Thursday, 11/05/26 - BC & DCB Daily Review - Tiny Size

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Each review covers the day's chapters from two reading plans, Bible Companion (BC) and Daily Chapter Bible (DCB). The chapter summaries in Section 1 come from prototype "medium-length" summaries. Dean plans to develop shorter and longer versions of these summaries in the near future. Because these prototypes are tied to other related projects Dean is working on, they sometimes use abbreviations, labels, or cross-references (for example, "BC OT1," "DCB 3 of 8," "Dean 30," or "Dean 480") that may not yet make sense to all readers. These will be explained, removed, or revised as the project develops.
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1) Quick Factual Review

2 Chronicles 34 -- BC OT1 -- Josiah; Hilkiah; (R)

Dean 480-character summary:

Josiah (8/31/good). In the 8th year of his reign began to seek YHWH. In 12th year began purging idols. In 18th yr had Hilkiah oversee temple repairs. Money delivered that had been collected from all the remnant of Israel, given to the workmen. Book of the Law found, scribe Shaphan brings to Josiah, who tears clothes. Hilkiah goes to prophetess Huldah (wife of Shallum, keeper of the wardrobe), she brings good message.

Grok 120-word summary:

Josiah began to reign at eight years old and did right, turning neither to the right hand nor to the left. In his eighth year he began to seek the God of David, and in his twelfth year he purged Judah, Jerusalem, and the northern cities of high places, groves, and images. In his eighteenth year he sent men to repair the house of the LORD, and Hilkiah the priest found a book of the law given by Moses. When Shaphan read it, the king rent his clothes. Huldah the prophetess said the curses would come, but not in his days, because his heart was tender. Josiah read the book to all the people and made a covenant.

Parallel Passages:

- 2 Kings 22:1-20. Josiah was eight years old when he began to reign, and he reigned thirty and one years in Jerusalem, the same reign, temple repair, finding of the book, and word of Huldah as vv. 1-2, 8-28, in close wording. Kings puts all the purging after the finding of the book; Chronicles begins it in the twelfth year (v. 3).

- 2 Kings 23:1-3. And the king stood by a pillar, and made a covenant before the LORD, the same covenant as vv. 29-32.
- 2 Kings 23:4-20. And he brake down the houses of the sodomites, the full account of the purge that vv. 3-7, 33 give in short.

Quotations:

- None. No later passage quotes the words of this chapter. The curses of v. 24 point back to the law and are listed under Related.

Hosea 2 -- BC OT2 -- Ammi, Ruhamah

Dean 480-character summary:

Rename to Ammi (my people) & Ruhamah (she has obtained compassion), contend with Gomer for her harlotries. "I will have no compassion on her children, because they are children of harlotry. For their mother has played the harlot." She will want to return to first husband. God will punish her for the days of the Baals. God will woo her back. I will say to those who are not My people, you are My people. They will say: You are my God.

Grok 120-word summary:

Hosea calls the children to plead with their mother, for she is not my wife. Israel has played the harlot, saying her lovers give her bread, wool, flax, and oil, not knowing that the LORD gave her corn, wine, and oil, which they prepared for Baal. So he will hedge up her way with thorns, take back his gifts, end her feasts, and lay waste her vines. Then, behold, he will allure her into the wilderness, speak comfortably to her, and make the valley of Achor a door of hope. She shall call him Ishi, not Baali. He will betroth her for ever in righteousness and mercy, and say to Not my people, Thou art my people.

Parallel Passages:

- None. No other passage gives this charge against the unfaithful wife in close wording. Ezek 16 and Jer 3 use the same picture and are listed under Related.

Quotations:

- Rom 9:25, quoting v. 23. As he saith also in Osee, I will call them my people, which were not my people; and her beloved, which was not beloved, Paul applies the promise to Gentiles called with the Jews.
- 1 Pet 2:10, quoting v. 23. Which in time past were not a people, but are now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy,

Peter applies the same promise to the believers.

