RCF Academy—Old Testament Class 15: 1st & 2nd Kings



Context

Historical Context

Compiled during the time of the exile

To show exile a result of sin; not Yahweh's unfaithfulness

Events take place roughly between 970 BC and 560 BC

• Redemptive-Historical Context

Covenant with David looms large in the background

What of the promises to Abraham, Israel, and David?

Theme

The King, the covenant representative, sometimes obeys the word of Yahweh and the people are blessed, but sometimes rebels against the word of Yahweh and brings calamity upon the people. Finally, Yahweh's patience runs out and His people suffer the covenant consequences for their sins. Yet, through it all, Yahweh is still faithful to the promises He made to David.

David's Charge to Solomon – 1 Kings 2:1-4

The Zenith of Redemptive-History in the OT – 1 Kings 8:56-61

But Sin Still Remains in the Kingdom – 1 Kings 11:1-14

New Vocabulary

- "Judah"
- "Israel"

The Northern Kingdom: Israel

- "the sins of Jeroboam" 1 Kings 14:14-16
- Two prophets: Elijah and Elisha 1 Kings 17-2 Kings 13

Deuteronomy 17:18-20

• The scattering – 2 Kings 17

The Southern Kingdom: Judah

• "for David's sake" – 1 Kings 15:1-5

- Assyria's attack on Jerusalem 2 Kings 18:3-5
- A godly king 2 Kings 19:16-19

- "Manasseh shed innocent blood" 2 Kings 21:10-18
- Judah will be removed as well 2 Kings 23:25-27

All Looks Lost - 2 Kings 25:7

A Little Ray of Hope - 2 Kings 25:27-30

There Must Be Something Greater

Just Like the Fall and Exile from Eden

A Second Exodus Now Needed

A Study Outline for 1st and 2nd Kings

- I. I Kings 1-11 The Height of the Kingdom
- II. I Kings 12-II Kings 17 The Division of the Kingdom
- III. II Kings 18-25 The Fall of the Kingdom