

Dear Sojourners in Faith,

I hope this finds you well in this Holy Week, also known as Passion Week (passion = Latin for suffering). The Jewish festival of Passover begins in the evening on Friday, Good Friday, and we might take a slight detour to reflect on the significance of this week. I will leave that up to the class on Wednesday.

As for our journey through God's Word, we continue with the failure of Solomon and the consequences for subsequent history of Israel. Please read **1 Kings 11.26–12.33**. See if you can recognize the Mosaic and Davidic themes in the narrative. Also, given the southern perspective from which the Deuteronomistic History (i.e., Joshua, Judges, Samuel, Kings) is written, what do you think about what the text says about Jeroboam? What lessons might there be for our understanding of our world (and churches) today? Any lessons for our spiritual journey? Reviewing the basic features of the Mosaic and Davidic traditions could help.

As usual, please read the Bible texts in as many different translations as you can, including non-English translations, as well as paraphrases. Remember to jot down your thoughts and questions on all texts we cover, including these from last week:

1 Kgs 11.1–13 (cf. Dt 17.14–20)

Who or what's to blame?

1 Kgs 22.1–28 (cf. 1Kgs 13; Ezek 14.1–11; Am 7.10–17)

Can prophets lie or be deceived?

As always, please do not hesitate to **suggest any biblical, theological, or life topics** along the way. We can be flexible to take detours on our journey through the Bible. Please see the "syllabus" online for where we are headed: [Bible study 2021-04](#) (printed copies also available in front of my office in Resident Life, Liberty Commons).

Also as before, here are the Zoom instructions:

Zoom (online or using an app):

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82395191045?pwd=TTRiQklwR2RhRzZkNFNxU2RRbGRoUT09>

Meeting ID: 823 9519 1045

Meeting Password: annschoice

Dial in by telephone: nearest phone access in New York City

Dial 1 (929) 205 6099

Enter Meeting ID: 823 9519 1045, followed by "#"

Enter Passcode: 394871 if requested

See you in class or via Zoom. I look forward to your observations and questions, and wish you a blessed Holy Week.

With prayer and best wishes,

