



...and sent to
 ...in acco-
 ...Abaz had
 ...lished it be-
 ...hen the king
 ...and saw the
 ...resented a
 ...altar, he ap-
 ...ferings on it.
 ...offerings, and
 ...his drink offer-
 ...the blood of his
 ...the new altar
 ...the temple -
 ...the temple of
 ...north side of
 ...King Abaz the
 ...Uriah the priest
 ...offer the morn-
 ...evening grain
 ...offering and
 ...burnt offering
 ...and their grain
 ...offerings. Sprin-
 ...of the burnt offer-
 ...will use the bronze
 ...King Abaz had
 ...ance."
 ...King Abaz
 ...and removed
 ...stands. He
 ...bronze be-
 ...a stone be-
 ...canopy,
 ...and re-
 ...the temple
 ...king of
 ...Abaz, and what
 ...for the other
 ...Abaz, and what
 ...ten in the book
 ...of Judah. Ahaz
 ...and was buried
 ...David. And He-
 ...him as king.

Hoshea Last King of Israel
 17 In the twelfth year of Ahaz king of Judah, Hoshea son of Elah became king of Israel in Samaria, and he reigned nine years. He did evil in the eyes of the Lord, but not like the kings of Israel who preceded him.

*17 Or and went up
 *18 Or to Sam, in the
 *19 Traditionally peace offerings
 *20 Or he is possibly an abbreviation for Oshea.
 *21 Exodus 29:4, 5

...They imitated the nations around
 ...Do not do as they do," and they
 ...the things the Lord had forbidden
 ...They looked all the commands of the
 ...their God and made for themselves
 ...in the shape of calves, and
 ...They bowed down to all
 ...Abraham pole. They worshipped Baal,
 ...very hosts, and they worshipped
 ...divination and
 ...They practiced divination and
 ...to do evil in
 ...elves to do evil in
 ...provoking him to
 ...was very angry with Israel
 ...from his presence.
 ...of Judah was left, "and
 ...They followed the
 ...their God. They followed the
 ...Israel had introduced the people of
 ...and gave them into
 ...of plunderers, until he thrust
 ...away from the
 ...Israel. Jeroboam son
 ...they made Jeroboam
 ...king. Jeroboam
 ...a great sin. The
 ...commit a great sin. The
 ...did not turn away from his
 ...did not turn away from his
 ...had warned through all
 ...servants the prophets. So the people of
 ...were taken from their homeland
 ...to Assyria, and they are still
 ...there.

Then the king of Assyria gave this or-
 der: "Have one of the priests you took cap-
 tive from Samaria go back to live there
 and teach the people what the god of the
 land requires." So one of the priests who
 had been exiled from Samaria came to live
 in Bethel and taught them how to worship
 the Lord.
 Nevertheless, each national group
 made its own gods in the several towns
 where they settled, and set them up in the
 shrines the people of Samaria had made at
 the high places. The men from Babylon
 made Succoth Benoth, and the men from
 Hamath made Nergal, and the men from
 Avvites burned their children in the fire as
 sacrifices to Adrammelech and Anani-
 melch, but they also ap-
 worshipped the Lord, but they also ap-
 waned all sorts of their own people
 officiate for them as priests in the shrines
 at the high places. They worshipped the
 Lord, but they also served their own gods
 in accordance with the customs of the na-
 tions from which they had been brought.
 To this day they persist in their former
 practices. They neither worship the Lord
 nor adhere to his decrees and ordinances,
 the laws and commands that the Lord
 gave the descendants of Jacob, whom he
 named Israel. When the Lord made a
 covenant with the Israelites, he com-
 manded them: "Do not worship any other
 gods or bow down to them, serve them or
 sacrifice to them. But the Lord, who
 brought you up out of Egypt with mighty
 power and outstretched arm, is the one
 you must worship. To him you shall bow
 down and to him offer sacrifices. You
 must always be careful to keep the decrees
 and ordinances, the laws and commands
 he wrote for you. Do not worship other
 gods. Do not forget the covenant I have
 made with you, and do not worship other
 gods. You will deliver you from the
 hands of your enemies, however, but
 do not listen, however, to former
 practices. Even if people were worshipping
 their gods, they were serving their idols. To
 children and grandchildren
 do as their fathers did.

*22 They made their sons and daughters pass through
 the fire.

