2-3; Isaiah 45:1;  
Jeremiah 1:10, 27:2

**V19:** Exodus 3:1; Judges 6:11; Psalms 78:70-72; Amos 7:14

## Do More:

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# 2 Kings 16:1-20

Title \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## Today's Truths:



## Today's Takeaways:

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## Read More:

Ahaz had no relationship with God. He was interested in spiritual things, and would even make great spiritual sacrifices (such as sacrificing his own sons to Molech). Yet he destroyed the link that his father Jotham made between the palace and the temple, and this was an illustration of his destroyed relationship with God. For Ahaz, it wasn't enough to have a spiritual interest and all the aforementioned advantages. Despite all this, he put his trust in himself and in man – instead of in the living God who reigns from heaven. Therefore his reign was a disaster, probably the worst among the kings of Judah. (BlueLetterBible.org)

## Study More:

What other passages say about this topic.

**V3:** Romans 1:21-24, 29-31; Ephesians 4:17-19; Jeremiah 32:35; Ezekial 16:21, 20:26, 31; Genesis 43:32, 46:34

**V11:** 2 Chronicles 26:17-18; Jeremiah 23:11; Ezekial 22:26; Daniel 3:7; Hosea 4:6, 5:11; Galatians 1:10

**V14:** Exodus 40:6, 29; 2 Chronicles 1:5, 4:1; Matthew 23:35

**V15:** Exodus 29:39-41; Numbers 28:2-10; Daniel 9:21, 27; Leviticus 4:13-26; Ezekial 46:4-7, 12-14

## Do More:

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# 2 Kings 18:1-20:21

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## Today's Truths:

## Today's Takeaways:

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## Read More:

Hezekiah, in his zeal, broke in pieces [the bronze serpent made by Moses] and put an end to the idolatrous worship of this object. [The] bronze serpent was a wonderful thing – when the afflicted people of Israel looked upon it, they were saved. It was even a representation of Jesus Christ, as Jesus Himself said in John 3:14-15. At the same time, man could take something so good and so used by God and make a destructive idol out of it. In the same way, sometimes good things become idols and therefore must be destroyed. (BlueLetterBible.org)

## Study More:

What other passages say about this topic.

**(18) V23:** 1 Samuel 17:42-44; Nehemiah 4:2-5; Psalms 123:3-4;  
Isaiah 10:13-14, 36:8-9

**(18) V36:** Genesis 34:5; Psalms 38:13-14, 39:1; Ecclesiastes 3:7

**(19) V6:** Exodus 14:13; Leviticus 26:8; Deuteronomy 20:1, 3-4;  
Joshua 11:6; Psalms 74:18, 23; Revelation 13:6

**(20) V3:** Genesis 8:1; Nehemiah 5:19, 13:14, 22, 31; Job 1:1, 8;  
Psalms 25:7, 89:47, 50; Isaiah 63:11;

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# 2 Kings 21:1-18

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## Today's Truths:



## Today's Takeaways:

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## Read More:

[Manasseh] must have been born three years after his father's recovery; and his minority, spent under the influence of guardians who were hostile to the religious principles and reforming policy of his father, may account in part for the anti-theocratic principles of his reign. The work of religious reformation which Hezekiah had zealously carried on was but partially accomplished. There was little appearance of its influence on the heart and manners of the people at large. On the contrary, the true fear of God had vanished from the mass of the people; corruption and vice increased...  
(BlueLetterBible.org)

## Study More:

What other passages say about this topic.