Acts 16 -- BC NT -- 2nd: Gal, Troas, Philippi

Dean 480-character summary:

Paul came to Derbe & Lystra. Timothy, mother Jewish, father Greek. Timothy circumcised. Through Phrygia & Galatia, forbidden by the Spirit to speak in Asia. At Troas, vision of Macedonian man. To Philippi. On sabbath day at river. Lydia of Thyatira & her household baptized. Slave-girl divination follows Paul. After many days, Paul annoyed, commands spirit out of her. Her masters bring Paul & Silas to magistrates. Prison, midnight, jailer, Roman citizens, begged to leave.

Grok 120-word summary:

At Lystra Paul took Timotheus, a disciple well reported of, and circumcised him because of the Jews. They delivered the decrees of the Jerusalem apostles, and the churches increased daily. Forbidden by the Holy Ghost to preach in Asia and stopped from Bithynia, they came to Troas, where Paul saw a man of Macedonia praying, Come over and help us. At Philippi, by a river side, the Lord opened the heart of Lydia, a seller of purple. Paul cast a spirit of divination out of a damsel, and her masters had Paul and Silas beaten and jailed. At midnight they prayed and sang, an earthquake opened the doors, and the jailer believed with all his house.

Parallel Passages:

- None. No other passage tells the call to Macedonia and the work at Philippi. 1 Thess 2:2 and Phil 1:5 recall it and are listed under Related.

Quotations:

- None. The chapter quotes no earlier passage, and no later passage quotes its words.

Acts 17 -- BC NT -- 2nd: Thess, Berea, Athens

Dean 480-character summary:

Through Amphipolis & Apollonia, to Thessalonica, where there was a synagogue. (3 sabbaths, some joined + God-fearers + women, Jews jealous, attack house of Jason). The brethren sent Paul & Silas to Berea by night. They went first to synagogue. These better, for examined the Scriptures daily. Many believed, then Jews from Thessalonica came. The brethren sent Paul to Athens, Silas & Timothy still in Berea. Epicureans & Stoics, Paul at Areopagus, some joined.

Grok 120-word summary:

At Thessalonica Paul reasoned three sabbath days from the scriptures that Christ must suffer and rise again, and that Jesus is Christ. Some Jews, many devout Greeks, and chief women believed, but envious Jews set the city in an uproar and dragged Jason before the rulers: these men turn the world upside down. At Berea the Jews were more noble, searching the scriptures daily, until men from Thessalonica stirred up the people. At Athens Paul's spirit was stirred by a city wholly given to idolatry. On Mars' hill he declared the unknown God, the maker of all, in whom we live and move, who commands all men to repent and has raised the judge from the dead.

Parallel Passages:

- None. No other passage tells the work at Thessalonica, Berea and Athens. 1 Thess 1-3 recall the visit and are listed under Related.

Quotations:

- None. The chapter quotes no earlier Scripture; v. 28 quotes Greek poets. The echoes of 1 Kings 8:27 and Isa 66:1 in v. 24 are listed under Related.

Genesis 26 -- DCB 1 of 8 -- Isaac at Gerar, Beersheba

Dean 480-character summary:

Famine, so Isaac went to Gerar, to Abimelech king of the Philistines. YHWH: do not go to Egypt, sojourn in this land and I will give this land to you and your seed. Isaac says Rebekah his sister. Abimelech saw Isaac caressing his wife Rebekah. Isaac reaps hundredfold. Quarrel over wells, including "Esek" and "Sitnah". No quarrel over "Rehoboth". Went to Beersheba. God appeared to Isaac, altar built. Abimelech comes, makes covenant. "Shibah." Esau married 2 Hittite women.

Grok 120-word summary:

In a famine Isaac went to Abimelech king of the Philistines at Gerar, and the LORD told him not to go down into Egypt, but to sojourn in the land, renewing the oath sworn to Abraham. Isaac said of Rebekah, She is my sister, until Abimelech saw him sporting with her and charged his people not to touch them. Isaac sowed and reaped an hundredfold, and the Philistines envied him and stopped his father's wells. Sent away, he dug wells again: Esek and Sitnah brought strife, but Rehoboth brought room. At Beer-sheba the LORD appeared, and he built an altar. Abimelech came to make a covenant, and that day his servants found water. Esau married two Hittite wives.

