

Old Testament Survey - **1 Kings 1-11**

Author: Jeremiah + (Talmud tradition) (Except for 2 Kings 24,25). Written to those in exile.

Date: Written prior to 586 B.C. (Except for 2 Kings 24, 25 about 550 B.C.) 1 Kings covers period from David's death to beginning of Ahaziah's reign (971 - 851 B.C.)

Theme: The historical development of the kingdom of God under the Davidic covenant - The welfare of the kingdom depends on covenant faithfulness of the king & the people.

Outline:

I. The United Kingdom under Solomon. 1 Kings 1-11

Key People : Solomon

Key Chapters & Verses (Bold required for Elders)

1 Kg. 1: Solomon anointed king.

1 Kg. 2: David's charge to Solomon, David's death, execution of Adonijah, Joab & Shimei.

1 Kg. 3: God grants Solomon's prayer for wisdom, and gives him riches & honor too.

1 Kg. 8: The Ark is brought into the Temple, Solomon's prayer of dedication

1 Kg. 9: God's promises and warnings to Solomon -

Obedience = establishment

Disobedience = cut off from land & temple destroyed

1 Kg. 11: Solomon deviates from God & gets difficulty until death.

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Overview: 1 & 2 Kings was one book in the Hebrew text entitled “Kings.” It was divided in the Septuagint in the middle of the reign of Ahaziah. (Possible due to limitations on Scroll length).

1 Kings begins with the establishment and beginning of glorious reign of Solomon. It then records his heart becoming divided by his many foreign wives resulting in trouble for him and the kingdom. The kingdom then split under his son, Rehoboam and remains divided until Israel is taken into captivity by Assyria (722 B.C. - 2 Kings 17) and Judah is conquered by Babylon (539 B.C. 2 Kings 25). The welfare of the nation was largely dependent on the faithfulness of the king to God’s covenant. There were blessings under good kings and curses under evil kings. 1 & 2 Kings explains the reasons for the breakup of the nation into two separate nations and the eventual defeat and deportation into foreign lands.

Detailed Outline

I. The United Kingdom under Solomon. 1 Kings 1-11

A. The Establishment of Solomon’s Kingdom (1-2)

1. Appointment of Solomon as King (1)

2. Solidification of Solomon’s Kingdom (2)

a. David’s Charge to Solomon (1-9)

b. David’s Death (10-11)

c. Solomon Begins Reign (12)

d. Solomon’s Enemies are Removed (13-36)

B. The Growth of Solomon’s Kingdom (3-8)

1. Solomon’s Request for Wisdom (3)

2. Solomon’s Administration (4)

3. Construction of the Temple & Solomon's House (5-8)

a. Construction of the Temple (5-6)

b. Construction of Solomon's House (7:1-12)

c. Furnishings of the Temple (7:13-51)

d. Dedication of the Temple (8)

C. The Decline of Solomon's Kingdom (9-11)

1. God Recounts the Covenant to Solomon (9:1-9)

2. General Disobedience to the Covenant by Solomon (9:10-11:8)

a. Sale of Israelite Cities (9:10-14)

b. Enslavement of Canaanites (9:15-28)

c. Multiplication of Wealth (10:1-15)

d. Multiplication of Horses (10:26-29)

e. Multiplication of Wives, Marriage with Foreign Wives (11:1-3)

f. Worship of Idols (11:4-8)

3. Chastening of Solomon (11:9-40)

4. Death of Solomon (11:41-43)