HOME BIBLE READING SCHEDULE **Week 1**

Week of November 28, 2010

The Songs of Moses

Memory Verse: *"The LORD is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation"* (Ex. 15:2a NIV).

Sun: Job 38:1-7; Genesis 4:17-24 – What do these two passages teach us about the origin of music?

Mon: Exodus 13:17-18; 14:1-4, 10-18, 21-31 – If you had experienced this great deliverance at the Red Sea, what would have been your response?

Tue: Exodus 15:1-21 – To whom did the Israelites sing? What aspects of the LORD's deliverance did their song celebrate?

Wed: Numbers 10:1-10; 21:10-20 – How were trumpets used in Israel? Why did the people sing about the well?

Thu: Psalm 90 – What is the theme of this prayer-song of Moses? Repeat this prayer as your own, especially verses 1-2, 12-17.

Fri: Deuteronomy 31:19-22, 30; 32:1-18 – Why did Moses teach the Israelites this song?

Sat: Deuteronomy 32:19-47 – Notice how often the LORD is called the "Rock" in this song (vv. 4, 15, 18, 30-31). Are you in danger of turning to an inferior "rock" (vv. 31, 37)?

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HOME BIBLE READING SCHEDULE **Week 2**

Week of December 5, 2010

Music in the Days of Joshua and the Judges

Memory Verse: *"There is no one holy like the LORD;*
there is no one besides you;
there is no Rock like our God" (1 Sam. 2:2 NIV).

Sun: Joshua 6:1-16, 20-21 – What role did trumpets play in this battle (see Num. 10:9)?

Mon: Judges 4:1-24 – According to this narrative, how did Israel win this victory over the Canaanites?

Tue: Judges 5:1-18 – What aspects of the Israelite victory does this song celebrate?

Wed: Judges 5:19-31 – Repeat yesterday's question.

Thu: Judges 6:1-6, 33-35; 7:1-8, 16-22 – Repeat Sunday's question.

Fri: 1 Samuel 1:1-20 – What can we learn about prayer from Hannah's example?

Sat: 1 Samuel 1:21–2:11 – Repeat yesterday's question. Also, what do we learn about the LORD from Hannah's song?

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HOME BIBLE READING SCHEDULE **Week 3**

Week of December 12, 2010

Songs of the Nativity

Memory Verse: *Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests* (Luke 2:14 NIV).

Sun: Luke 1:5-25 – What was deficient in Zechariah's faith? Has unbelief ever silenced your voice?

Mon: Luke 1:26-38 – Compare Mary's faith with Zechariah's in yesterday's reading. What do you learn about the child she will bear?

Tue: Luke 1:39-56 – What attributes of God are magnified in Mary's song? Join her in praise to the Lord.

Wed: Luke 1:57-66 – Why was Zechariah's tongue loosened (cf. Luke 1:20)?

Thu: Luke 1:67-80 – What does Zechariah's song prophesy about his son and about Mary's son?

Fri: Luke 2:1-20 – According to the angels' song (v. 14), what does the birth of Christ mean for God and for mankind?

Sat: Luke 2:21-40 – What does Simeon's song reveal about the salvation of God? Has Jesus become your "light"?

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HOME BIBLE READING SCHEDULE **Week 4**

Week of December 19, 2010

David, the Sweet Psalmist of Israel

Memory Verse: *"I call to the LORD, who is worthy of praise, and I am saved from my enemies"* (2 Sam. 22:4 NIV).

Sun: 1 Samuel 9:1-2, 15-17; 10:1-13 – What role did music play in the ministry of Israel's prophets and in the anointing of King Saul?

Mon: 1 Samuel 16:14-23; 18:6-11 – How do these passages show the influence of music in the spiritual realm?

Tue: 2 Samuel 1:1-4, 11-12, 17-27 – What is the theme of David's lament? What emotions are expressed in this song?

Wed: 2 Samuel 22:1-20 – This psalm appears twice in the Bible (see Ps.18). What was God's response to David's cry for deliverance?

Thu: 2 Samuel 22:21-37 – What truths about God impress you in this part of the psalm?

Fri: 2 Samuel 22:38-51 – How has David's situation been completely reversed? How could you use this song in your own devotional life?

Sat: 2 Samuel 23:1-7 – How is David described in verse 1? How was this song inspired, and what is its theme?

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HOME BIBLE READING SCHEDULE **Week 5**

Week of December 26, 2010

Music in the Worship of Israel (Part 1)

Memory Verse: *Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;*
his love endures forever (1 Chron. 16:34 NIV).

Sun: 1 Chronicles 13:1-14 – What part did music play in bringing back the ark? What was wrong with Israel's worship?

Mon: 1 Chronicles 15:1-4, 11-16, 19-29 – Notice the role here of both vocal and instrumental music. What was right with Israel's worship?