Parallel Passages:

- Gen 12:10-20. Say, I pray thee, thou art my sister, Abraham in Egypt passes off Sarah as his sister, the same deceit as Isaac's in vv. 6-11.
- Gen 20:1-18. And Abraham said of Sarah his wife, She is my sister: and Abimelech king of Gerar sent, and took Sarah, the same deceit at Gerar as vv. 6-11. In ch. 20 God warns Abimelech in a dream; here Abimelech sees Isaac sporting with Rebekah (v. 8).
- Gen 21:22-34. Wherefore he called that place Beer-sheba; because there they

sware both of them, Abraham's oath with Abimelech and Phichol at Beer-sheba, told again of Isaac in vv. 26-33.

Quotations:

- None. No later passage quotes the words of this chapter. The promise of vv. 3-4 restates the oath to Abraham and is listed under Related.

Mark 12 -- DCB 2 of 8 -- Trick Questions; Widow's Coins

Dean 480-character summary:

Parable of Vine-Growers, leaders knew parable was about them. They sought to seize him but feared the people. Pharisees & Herodians ask trick question about paying taxes. Sadducees (who say there is no resurrection) ask question about resurrection. One of the scribes asks about the greatest commandment. Jesus replies: Love with all heart soul mind strength & love neighbor as self. Jesus asks: how David call son Lord? Beware scribes. Widow 2 small coins.

Grok 120-word summary:

Jesus tells of a man who let out a vineyard to husbandmen, who beat his servants and killed his wellbeloved son, so the lord will give the vineyard to others; the stone which the builders rejected is become the head of the corner. Pharisees and Herodians ask about tribute: Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's. Sadducees ask about a woman with seven husbands, and Jesus answers that God is the God of the living. A scribe asks the first commandment: love God with all thy heart, and thy neighbour as thyself. Jesus asks how Christ is David's son, warns against the scribes, and praises a poor widow's two mites.

Parallel Passages:

- Matt 21:33-46. There was a certain householder, which planted a vineyard, the same parable of the wicked husbandmen as vv. 1-12.
- Luke 20:9-19. A certain man planted a vineyard, and let it forth to husbandmen, the same parable as vv. 1-12.
- Matt 22:15-22. Render therefore unto Cæsar the things which are Cæsar's; and unto God the things that are God's, the same question of tribute as vv. 13-17. Luke 20:20-26 gives it too.

- Matt 22:23-33. The same day came to him the Sadducees, which say that there is no resurrection, the same question of the seven brethren as vv. 18-27. Luke 20:27-40 gives it too.
- Matt 22:34-40. Master, which is the great commandment in the law?, the same question as vv. 28-34. Mark alone gives the scribe's answer and Not far from the kingdom (vv. 32-34).
- Matt 22:41-46. What think ye of Christ? whose son is he?, the same question about David's son as vv. 35-37. Luke 20:41-44 gives it too.
- Luke 20:45-47. Beware of the scribes, which desire to walk in long robes, the same warning as vv. 38-40. Matt 23:1-14 gives it at length.
- Luke 21:1-4. Of a truth I say unto you, that this poor widow hath cast in more than they all, the same widow's mites as vv. 41-44.

Quotations:

- Ps 118:22-23, quoted at vv. 10-11. The stone which the builders refused is become the head stone of the corner. This is the LORD'S doing; it is marvellous in our eyes, Jesus names himself the rejected stone.
- Deut 25:5, cited at v. 19. The wife of the dead shall not marry without unto a stranger: her husband's brother shall go in unto her, the law of the brother's widow the Sadducees used.
- Exod 3:6, quoted at v. 26. I am the God of thy father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, Jesus proves the resurrection from the bush.
- Deut 6:4-5, quoted at vv. 29-30. Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God is one LORD: And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might, the first commandment.
- Lev 19:18, quoted at v. 31. Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself, the second commandment.
- Deut 4:35, cited at v. 32. The LORD he is God; there is none else beside him, the scribe's answer.

