

1 & 2 Kings

66 Books in 52 Weeks

(A Book-by-Book Overview of the Bible)

Summary & Structure

1 KINGS

ORDER IN OLD TESTAMENT

11

NUMBER OF CHAPTERS

22

TYPE

HISTORY



OVERVIEW

This book records King David's death and King Solomon's ascent to the throne, followed by the division of the kingdom for its first 100 years. The book relates the prophet Elijah's battles with King Ahab and his wife Jezebel.



WRITTEN
550 BC



TIME PERIOD COVERED
975-850 BC



AUTHOR
Unknown; stories appear to be written during the Great Exile to Babylon

2 KINGS

ORDER IN OLD TESTAMENT

12

NUMBER OF CHAPTERS

25

TYPE

HISTORY



OVERVIEW

This book contains the remaining history of the biblical kings. Elijah continues his work as prophet, and Elisha succeeds him. It is a very dark period, as God's warnings about the evil nature of kings come to pass. The only way to repentance is through misfortune, and both kingdoms fall to invaders; only Judah repents.



WRITTEN
550 BC



TIME PERIOD COVERED
850-575 BC



AUTHOR
Unknown; stories appear to be written during the Great Exile to Babylon

Key Verse

Answer me, Lord, answer me, so these people will know that you, Lord, are God, and that you are turning their hearts back again.

1 Kings 18:37

Outline Kings

1 Kings (United and Divided Kingdom)

The United Kingdom (Chapters 1-11)

Solomon's _____: (1 Kings 2:1-12)

Solomon's _____: (1 Kings 3:4-15)

Solomon's _____: (1 Kings 6:1-38)

Solomon's _____: (1 Kings 10:9-10)

Solomon's _____: (11:1-13)

Solomon's _____: (1 Kings 11:42-43)

The Divided Kingdom (Chapters 12-22)

Rehoboam & Jeroboam: (1 Kings 12:1-20)
Worship Bethel and Dan: (1 Kings 12:25-33)
Northern and Southern Kings (1 Kings 15 & Following)
The Ministry of Elijah (1 Kings 17-19)

2 Kings (From Compromise to Captivity)

Account of the Northern Kingdom (Chapters 1-10)

Elijah and Ahaziah (2 Kings 1-2)
Elisha's Ministry (2 Kings 2-13)
 Notable Miracles of Elisha
 Jars of Oil (2 Kings 4:1-7)
 Raised Boy from Dead (2 Kings 4:8-37)
 Multiplied Loaves (2 Kings 4:42-44)
 Healed Naaman of Leprosy. (2 Kings 5:1-19)
 Caused a Lost Ax Head to Float (2 Kings 6:1-6)
 Secured the Merciful Treatment of Israel's Captured Enemies (2 Kings 6:8-23)
Jehu (2 Kings 9-10)

Alternating Accounts of Both Kingdoms (Chapters 11-17)

Queen Athaliah of Judah (2 Kings 11)
Joash of Judah (2 Kings 12)
Jehoahaz of Israel (2 Kings 13:1-9)
Jehoash of Israel (2 Kings 13:10-13)
Jeroboam II of Israel (2 Kings 14:23-29)
Azariah of Judah (2 Kings 15:1-7)
Zechariah, Shallum, and Menahem of Israel (2 Kings 15:8-22)
Pekahiah and Pekah of Israel (2 Kings 15:23-31)
Jotham of Judah (2 Kings 15:32-38)
Ahaz of Judah (2 Kings 16:1-20)
Hoshea of Israel (2 Kings 17:1-41)

Account of the Southern Kingdom (Chapters 18-25)

Hezekiah (2 Kings 18-20)
Manasseh (2 Kings 21:1-18)
Amon (2 Kings 21:19-26)
Josiah (2 Kings 22-23:30)
Jehoahaz, Jehoiakim, Jehoiachin, and Zedekiah (2 Kings 24-25)

Lessons

_____ can easily distract us from _____.

God still works in the _____ of times.