Tue: 1 Chronicles 16:1-22 – This psalm appears twice in the Bible (see Ps. 105). What part did music have in the regular worship of Israel?

Wed: 1 Chronicles 16:23-43 – What truths in this song bear repetition? (Cf.vv. 23-33 with Ps. 96 and vv. 34-36 with Ps. 106:1, 47-48.)

Thu: 1 Chronicles 6:31-32; 23:1-5, 28-31; 25:1-8 – How did David organize the musical worship of Israel?

Fri: 2 Chronicles 3:1-2; 5:1-14 – What role did music play in the dedication of the temple? How have you experienced the awesome presence of God in corporate worship?

Sat: Sat. 2 Chronicles 6:12-13; 7:1-10 – What attributes of God are repeatedly emphasized in Israel's worship? (See 1 Chron. 16:34, 41; 2 Chron. 5:13; 7:3.)

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HOME BIBLE READING SCHEDULE **Week 6**

Week of January 2, 2011

Music in the Worship of Israel (Part 2)

Memory Verse: *Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;*
worship the LORD in the splendor of his holiness.
(Ps. 29:2 NIV)

Sun: 2 Chronicles 20:1-13 – What was Jehoshaphat's response to this threat against Israel? What "threat" needs your prayer today?

Mon: 2 Chronicles 20:14-30 – What role did music play in this amazing victory? How can we use music in spiritual warfare today?

Tue: 2 Chronicles 29:1-11, 15-19 – In what areas of your life is there need for a spiritual "house-cleaning"? How could you do this "cleaning"?

Wed: 2 Chronicles 29:20-36 – What part did music play in this spiritual revival in Israel? What part could it play in spiritual revival today?

Thu: 2 Chronicles 35:1-19, 25 – What part did music play in this renewal of the Passover under King Josiah?

Fri: Ezra 1:1-4; 3:1-13 – What part did music play in the reestablishment of Israel's worship after their return from exile?

Sat: Nehemiah 12:27-47 – What part did music play in the dedication of the rebuilt wall in Jerusalem?

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HOME BIBLE READING SCHEDULE **Week 7**

Week of January 9, 2011

The Psalms of Israel (Part 1)

Memory Verse: *God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble* (Ps. 46:1 NIV).

Sun: Psalm 8 – Use this psalm to praise the Creator for his majesty displayed in all the earth.

Mon: Psalm 23 – Use this psalm to express your trust in the LORD as your personal shepherd (vv. 1-4) and as your gracious host (vv. 5-6).

Tue: Psalm 33 – According to this psalm, why should we praise the LORD with "a new song"? Find a new song to use in worship this week.

Wed: Psalms 42–43 – How can these two songs be used to encourage the heart of a depressed person?

Thu: Psalm 46 – Martin Luther used this psalm as a basis for his great hymn, "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God." First read the psalm aloud. Then recite or sing Luther's hymn as an act of faith in God.

Fri: Psalm 47 – Notice the commands to "clap," "shout," and "sing praises." Obey these commands in your worship of God today.

Sat: Psalm 51 – Use this psalm as a basis for confessing your sins to God. Claim the blood of Christ for complete cleansing (1 John 1:7,9).

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HOME BIBLE READING SCHEDULE **Week 8**

Week of January 16, 2011

The Psalms of Israel (Part 2)

Memory Verse: *Have mercy on me, O God, have mercy on me, for in you my soul takes refuge.I will take refuge in the shadow of your wings until the disaster has passed (Ps. 57:1 NIV)*

Sun: Psalm 57 – What were David's circumstances when he wrote this song? In the psalm how does he respond to these circumstances?

Mon: Psalm 67 – Trace the movement of thought in this "missions" song.

Tue: Psalm 69:1-21, 30-36 – How does this Messianic psalm foreshadow the sufferings of Christ?

Wed: Psalm 92 – How are vocal and instrumental music used in this "Sabbath song"?

Thu: Psalm 95 – Why should we sing our praise to the LORD (vv. 1-7a)? What is the warning of the brief sermon in verses 7b-11?

Fri: Psalm 98 – Why should we sing a new song and use instruments to praise the LORD? Who should praise him?

Sat: Psalm 100 – According to this familiar psalm, how and why should we worship the LORD?

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HOME BIBLE READING SCHEDULE **Week 9**

Week of January 23, 2011

The Psalms of Israel (Part 3)

Memory Verse: *Praise the LORD, O my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name (Ps. 103:1 NIV)*

Sun: Psalm 103 – What attributes of God are celebrated in this song? Join with David in praising the LORD.

Mon: Psalm 126 – What event precipitated the song of joy in verses 1-3? What great things as the LORD done for you?

Tue: Psalm 136 – What is the repeated theme of this song? How has God shown his everlasting love to you?

Wed: Psalm 137 – Why was it difficult for the Israelites to sing while in exile? Have you ever found it difficult to sing “the songs of Zion”?

