

**Dead in Our Plans**  
**2 Kings 15:8-31, Pew Bible p. 321**  
**February 11, 2024**

**I. Zechariah - The Legacy Plan (V. 8-12)**

- A. If we do not involve God in our plans, they are doomed to fail.
- B. Sin does not stop being sin simply by doing it long enough.

**II. Shallum - The Short-Sighted Plan (V. 13-16)**

- A. The time it takes God to judge a particular sin has nothing to do with the severity of the offense.
- B. Planning to fight sin with more sin only leads to more sin.

**III. Menahem & Pekahiah - The Power Plan (V. 17-26)**

- A. Having powerful friends cannot replace having the all-powerful God.
- B. Just because every man is afraid of you, it does not mean God is afraid of you.

**IV. Pekah – The Smarter Plan (V. 27-31)**

- A. There is no way to outsmart a lack of faith in the Lord.
- B. Sinful plans are never worth it in the end.

## **Group Discussion Questions**

1. Read 2 Kings 15:8-31.
2. What does verse 12 tell you about God's memory? Does He forget something is wrong if we just do it long enough?
3. What does verse 13 say about how clever it is to overcome sin with sin? Is sin ever worth it in the end? Why?
4. What does verse 19 imply about King Menahem's faith in the Lord? Have you ever turned to something or someone other than God to strengthen yourself? Who/what did you turn to and why?
5. Where does verse 25 say King Pekahiah was killed? What does that tell you about how reliable man's strength is against the wrath of God?
6. Have you ever tried to outsmart the wrath of God, like these five kings did? What did that look like? How can we avoid trying to outsmart God's law today?
7. Pray for our church members to make God the center of all their plans and dreams. Come to the church prayer meeting this Wednesday from 6:00–6:30 pm in Worship Center Room 103.

## **Church Reading Plan (2/12-2/18)**

Read John 6-9

***Luke 15:4-7 (ESV)***

*<sup>4</sup> “What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the open country, and go after the one that is lost, until he finds it? <sup>5</sup> And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. <sup>6</sup> And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.’ <sup>7</sup> Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.”*

**Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting**

- PRAYING for church members inviting lost or unchurched friends to church, that God would use them to win people to Jesus.

**Pray for Our Church Family Needs:**

- PRAY for missions and missionaries:  
Andy & Lindsay M. in Spain; Luke P. in Maricopa, Arizona; Nathan & Becky F. in Indonesia; Doug & Cheryl D. in Thailand; Jules S. in Thailand; and Sylvia M. and Andrew M. at ASU West, Glendale, Arizona.
- PRAY for all our students: elementary school, middle school, high school, and college. No matter whether they are in the classroom, an online setting, or a home school setting, our students are forming minds that need to focus on Christ.
- PRAY for family & friends of church members who need salvation or to renew their relationship with Jesus:  
Sharon L. (children & grandchildren); Marge D. (son, Matthew); Rezwana D. (parents); Margaret J. (Tom & Bob); Sophia W. (husband); Ida S. (granddaughter & her husband); Charity M. (daughter); Kayla P. (nephew, Jordan); and Gary & Betty B. (grandchildren & siblings)
- PRAY for families who are grieving the recent loss of loved ones:  
Family of Sam B.; and Dorothy C. (sister’s husband)
- PRAY for those struggling with ongoing health and other issues:  
Michelle L. (health); Leon V. (chemo); Jan B. (health); Stan & Twyla H. (health & other issues); Mimi M. (health); Edna N. (health); Helene D. (eyesight); Elaine W. (health); Kelly J. (health); Debbie P. (health); Ed G. (health); Anne W. (health); Debbie B. (health); Rita H. (health); Ann C.-W. (pain); Margaret J. (surgery recovery); Laura M. (health); Marge D. (health); Sherri O. (upcoming heart surgery); April H.-F. (wisdom in choice of upcoming treatment plan); Michelle LaM. (specialist appts, kidney issues & cancer treatment); and Ken R. (in hospital; kidney stone & serious infection)
- PRAY for others that you are aware of.