- 1 Sam 15:22, cited at v. 33. To obey is better than sacrifice, the scribe sets love above burnt offerings. Hos 6:6 says the same.
- Ps 110:1, quoted at v. 36. The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou at my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool, David's Lord who is also his son.

2 Samuel 2 -- DCB 3 of 8 -- David v Ishbosheth

Dean 480-character summary:

David inquired of YHWH, went to Hebron (with both wives and his men). Judah anoints David. David blesses men of Jabesh-gilead. Abner made Ishbosheth (40/2) king over Israel at Mahanaim. David king at Hebron 7 years 6 months. Abner & Joab propose 12 vs 12 contest at Gibeon pool. Battle severe that day, Abner's men beaten by David's servants. Asahel (who was speedy) killed by Abner while pursuing. Abner called to Joab from a hill, battle stopped.

Grok 120-word summary:

After Saul's death David enquired of the LORD and went up to Hebron, where the men of Judah anointed him king over the house of Judah. He blessed the men of Jabesh-gilead for burying Saul. But Abner, captain of Saul's host, made Ish-bosheth son of Saul king over Israel at Mahanaim. At the pool of Gibeon Abner's men met Joab's, and twelve young men of each side fell together at Helkath-hazzurim. In the sore battle that followed Abner was beaten. Swift Asahel pursued Abner and would not turn aside, and Abner smote him with the spear. At sunset Abner called, Shall the sword devour for ever? Joab blew a trumpet, and the pursuit stopped.

Parallel Passages:

- 1 Chron 3:4. These six were born unto him in Hebron; and there he reigned seven years and six months, the reign in Hebron of v. 11.
- 1 Chron 11:1-3. And they anointed David king over Israel, the later anointing over all Israel at Hebron; v. 4 is the first anointing, over Judah only.

Quotations:

- None. No later passage quotes the words of this chapter.

Isaiah 66 -- DCB 4 of 8 -- Contrite; New Heav & Earth

Dean 480-character summary:

Heaven throne, earth footstool, so where is house you could build for Me? To this one I look: humble, who trembles at My word. I spoke, but they did not listen, and they did evil in My sight. Your persecutors will be put to shame. Can a land be born in one day? Peace will be given to Jerusalem. God will declare His glory to all the nations. New heavens & new earth. All mankind will bow down before Me. They will look at the corpses, where the worm does not die.

Grok 120-word summary:

The LORD says the heaven is his throne and the earth his footstool; no house can hold him. He will look to him that is poor and of a contrite spirit and trembles at his word, while those who sacrifice with defiled hearts are as if they slew a man. Zion will bring forth children at once, a nation born in a day, and her friends will be comforted as by a mother. The LORD will come with fire to plead with all flesh. He will gather all nations to see his glory, send messengers to the isles, and make new heavens and a new earth, where all flesh shall worship before him.

Parallel Passages:

- Isa 65:17-25. For, behold, I create new heavens and a new earth, the same promise of new heavens and new earth as v. 22, in the chapter just before.

Quotations:

- Acts 7:49-50, quoting vv. 1-2. Heaven is my throne, and earth is my footstool: what house will ye build me? saith the Lord: or what is the place of my rest? Hath not my hand made all these things?, Stephen answers the charge against the temple.

- Mark 9:44, quoting v. 24. Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched, Jesus on Gehenna; the same words stand in Mark 9:46 and 48.

Jeremiah 51 -- DCB 5 of 8 -- Medes against Babylon

Dean 480-character summary:

YHWH to rouse a destroyer against Babylon. Neither Israel nor Judah has been forsaken by YHWH Sabaoth. Flee from Babylon, do not be destroyed in her punishment. Babylon has been God's golden cup, nations have drunk her wine, suddenly Babylon is fallen, her judgments reach to heaven. YHWH has aroused the king of the Medes. Repay Babylon for their evil done in Zion. Sheshak. Come out of her, My people. Calamity written on a single scroll, to be read in Babylon.