**V3:** Leviticus 26:30; Numbers 21:28, 33:52; Psalms 78:58;  
Isaiah 15:2, 16:12; Ezekial 16:16, 20:29, 36:2

**V9:** Ezra 9:10-11; Nehemiah 9:26, 29-30; Psalms 81:11;  
Daniel 9:6, 10-11; Luke 13:34; John 15:22; Jeremiah 2:10-11

**V14:** Deuteronomy 31:17; 2 Chronicles 15:2; Psalms 37:28, 89:38;  
Lamentations 5:20; Amos 5:2

**V15:** Isaiah 65:3; Judges 2:11-13; Psalms 106:34-40; Ezekial 16:15

## Do More:

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# 2 Kings 22:1-23:30

Title \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## Today's Truths:



## Today's Takeaways:

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## Read More:

The high priest found the word of God and a scribe read it. The hearing of God's word did a spiritual work in King Josiah. It was not merely the transmission of information; the hearing of God's word had an impact of spiritual power on Josiah. [He tore his clothes.] The tearing of clothing was a traditional expression of horror and astonishment. In the strongest possible way, Josiah showed his grief on his own account and on account of the nation. This was an expression of deep conviction of sin, and a good thing. (BlueLetterBible.org)

## Study More:

What other passages say about this topic.

**(22) V13:** 1 Chronicles 10:13-14; Psalms 25:14; Amos 3:7;  
Jeremiah 21:1-2, 37:17; Ezekial 14:3-4, 20:1-3

**(22) V17:** Exodus 32:34; Judges 2:12-14, 3:7-8; Nehemiah 9:26-27;  
Daniel 9:11-14; Micah 5:13

**(23) V3:** Exodus 24:7-8; Deuteronomy 5:1-3, 29:1; Joshua 24:25

**(23) V9:** Ezekial 44:10-44; Malachi 2:8-9; 1 Samuel 2:36

**(23) V27:** Deuteronomy 29:27-28; Ezekial 23:32-35; Psalms 51:11

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# 2 Kings 24:18-25:7

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## Read More:

Zedekiah probably thought...that he had escaped the judgment that prophets such as Jeremiah had promised. Yet God's word was demonstrated to be true, and he was captured in the plains of Jericho. "It seems ironic that here, at the very spot where Israel first set foot on the Promised Land, the last of the Davidic kings was captured and his monarchy shattered. Here, where Israel experienced her first victory as the walls of Jericho fell before unarmed men who trusted God, was the scene of her last defeat." (Dilday) (BlueLetterBible.org)

## Study More:

What other passages say about this topic.