Thu: Psalm 145 – In this acrostic poem (in Hebrew), what attributes of God our King are celebrated? Try your hand at writing a similar acrostic poem (in English!)

Fri: Psalm 148 – In this psalm who is called on to praise the LORD? Join your voice in this great choir today.

Sat: Psalm 150 – Where, why, and how should God be praised? Who should praise him?

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HOME BIBLE READING SCHEDULE **Week 10**

Week of January 30, 2011

Solomon's Song of Songs

Memory Verse: *My lover is mine and I am his (Song of Sol. 2:16a NIV).*

Sun: 1 Kings 4:32; Song of Songs 1:1-11 – In this best of love songs (1:1), how do the "beloved" and her "lover" express their admiration and longing for each other?

Mon: Song of Songs 1:12–2:7 – Repeat yesterday's question.

Tue: Songs of Songs 2:8–3:5 – How might the relationship between the "beloved" and her "lover" picture our relationship with Christ?

Wed: Song of Songs 3:6-11; 4:8–5:1 – What impression do these verses give us of the joys of marital love?

Thu: Song of Songs 5:2–6:3 – What does this song teach us about verbally expressing our love for our spouse?

Fri: Songs of Songs 6:4–7:11 – Repeat Sunday's question.

Sat: Song of Songs 7:11–8:7 – What do verses 8:6-7 teach us about marital love?

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HOME BIBLE READING SCHEDULE **Week 11**

Week of February 6, 2011

Music in the Old Testament Prophets

Memory Verse: *The LORD your God is with you,*
he is mighty to save.
He will take great delight in you,
he will quiet you with his love,
he will rejoice over you with singing (Zeph. 3:17 NIV).

Sun: Isaiah 5:1-7, 11-17 – What is the theme of Isaiah's song of the vineyard (vv. 1-7)? How can music be used in a sinful way (vv. 11-17)?

Mon: Song Ezekiel 33:21-33 (cf. 2 Kings 3:15ff.) – How was music used in the Old Testament ministry of prophecy?

Tue: Daniel 3:1-18 – How was music used here in a sinful way? How can it be used sinfully in our day?

Wed: Daniel 3:19-30 – Why did these three young men not allow the music to induce them to worship the image? What was the outcome?

Thu: Amos 5:21-24; 6:1-7; 8:1-3, 9-10 – When is our worship music not pleasing to God?

Fri: Songs Habakkuk 3 – The prophet's prayer was apparently set to music. What are his request and his resolve?

Sat: Zephaniah 3:14-20 – God himself sings (v. 17)! What is the theme of his song?

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HOME BIBLE READING SCHEDULE **Week 12**

Week of February 13, 2011

Music in the New Testament

Memory Verse: *Speak to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs. Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord* (Eph. 5:19 NIV).

Sun: Matthew 26:17-30 – What example do Jesus and his disciples set for us in verse 30? Sing a hymn of praise to the Lord.

Mon: Psalm 118:1-18 – Many scholars believe Psalm 118 was sung by Jesus and his disciples at Passover the night before his crucifixion (Matt. 26:30). What themes do you see repeated in this psalm?

Tue: Psalm 118:19-29 – How did Jesus fulfill verses 22-26?

Wed: Acts 16:16-40 – Do you sing to God when you are tested (v. 25)?

Thu: Ephesians 5:18-20; Colossians 3:15-17; James 5:13 – What do these verses teach about the role of music in life and worship?

Fri: 1 Corinthians 14:1-17, 26 – What do these verses teach about the role of music in the corporate worship of the church?

Sat: Philippians 2:3-11; 1 Timothy 3:14-16 – Many Bible scholars believethat these two passages include lines from early Christian hymns (see the poetic lines). What is the theme of each song?

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HOME BIBLE READING SCHEDULE **Week 13**

Week of February 20, 2011

The Songs of Heaven (Revelation)

Memory Verse: *"To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor and glory and power, forever and ever!"* (Rev. 5:13b).

Sun: Revelation 1:1-2, 9-11; 4:1-11 – In Revelation 4, for what attributes and works does God receive praise?

Mon: Revelation 5 – What is the theme of these new songs in Revelation 5? Join with the worship of heaven.

Tue: Revelation 7:9-17 – Who sings praise to God and to the Lamb in this passage? Are you practicing now for future worship?

Wed: Revelation 8:2, 6; 11:15-19 – When the seventh trumpet sounds, what will become the theme of heaven's worship?

Thu: Revelation 12:1-17 – What events in history seem to be dramatized here? How can we overcome the accusing voice of Satan?

Fri: Revelation 14:1-5; 15:1-8 – Why is it significant that these saints sing *both* the song of Moses *and* the song of the Lamb (15:3)?

Sat: Revelation 16:17-21; 19:1-10 – Notice the four "Hallelujahs!" (vv. 1,3, 4, 6) What events will motivate such loud praise to God?

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