Grok 120-word summary:

The LORD continues his word against Babylon. He will raise a destroying wind and fanners against her, for Israel is not forsaken. Babylon was a golden cup that made the nations drunk, but she is suddenly fallen; flee out of her midst. The LORD has stirred up the kings of the Medes. The maker of heaven and earth is not like the idols, and Israel is his battle axe. Babylon, the destroying mountain, will become heaps and a burnt mountain; Sheshach is taken, Bel is punished, and her broad walls broken. In Zedekiah's fourth year Jeremiah gave Seraiah a book of these words to read in Babylon, bind to a stone, and cast into Euphrates: Thus shall Babylon sink.

Parallel Passages:

- Jer 10:12-16. He hath made the earth by his power, he hath established the world by his wisdom, the same hymn on the Maker and the vain idols as vv. 15-19, nearly word for word.
- Jer 50:1-46. Babylon is taken, Bel is confounded, the first half of the same oracle against Babylon, with the same call to flee in v. 6 and v. 45 (see Jer 50:8).
- Isa 13:19-22. And Babylon, the glory of kingdoms, the beauty of the Chaldees' excellency, shall be as when God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah, an earlier

oracle on the same fall as vv. 37, 43.

Quotations:

- None. No later passage quotes this chapter word for word. Revelation takes up its pictures of Babylon closely, and those echoes are listed under Related.

Psalms 115 -- DCB 6 of 8 -- H: Trust, Help, Shield

Dean 480-character summary:

Hallel Psalm. Not to us, O YHWH, but to Your name give glory. Why should the nations say, Where is their God? Our God is in the heavens, He does whatever He pleases. Their idols are the work of man's hands. They have mouths but speak not. Eyes, ears, noses, hands, feet, also don't function. O Israel, O house of Aaron, you who fear YHWH, trust in YHWH. He is their help and their shield (3x). The heavens are YHWH's, but the earth He has given to men.

Grok 120-word summary:

The psalm opens, Not unto us, O LORD, not unto us, but unto thy name give glory, for thy mercy and truth. When the heathen ask, Where is now their God?, Israel answers that God is in the heavens and does whatever he pleases. Their idols are silver and gold, with mouths that speak not, eyes that see not, ears that hear not, and hands that handle not, and those who make them become like them. Israel, Aaron's house, and all who fear the LORD are called to trust him, their help and their shield. He will bless small and great. The dead praise not the LORD, but we will bless him for evermore.

Parallel Passages:

- Ps 135:15-20. The idols of the heathen are silver and gold, the work of men's hands, the same mockery of idols as vv. 4-8 and the same call to Israel, Aaron, and those that fear the LORD as vv. 9-11, in close wording.

Quotations:

- None. The psalm quotes no earlier passage, and no later passage quotes its words. Rev 9:20 echoes vv. 4-7 and is listed under Related.

2 Chronicles 25 -- DCB 7 of 8 -- Amaziah

Dean 480-character summary:

Amaziah (25/29/mom Jehoaddan/partly good). Killed those who had killed his father, but not kill their children. 300k warriors, hires 100k warriors of Israel for 100 talents of silver, but after rebuke sends them home, they angry, raid Judah on way home. Defeats Edomites, worships their gods. Wants to attack Israel (it was of God). Judah defeated by Joash of Israel at Beth-shemesh, Amaziah captured, part of Jerusalem wall torn down. Amaziah fled to Lachish, killed there.

Grok 120-word summary:

Amaziah began to reign at 25 and did right, but not with a perfect heart. He slew his father's killers but spared their children, as the law of Moses commands. He hired 100,000 men of Israel, but a man of God told him to send the Israelites home, for the LORD is able to give thee much more than this. He smote Edom in the valley of salt, yet brought back the gods of Seir and worshipped them, and silenced a prophet who rebuked him. Proud, he challenged Joash king of Israel, who answered with the thistle and the cedar, beat him at Beth-shemesh, and broke Jerusalem's wall. Conspirators later slew Amaziah at Lachish.