Israel Required to Read God's Law

- **Law of Moses written and read**

- Exodus 19:1-6
- Exodus 24:3-7



- **Continued in New Testament times**

- Acts 13:14-15, 27
- Acts 15:21
- Luke 4:16-21
- 2 Corinthians 3:12-15



Israel's Strength Depended on "Reading" God's Law

- **Kings**

- Deuteronomy 17:14-20

- **Regular reading**

- Deuteronomy 31:9-13

- **Joshua**

- Joshua 8:30-35

- **Ezra and Nehemiah**

- Nehemiah 8:1-13, 18



Jesus Encouraged “Reading”

- **Bible passages**

- Matthew 12:3-5
- Matthew 19:4
- Matthew 21:16, 42
- Matthew 22:31



- **Temptation of Jesus**

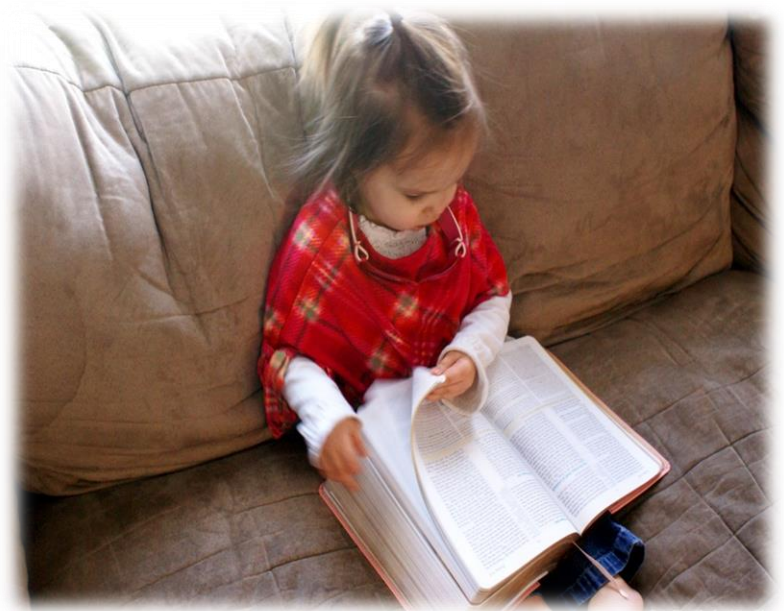
- Matthew 4:4, 7, 10

Jesus taught a lawyer

Luke 10:25-28

Apostles and Prophets – “Reading”

- **Old Testament prophecies**
 - Acts 17:10-11
- **Instructions of Paul**
 - Ephesians 3:4
 - Colossians 4:16
 - 1 Thessalonians 5:27