**(24) V19:** 2 Kings 23:37; 2 Chronicles 36:12; Jeremiah 24:8

**(24) V20:** 2 Chronicles 36:13; Jeremiah 27:12-15, 38:17-21;  
Ezekial 17:15-20

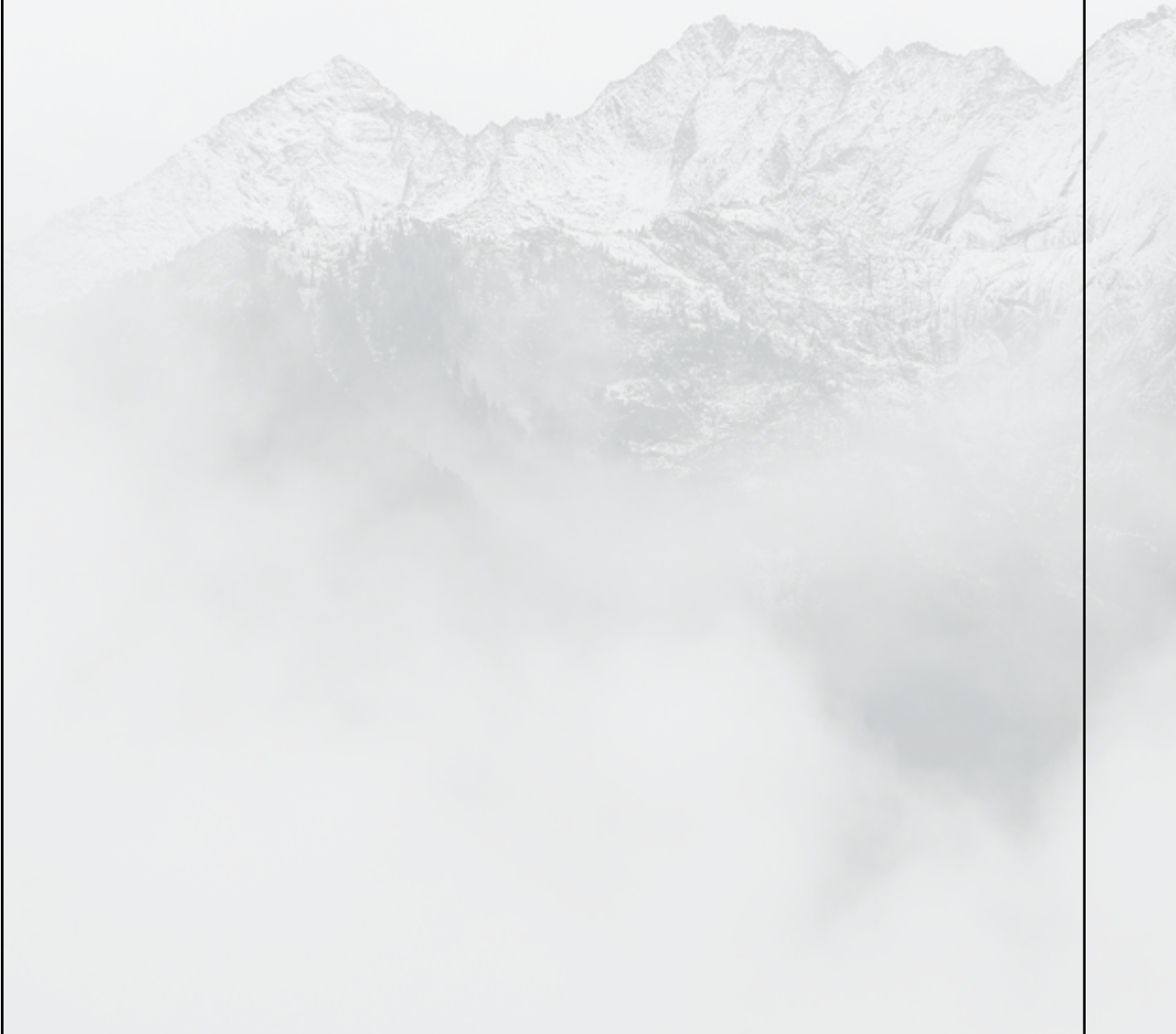
**(25) V6:** 2 Chronicles 33:11; Jeremiah 21:7, 34:21-22;  
Lamentations 4:19-20; Ezekial 17:20-21