Parallel Passages:

- 2 Kgs 14:1-20. He was twenty and five years old when he began to reign, and reigned twenty and nine years in Jerusalem, the same reign told in Kings: Amaziah spares the murderers' children; victory in the valley of salt; Jehoash's thistle and cedar answer; defeat at Beth-shemesh; death at Lachish. Kings adds Selah (v. 7) and does not record Israel's hired army, its raid on Judah's cities, Seir's gods, or the prophets' rebukes (vv. 5-16).

Quotations:

- 2 Chron 25:4 quotes Deut 24:16. The fathers shall not be put to death for the children, neither shall the children be put to death for the fathers: every man shall be put to death for his own sin.
- No later passage quotes this chapter.

Job 29 -- DCB 8 of 8 -- Job: People Knew

Dean 480-character summary:

[Job's final discourse] Oh that I was back in my prime, when God watched over me. People (young men, old men, princes, nobles) knew that I was blessed. I put on righteousness, and it clothed me, my justice was like a robe and turban. I helped the poor, the orphan, the blind, the lame, the needy, and opposed the wicked. People listened to my counsel. After my words they did not speak again.

Grok 120-word summary:

Job looks back with longing: Oh that I were as in months past, when God preserved me, when his candle shined upon my head and the Almighty was with me and my children were about me. At the city gate the young men hid, the aged stood up, and princes and nobles fell silent. He delivered the poor and the fatherless, made the widow's heart sing, and put on righteousness as a robe. He was eyes to the blind, feet to the lame, a father to the poor, and he broke the jaws of the wicked. Men waited on his counsel like rain.

Parallel Passages:

- None. No other passage tells Job's memory of his former days. Job 1:1-3 and 31:16-22 describe the same life and are listed under Related.

Quotations:

- None. The chapter quotes no earlier passage, and no later passage quotes its words.

2) People Connections

1. Kings measured by the heart: Josiah “did that which was right in the sight of the LORD” (2 Chron 34:2), and God heard him “Because thine heart was tender” (2 Chron 34:27); Amaziah “did that which was right in the sight of the LORD, but not with a perfect heart” (2 Chron 25:2); and David “enquired of the LORD” before going up to Hebron (2 Sam 2:1).
2. God’s messengers to kings and leaders: Josiah’s men “went to Huldah the prophetess” (2 Chron 34:22); “there came a man of God” to Amaziah, and later “a prophet” (2 Chron 25:7, 15); and Jeremiah gave his word to Seraiah when he went “with Zedekiah the king of Judah into Babylon” (Jer 51:59).
3. Women who heard God: Huldah gave the word of the LORD to the king (2 Chron 34:22); Lydia, “whose heart the Lord opened” (Acts 16:14); “of the chief women not a few” at Thessalonica, and “a woman named Damaris” at Athens (Acts 17:4, 34); and the poor widow who “cast in all that she had” (Mark 12:44).
4. Paul and his companions: Timotheus joined Paul at Lystra (Acts 16:1-3); “at midnight Paul and Silas prayed, and sang praises unto God” (Acts 16:25); and at Berea “Silas and Timotheus abode there still” while Paul went to Athens (Acts 17:14).
5. Abraham’s God to his sons: God told Isaac, “I am the God of Abraham thy father” (Gen 26:24); Jesus said that in the bush God spake, “I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob” (Mark 12:26); and Paul said God “hath made of one blood all nations of men” (Acts 17:26).

3) Chronology Connections

1. From the patriarchs to David: Genesis 26 is in Isaac's life, after his birth in 2067 BC (stated), with Esau's marriage about 1967 BC (derived); 2 Samuel 2 opens with David king at Hebron in 1010 BC (working) and war at Gibeon in 1009 BC (working).
2. The kings of Judah and the prophets: Amaziah reigns about 796–767 BC (a general scholarly date) in 2 Chronicles 25; Hosea 2 is about 755–750 BC (a general scholarly date); Josiah's reform in 2 Chronicles 34 comes in 622 BC (working); and Jeremiah 51 is sent with Seraiah about 594 BC (derived), before the fall of Jerusalem in 586 BC (stated).
3. The gospel and the church: Mark 12 is in April AD 33 (working), the week of the passion; Acts 16 and Acts 17 follow on Paul's second journey about AD 49–50 (derived), after the Jerusalem Council of AD 49 (working).
4. Undated chapters: Isaiah 66 belongs to a book spanning Uzziah to Hezekiah, whose reign includes 701 BC (stated); Psalms 115 and Job 29 give no year.