KINGS OF ISRAEL AND JUDAH

Saul (40)

David (40)

Solomon (40)

Kingdom of Judah

Rehoboam (17)

Abijah (3)

Asa (41)

Jehoshaphat (25)

Jehoram (8)

Ahaziah (1)

Athaliah* (6)

Joash (40)

Amaziah (29)

Uzziah (52)

Jotham (16)

Ahaz (16)

Hezekiah (29)

Manasseh (55)

Amon (2)

Josiah (31)

Jehoahaz (3 months)

Jehoiakim (11)

Jehoiachin (3 months)

Zedekiah (11)

Kingdom of Israel

Jeroboam (22)

Nadab (2)

Baasha (24)

Elah (2)

Zimri (7 days)

Omri (12)

Ahab (22)

Ahaziah (2)

Jehoram (12)

Jehu (28)

Jehoahaz (17)

Jehoash (16)

Jereboam II (41)

Zechariah (6 months)

Shallum (1 month)

Menahem (10)

Pekahiah (2)

Pekah (20)

Hoshea (9)

The Kings of Israel

(NORTH, 10 TRIBES)

Name	Date of Reign BC	Relation to Predecessor	Yrs. of Reign	Character	Manner of Death	1 Kings	2 Chronicles
Jeroboam	931-910		22	Bad	Stricken by God	11:26-14:20	9:29-13:22
Nadab	910-909	Son	2	Bad	Murdered by Baasha	15:25-28	
Baasha	909-886	none	24	Bad	Died	15:27-16:7	16:1-6
Elah	886-885	Son	2	Bad	Murdered by Zimri	16:6-14	
Zimri	885	Captain of Chariots	7 days	Bad	Suicide	16:9-20	
Omri	885-874	Army Captain	12	Bad	Died	16:15-28	
Ahab	874-853	Son	22	Bad	Wounded in battle	16:28-22:40	18:1-34
Ahaziah	853-852	Son	2	Bad	Fell through lattice	22:40- 2 Kings 1:18	20:35-37
						2 Kings	
Jehoram*	852-841	Brother	12	Bad	Murdered by Jehu	3:1-9:25	22:5-7
Jehu	841-814	none	28	Bad	Died	9:1-10:36	22:7-12
Jehoahaz	814-798	Son	17	Bad	Died	13:1-9	
Jehoash**	798-782	Son	16	Bad	Died	13:10-14:16	25:17-24
Jeroboam II	793-753	Son	41	Bad	Died	14:23-29	
Zechariah	753-752	Son	6 mo.	Bad	Murdered by Shallum	14:29-15:12	
Shallum	752	none	1 mo.	Bad	Murdered by Menahem	15:10-15	
Menahem	752-742	none	10	Bad	Died	15:14-22	
Pekahiah	742-740	Son	2	Bad	Murdered by Pekah	15:22-26	
Pekah	752-731	Army Captain	20	Bad	Murdered by Hoshea	15:27-31	28:5-8
Hoshea	731-722	none	9	Bad	Deposed to Assyria	15:30-17:6	

The Kings of Judah

(SOUTH, 2 TRIBES)

Name	Date of Reign BC	Relation to Predecessor	Yrs. of Reign	Character	Manner of Death	1 Kings	2 Chronicles
Rehoboam	931-913	Son	17	Bad	Died	11:42-14:31	9:31-12:16
Abijam***	913-911	Son	3	Bad	Died	14:31-15:8	13:1-22
Asa	911-870	Son	41	Good	Died	15:8-24	14:1-16:14
Jehoshaphat	873-848	Son	25	Good	Died	22:41-50	17:1-20:37
						2 Kings	
Jehoram	853-841	Son	8	Bad	Stricken by God	8:16-24	21:1-20
Ahaziah	841	Son	1	Bad	Murdered by Jehu	8:24-9:29	22:1-9
Athaliah	841-835	Mother	6	Bad	Murdered by army	11:1-20	22:1-23:21
Joash	835-796	Grandson	40	Good	Murdered by servants	11:1-12:21	22:10-24:27
Amaziah	796-767	Son	29	Good	Murdered	14:1-20	25:1-28
Azariah****	792-740	Son	52	Good	Stricken by God	15:1-7	26:1-23
Jotham	750-732	Son	16	Good	Died	15:32-38	27:1-9
Ahaz	735-716	Son	16	Bad	Died	16:1-20	28:1-27
Hezekiah	716-687	Son	29	Good	Died	18:1-20:21	29:1-32:33
Manasseh	697-643	Son	55	Bad	Died	21:1-18	33:1-20
Amon	643-641	Son	2	Bad	Murdered by servants	21:19-26	33:21-25
Josiah	641-609	Son	31	Good	Wounded in battle	22:1-23:30	34:1-35:27
Jehoahaz	609	Son	3 mo.	Bad	Deposed to Egypt	23:31-33	36:1-4
Jehoiakim	609-598	Brother	11	Bad	Died in siege?	23:34-24:5	36:5-7
Jehoiachin	598-597	Son	3 mo.	Bad	Deposed to Babylon	24:6-16	36:8-10
Zedekiah	597-586	Uncle	11	Bad	Deposed to Babylon	24:17-25:30	36:11-21

*Joram, **Joash, ***Abijah, ****Uzziah

Note: Dates of some reigns overlap due to co-regencies