

1 Kings

As the King Goes

So Goes the Nation

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Human Author

- Many consider Jeremiah the most likely author of most of the Book of Kings, though there are differences in style between Jeremiah's known writings and Kings
- Some think God may have inspired Ezra for the writing

Human Author

- Whoever the author, he had access to the historical records and history of Israel and Judah; he wrote during the last days of Judah
 - The Book of the Acts of Solomon (11:41)
 - The Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Israel (1 K. 14:19—2 K. 15:31, 18 times)
 - The Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Judah (1 K. 14:29—2 K. 24:5, 15 times)
- Biographies of David, Elijah, Elisha

Time & Scope of Events

- Covers about 119 years, from the death of David (1015 BC) to the death of Ahab, king of Israel and the death of Jehoshaphat, king of Judah
- Begins with the reign of Solomon (chs. 1-11) and covers the history of the divided kingdom (chs. 12-22)

Key Words

- King—338 times
- House—171 times—family (2:24, 27), personal house (1:53; 2:36), Temple (5:3; 6:2)
- Walk or walked—27 times—the way one lived (2:3-4; 6:12; 8:58; 11:33)
- Evil—22 times (2:44; 3:9; 11:6; 13:33; 16:19; 21:25)
- Kingdom—19 times (1:46; 2:12; 2:46; 4:21; 10:20; 11:11, 34, 35)

Key Phrase

“as his father David”—all kings measured against David as the standard

- 11:4, 6; 15:3, 11

Verses to Remember

- 2:2-3—David's charge to Solomon
- 3:9—Solomon's request for an understanding heart
- 9:4-5—God's covenant with Solomon
- 11:11—Consequences of Solomon's disobedience

Chapter to Remember

- Chapter 12
 - The critical turning point in Israel's history occurs when the united kingdom becomes the divided kingdom
 - Upon Solomon's death, his son Rehoboam reigns, foolishly rejecting the advice of older men

Outline

Ch. 1: David makes Solomon king

Ch. 2: David commissions; Solomon established

Ch. 3: Solomon requests wisdom

Ch. 4: Solomon's peace, prosperity, wisdom

Ch. 5: Temple building materials

Ch. 6: Temple built, 966-959 BC

Outline

Ch. 7: Temple furnishings

Ch. 8: Ark, prayer, challenge, sacrifice

Ch. 9: God charges Solomon; building projects

Ch. 10: Queen of Sheba

Ch. 11: Wives, idolatry, prophet Ahijah,
Solomon's death

Outline

Ch. 12: Rehoboam vs Jeroboam

Ch. 13: The man of God

Ch. 14: Prophet Ahijah; Abijah, Jeroboam and Rehoboam die

Ch. 15: Abijam and Asa in Judah; Nadab and Baasha in Israel

Ch. 16: Baasha, Elah, Zimri, Omri, Ahab in Israel

Outline

Ch. 17: Elijah at Cherith and Zarephath

Ch. 18: Elijah and Baal's prophets; rain

Ch. 19: Elijah, the juniper, Horeb's cave;
Elisha

Ch. 20: Ahab of Israel, Ben-Hadad of Syria

Ch. 21: Naboth and his vineyard

Ch. 22: Ahab dies in his chariot

Messages

- We need to make good decisions, one after another, to prevent self-induced disasters and to prepare us for severe tests that come along
- Self-induced disasters usually do not happen from one bad decision, but from a series of bad attitudes and choices (Mt. 6:24; Phil. 4:6)

Trivia

Who said:

“indeed the half was not told me!”

10:7b

“How long will you falter between two opinions? If the Lord *is* God, follow Him; but if Baal, follow him”

18:21

Memory Verse Review

Judges—2 Samuel

- Judges 17:6; 21:25
- Ruth 2:12
- 1 Sam. 16:7b
- 2 Sam. 22:47a

Memory Verse for 1 Kings

22:14

“As the Lord lives, whatever the Lord says to me, that I will speak”