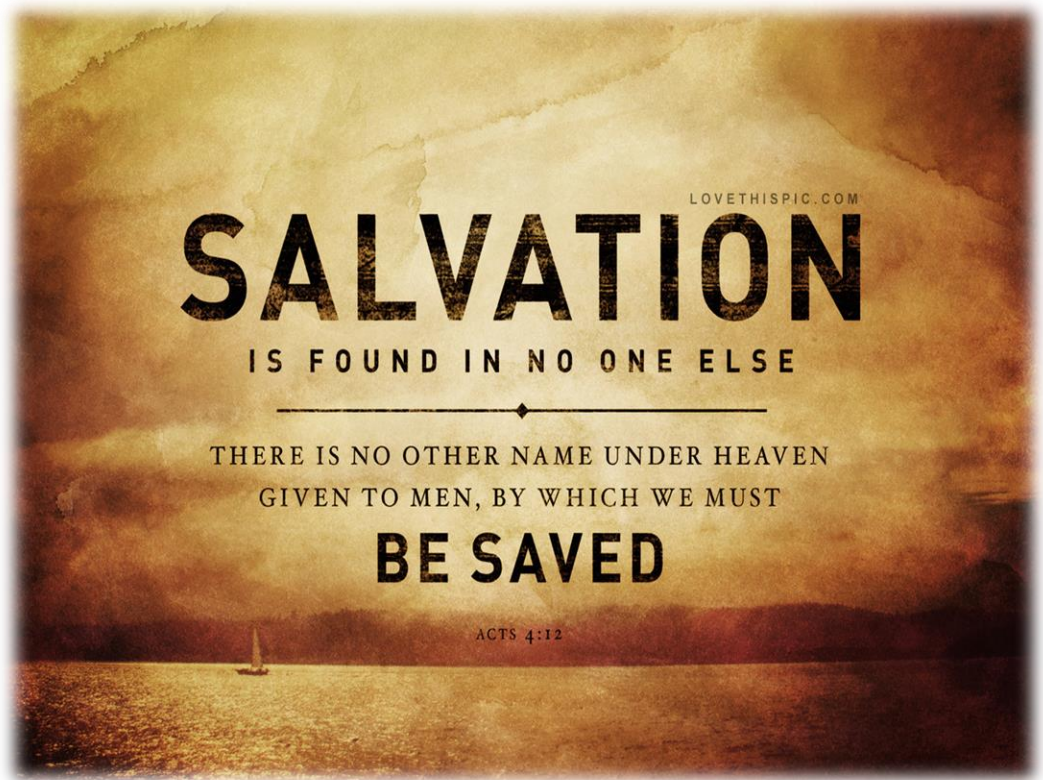


Reading the Bible is necessary for all!

Salvation Depends on “Reading”

- **Salvation**

- 1 Timothy 4:12-15
- Romans 1:15-17
- John 20:30-31
- Romans 10:17
- 2 Corinthians 5:7



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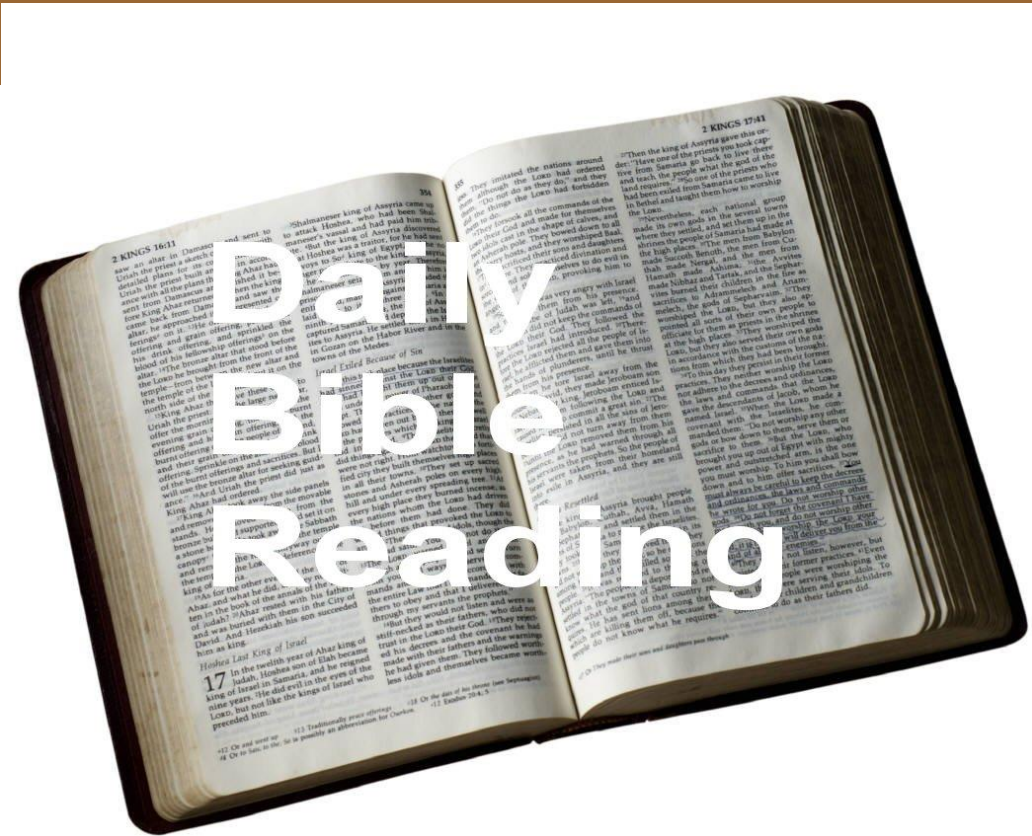
- **The saving of our children**

- 2 Timothy 1:3-5
- 2 Timothy 3:14-15
- Ephesians 6:4

- **Defending the gospel**

- 2 Timothy 3:10-17
- 2 Timothy 2:14-18





Is reading the Bible a
TOP priority in our life?