4) Geography Connections

1. Jerusalem and the house of God: Josiah sent men “to repair the house of the LORD his God” (2 Chron 34:8); Joash “brake down the wall of Jerusalem” (2 Chron 25:23); Jesus taught “in the temple” (Mark 12:35); Isaiah sees the nations brought “to my holy mountain Jerusalem” (Isa 66:20); and the exiles are told, “let Jerusalem come into your mind” (Jer 51:50).
2. From Isaiah’s isles to Macedonia and Greece: God will send those that escape “to the isles afar off, that have not heard my fame” (Isa 66:19), and Javan is Greece; Paul saw “a man of Macedonia” (Acts 16:9), preached at Philippi, Thessalonica, and Berea, and spoke in Athens (Acts 17:1, 10, 15).
3. Hebron, Beersheba, and the south: Isaac went up “to Beer-sheba” and digged a well there (Gen 26:23, 25); David was sent “Unto Hebron” and anointed there (2 Sam 2:1, 4); and Amaziah was beaten at “Beth-shemesh, which belongeth to Judah” and slain at Lachish (2 Chron 25:21, 27).

5) Other Connections

1. Idols that cannot save: “Their idols are silver and gold, the work of men’s hands” (Psa 115:4); “we ought not to think that the Godhead is like unto gold, or silver, or stone” (Acts 17:29); “his molten image is falsehood” (Jer 51:17); Israel gave her “silver and gold, which they prepared for Baal” (Hos 2:8); Amaziah sought “the gods of the people, which could not deliver their own people” (2 Chron 25:15); and Josiah purged “the carved images, and the molten images” (2 Chron 34:3).
2. God above every temple: “The heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool” (Isa 66:1); “our God is in the heavens” (Psa 115:3); and God “dwelleth not in temples made with hands” (Acts 17:24).
3. Trembling at the word of God: God looks to him “that is poor and of a contrite spirit, and trembleth at my word” (Isa 66:2); Josiah heard the book of the law and “rent his clothes” (2 Chron 34:19); the Bereans “searched the scriptures daily” (Acts 17:11); but the Sadducees erred, “because ye know not the scriptures” (Mark 12:24).
4. The God of the living and the resurrection: “He is not the God of the dead, but the God of the living” (Mark 12:27); God “hath raised him from the dead” (Acts 17:31); and “The dead praise not the LORD” (Psa 115:17), “But we will bless the LORD from this time forth and for evermore” (Psa 115:18).
5. Care for the widow and the poor: Job “caused the widow’s heart to sing for joy” and was “a father to the poor” (Job 29:13, 16); Jesus condemned those “Which devour widows’ houses” (Mark 12:40) and praised the poor widow (Mark 12:43).

6) Exhortation to the Reader

Dear reader, today's chapters set the true God beside the idols people trust. "Their idols are silver and gold, the work of men's hands" (Psa 115:4), but "our God is in the heavens: he hath done whatsoever he hath pleased" (Psa 115:3). Paul told Athens that he "dwelleth not in temples made with hands" (Acts 17:24) and "now commandeth all men every where to repent" (Acts 17:30). Turn from every idol to him.

Then let his word search you. God looks to the one who "trembleth at my word" (Isa 66:2). Josiah heard the book of the law and "rent his clothes" (2 Chron 34:19), and the Bereans "searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so" (Acts 17:11). Do not be like Amaziah, who did right "but not with a perfect heart" (2 Chron 25:2).

And give him all your heart. "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength" (Mark 12:30). The widow gave "all that she had" (Mark 12:44), and the jailer heard, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved" (Acts 16:31). God still says, "I will betroth thee unto me for ever" (Hos 2:19).