**(25) V7:** Genesis 21:16, 44:34; Deuteronomy 28:34;  
Jeremiah 22:30, 39:6-7, 52:10-11

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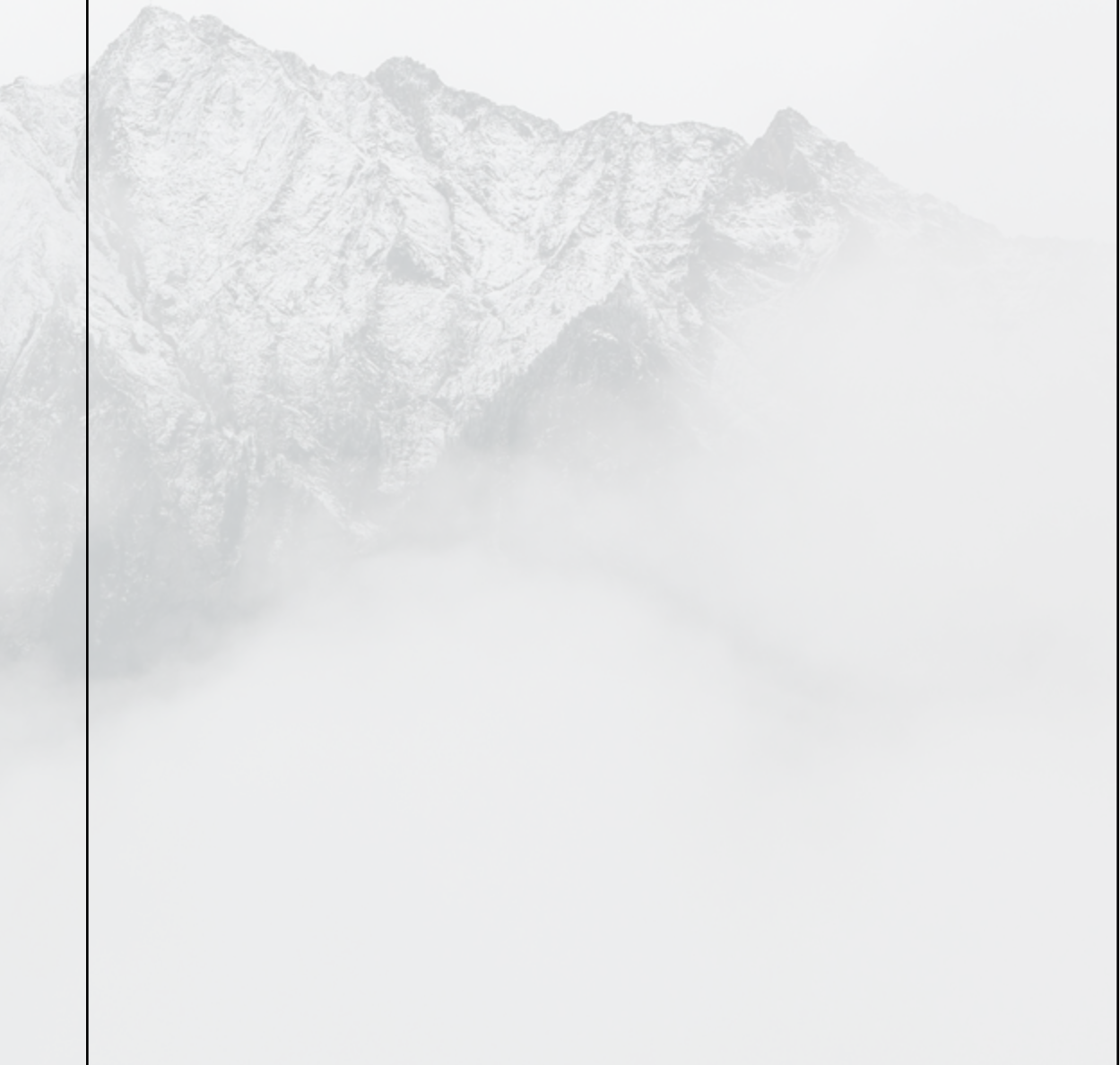
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## Extra Notes:





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# connection groups

## GROUPS CULTIVATE CONNECTION

Making connections with people is what contributes to growth in the body of Christ. As we connect we learn, encourage, support and equip. Groups are a very important part of our Christian development.

We encourage everyone who attends our church to get plugged in to one of our many Connection Groups.

Connection groups meet twice a month in the homes of some of our church members. Groups typically consist of 5-7 families.

We are looking for people to offer their homes to host new Connection Groups. There is nothing required of the host, other than to provide the meeting space for their group.

If you are interested in opening up your home twice a month for a small group to meet, please scan the QR code and complete the form and someone will reach out to you. Or email Jason Boggs at [jason@aboutfbc.org](mailto:jason@aboutfbc.org)



# Take Your **Next Step**

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Our Next Steps process is designed to help you get into the flow and ministries of Fellowship Bible Church more quickly.

If you are new, we'd love to see you at Lunch With Our Leaders. Our website can tell you when the next one is, and you can register there!

Stop by the Welcome Center or go to our website for more information!







Entrance/Exit



Emergency Entrance/Exit



Welcome Center





