

Give Us A King



A Harmony of Samuel, Kings, and Chronicles

Part 2

1-2 Kings and 2 Chronicles

Survey of 1 Kings

United Kingdom 1:1 – 11:43			Divided Kingdom 12:1 – 22:53		
Establishment of Solomon	Rise of Solomon	Decline of Solomon	Division of the Kingdom	Reign of Various Kings	Reign of Ahab Elijah
Solomon			8 Kings (Israel) / 4 Kings (Judah)		
Kingdom in Tranquility			Kingdom in Turmoil		
Jerusalem Capital of United Kingdom			Samaria: Capital of Israel Jerusalem: Capital of Judah		
c. 40 years			c. 78 years		

Where Are We Among the Kings?

The Southern Kings of Judah	The Northern Kings of Israel
1. Rehoboam (930 - 913 B.C.)	1. Jeroboam (930 - 909 B.C.)
2. Abijam/Abijah (913 - 910 B.C.)	2. Nadab (909 - 908 B.C.)
3. Asa (910-869 B.C.)	3. Baasha (908 - 886 B.C.)
	4. Elah (886 - 885 B.C.)
	5. Zimri (885 B.C.)
	6. Omri (885 - 874 B.C.)
	7. Ahab (874 - 853 B.C.)

Ahab and Elijah (1 Kings 17-22)

Elijah the Prophet of Good	Ahab the King of Evil
1. Elijah at Zarephath (Chap. 17)	1. Ahab and Ben-Hadad (Chap. 20)
2. Elijah at Mt. Carmel (Chap. 18)	2. Ahab and Nabal (Chap. 21)
3. Elijah flees to Horeb (Chap. 19)	3. Ahab and Jehoshaphat (Chap. 22)

Men of God and Their Message

Prophet	Audience	Message	Reference
Elijah	Ahab	There will be no rain for three years (divine punishment)	1 Kings 17:1
Elijah	Ahab	You have troubled Israel by forsaking the Lord	1 Kings 18:18
Elijah	Ahab	Eat and drink for there is rain in abundance	1 Kings 18:41

“The Spirit and Power of Elijah” (Luke 1:17)

1. The command and compassion of Elijah (chap. 17)
2. The confrontation and contest of Elijah (chap. 18)
3. The crisis and commission of Elijah (chap. 19)
4. The condemnation and confidence of Elijah (chap. 21)
5. The character and cause of Elijah (2 K. 2)

Applications for Today

1. Some people are just determined to sin more than others (1 K. 16:30, 33; 2 Tim. 3:13).
2. You do not want to provoke the Lord to anger by sinning (1 K. 16:33; Psa. 78:58; 106:29).
3. God's word will always come true even after many years (1 K. 16:34; Josh. 6:26; 1 Pet. 1:25).

Applications for Today

4. God will punish sin (1 K. 17:1; Lk. 4:25; Jas. 5:17).
5. Faith acts and does what God wants (1 K. 17:15; 1 Thess. 1:3; 2 Thess. 1:11; Jas. 2:17, 24, 26).
6. God is not just a God of the Jews, but also a God of the Gentiles (1 K. 17:17-24; Lk. 4:26).

Applications for Today

7. Be a person of prayer like Elijah (1 K. 17:20-21; 18:36-37; 19:4; 1 Thess. 5:17; Jas. 5:17-18)
8. Evil people don't want to hear the truth and what is right. Remember to fear that Lord and stand up for what is right and protect it in the face of evil (1 K. 18:4, 13; Eph. 6:14; Phil. 1:27; Jude 3).

Applications for Today

9. Teach your children to fear God from their youth on up (1 K. 18:12; Psa. 71:17; Eccl. 12:1; Mk. 10:20).
10. Preaching truth does not bring trouble. What brings trouble is sin. Sin brings trouble to ourselves and to those around us (1 K. 18:17-18; Acts 15:24; 17:8; Heb. 12:15).

Applications for Today

11. Let us not be a lukewarm compromiser who tries to follow God and follow the world at the same time (1 K. 18:21; Mt. 6:24).
12. There is one, true God and we need to make up our minds to follow him and him alone (1 K. 18:20-40; 1 Cor. 8:6; Eph. 4:4-6).

Applications for Today

13. When people are misled by false ideas, they will do foolish things and even hurt themselves (1 K. 18:25-29; 2 Tim. 3:13).
14. It is important to try and bring God's people back to the proper religion and the proper God through repair, reformation, and restoration (1 K. 18:30, 36-37, 39; 2 Chron. 33:16; Isa. 58:12).

Applications for Today

15. We do no one any good when we get so discouraged with life that we want to take our own life. When times are hard, live on, don't quit (1 K. 19:1-7; 2 Cor. 4:7-15).
16. Like Elijah, we need to be zealous and jealous for God's righteous cause (1 K. 19:10, 14; 2 Cor. 11:2).

Applications for Today

17. The Lord's question "What are you doing here?" shows that we do not need to run away and abandon our responsibility to do what is right (1 K. 19:9-14; Mt. 25:24-30; Lk. 16:2).
18. Even in terrible times, there will always be those people who are faithful to the Lord. Will you be among that faithful remnant (1 K. 19:18; Rom. 11:1-5)?

Applications for Today

19. There is a need to prepare the next generation to serve the Lord after we are gone (1 K. 19:19-21; 2 Tim. 2:1-2).
20. Be willing to make a clean and clear break from your past in pursuit of your future service to the Lord (1 K. 19:21; Lk. 9:62; Acts 19:18-19).