

The Book of First KINGS
Chapters 1 & 2
“ONE NATION UNDER GOD?”

Intro: The Book of First Kings is divided into two sections:

- Chapters 1 – 11** - United Kingdom under King Solomon
 - Peaceful & Prosperous Kingdom
 - Jerusalem, the Capital
 - Time: 40 years

- Chapters 12 – 22-** Divided Kingdom, many Kings
 - Kingdoms in Turmoil
 - Northern Kingdom- Samaria- Capital of Israel
 - Southern Kingdom- Jerusalem- Capital of Judah
 - Time: 90 years

Timeline: King Saul- 1043 B.C. (No heart for God)
King David- 1011 B.C. (Whole heart for God)
King Solomon- 971 B.C. (Divided heart for God)
Divided Kingdom- 931 B.C.

Key Verses: 1 Kings 9:4-5- *Now if you walk before Me as your father David walked, in integrity of heart and in uprightness, to do according to all that I have commanded you, and if you keep My statutes and My judgments, then I will establish the throne of your kingdom over Israel forever, as I promised David your father, saying, 'You shall not fail to have a man on the throne of Israel.'*

1 Kings 11:9-11- *So the LORD became angry with Solomon, because his heart had turned from the LORD God of Israel, who had appeared to him twice, and had commanded him concerning this thing, that he should not go after other gods; but he did not keep what the LORD had commanded. Therefore the LORD said to Solomon, "Because you have done this, and have not kept My covenant and My statutes, which I have commanded you, I will surely tear the kingdom away from you and give it to your servant.*

Chapter 1- “Who’s The Next King”

- (v1-4) King David’s final days**
- (v5-10) Adonijah’s self-exaltation**
- (v11-37) Nathan & Bathsheba Promote Solomon**
- (v38-40) Solomon anointed King of Israel**
- (v41-53) Adonijah humbled**

Chapter 2- “The King’s Charge”

- (v1-9) Father to Son- personal, public & private advice**
- (v10-11) King David dies**
- (v12-25) Adonijah executed**
- (v26-27) Abiathar removed from priesthood**
- (v28-34) Joab executed**
- (v35-46) Shimei executed**

Four steps to live like a King? (1Kings 2:3,4)

#1- Walk in His Ways- Mic 6:8- *He has shown you, O man, what is good; And what does the LORD require of you, But to do justly, To love mercy, And to walk humbly with your God?*

#2- Keep His Statutes, His Commandments, His Judgments- Heb 4:12-13- *For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account.*

#3- His Testimonies- Matt 28:19-20- *Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."*

#4- Walk in Truth (heart & soul)- John 14:6- *Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me. 1 John 2:3-5-* *Now by this we know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments. He who says, "I know Him," and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. But whoever keeps His word, truly the love of God is perfected in him. By this we know that we are in Him.*