

1 & 2 Kings

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Name and Contents:

1. The Book of Kings (originally one book) takes its name from the kings whose deeds it narrates.
2. The Kings narrative is history as evaluated by the prophets of God concerning God's way with his people from the death of King David to the death of king Nebuchadnezzar.

Chronological Chart:

DATES	RULERS OF ISRAEL	RULERS OF JUDAH	FOREIGN RULERS	PROPHETS	SPECIAL EVENTS
1000 - 950	David/Solomon		Hiram-(Phoenecia)	Nathan	972 Death of David 966 Temple Begun
950-900	Jeroboam I	Rehoboam	Shishak-(Egypt)	Ahijah	931 Kingdom divided
	Nadab	Abijah	Ben Hadad (Syria)	Jehu	
	Baasha	Asa			
900-850	Elah	Jehoshaphat	Shalmaneser III	Elijah	
	Zimri		(Assyria)		
	Tibni				
	Omri				878 Omri builds Samaria
	Ahab				
	Ahaziah			Elisha	
	Joram(Jehoram)				
850-800	Jehu	Jehoram (Joram)	Hazael (Syria)		
	Jehohaz	Ahaziah (Athaliah)			
		Joash (Jehoash)			
800-750	Joash (Joash)	Amaziah	Tiglath-Pileser III	Jonah	
	Jeroboam II	Uzziah (Azariah)	Pul-Assyria	Amos	
	Zechariah			Hosea	
	Shallum				
	Menahem				
750-700	Pekaniah	Jotham	Rezin (Syria)	Isaiah	732 Fall of Damascus
	Pekah	Ahaz	(Shalmaneser)		
	Hoshea		(Assyria)		
	(End)	Hezekiah	Sargon II (Assyria)	Micah	722 Fall of Samaria
			Sennacherib(Assyria)		
		Manasseh	Assurbanipal (Assyria)		
650-600		Amon			
		Josiah	Pharoah-Necho II (Egypt)	Zephaniah	621 Josiah's discovery of the law
				Jeremiah	612 Fall of Ninevah
		Jehoahaz	Nebuchadnezzar (Babylon)	Habakkuk	605 Daniel to Babylon
		Jehoiakim			
600-550		Jehoiachin	Nabonidus	Daniel	597 First capture of Jerusalem
		Zedekiah	Belshazzar	Obadiah	586 Fall of Jerusalem
		(End)	(Babylon)		561 Death of Nebuchadnezzar

Outline: The Reign of Solomon (1 Kings 1-11)
 The Divided Kingdom (1 Kings12 - 2 Kings17)
 The Last Days of Judah (2 Kings18-25)

The Reign of Solomon (1 Kings 1-11):

1. David's charge to Solomon (2:1-4)

2. A character study of Solomon and his reign as king (3-11).
 - A. Good Characteristics (3:3, 7, 9; 8:22-53)

 - B. Bad Characteristics (3:1,3; 5:13; 11:1-4, 9-13)

3. Solomon's biggest problem — failure to repent (11:4).

The Divided Kingdom (1 Kings 12 - 2 Kings 17):

1. The Division of the Kingdom (12-14).

2. Israel and Judah: The First Century After Division (The Time of Elijah: 1 Kings 15-22).

3. The Times of Elisha and Jehu (2 Kings1-11).

4. The "Good Times" of Jeroboam II and Uzziah (2 Kings 12-15).

5. The Last Days of Israel (2 Kings 15-17).

The Last Days of Judah (2 Kings 18-25):

1. God's blessings upon the reigns of Reformers Hezekiah and Josiah (contrast Manasseh, 2 Kings 18-23).

2. God's punishment upon wicked Judah and its kings (2 Kings 23-25).