

CONQUEST & KINGS: 1 & 2 KINGS

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1 & 2 Samuel Review

1 & 2 Kings: Context & Overview

Historical Context

- Abraham: ca. 2000 B.C.
- Exodus: ca. 1446 B.C.
- Conquest of Canaan: ca. 1400
- Judges: 1350-1050 BC
- Crowning of King Saul: 1050 BC
- Crowning of King David: 1010 BC
- Crowning of King Solomon: 971 BC
- Divided Kingdom: 931 BC
- Scattering of "Israel": 722 BC
- Exile of "Judah": 586 BC (first wave 605 BC; second wave 597 BC)

High Level Outline

- I. I Kings 1-10: The Zenith of the Kingdom
- II. I Kings 11-II Kings 17: The Slipping of the Kingdom
- III. II Kings 18-25: The Nadir of the Kingdom

Summary: *The King, the covenant representative, sometimes obeys the word of the LORD and the people are blessed, but sometimes rebels against the word of the LORD and brings calamity upon the people. Finally, the LORD brings the covenant consequences for their sins: exile from the land. Yet, through it all, the LORD is still faithful to the promises He made to David.*

Eden → Sin of Adam → Exile

Land → Sin of Judaic Kings → Exile

I. I Kings 1-10: The Zenith of the Kingdom

Genesis 2:1-3: ¹ Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. ² And on the seventh day God finished his work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all his work that he had done. ³ So God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it God rested from all his work that he had done in creation.

Genesis 49: 8, 10

⁸ "Judah, your brothers shall praise you;
 your hand shall be on the neck of your enemies;
 your father's sons shall bow down before you....

¹⁰ The scepter shall not depart from Judah,
 nor the ruler's staff from between his feet,
 until tribute comes to him;
 and to him shall be the obedience of the peoples."

Exodus 15:17-18

- ¹⁷ You will bring them in and plant them on your own mountain,
the place, O LORD, which you have made for your abode,
the sanctuary, O Lord, which your hands have established.
- ¹⁸ The LORD will reign forever and ever.”

A. Crowning of Solomon (1 Kings 1-4)

B. Temple as a New Eden (1 Kings 5-8)

C. The Treasures of the Nations (1 Kings 9-10)

II. I Kings 11-II Kings 17: The Slipping of the Kingdom

Deuteronomy 17:15-20

¹⁵ You may indeed set a king over you whom the LORD your God will choose. One from among your brothers you shall set as king over you. You may not put a foreigner over you, who is not your brother. ¹⁶ Only he must not acquire many horses for himself or cause the people to return to Egypt in order to acquire many horses, since the LORD has said to you, 'You shall never return that way again.' ¹⁷ And he shall not acquire many wives for himself, lest his heart turn away, nor shall he acquire for himself excessive silver and gold. ¹⁸ "And when he sits on the throne of his kingdom, he shall write for himself in a book a copy of this law, approved by the Levitical priests. ¹⁹ And it shall be with him, and he shall read in it all the days of his life, that he may learn to fear the LORD his God by keeping all the words of this law and these statutes, and doing them, ²⁰ that his heart may not be lifted up above his brothers, and that he may not turn aside from the commandment, either to the right hand or to the left, so that he may continue long in his kingdom, he and his children, in Israel.

Deuteronomy 18:15-19

¹⁵ The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brothers—it is to him you shall listen... ¹⁸ I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers. And I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him. ¹⁹ And whoever will not listen to my words that he shall speak in my name, I myself will require it of him.

A. Little Tremors (revisiting 1 Kings 9-10)

B. Um, Solomon, what are you doing? (1 Kings 11)

C. An Anti-Exodus (1 Kings 12)

D. Bigger Tremors (1 Kings 14:14-16, 21-24)

E. Will the King Listen to the LORD's Prophets? (1 Kings 15-2 Kings 16)

F. The Earth Starts to Give Way (2 Kings 17)

III. II Kings 18-25: The Nadir of the Kingdom

2 Samuel 17:13-16

¹³ He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. ¹⁴ I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son. When he commits iniquity, I will discipline him with the rod of men, with the stripes of the sons of men, ¹⁵ but my steadfast love will not depart from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I put away from before you. ¹⁶ And your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me.³ Your throne shall be established forever.”

A. “For the Sake of My Servant David” (2 Kings 18-19)

B. Um, Hezekiah, what are you doing? (2 Kings 20)

C. Sin, Sin, Sin, and More Sin (2 Kings 21-23)

D. The Unthinkable Happens! (2 Kings 24-25)

E. A Resurrection Motif... (1 Kings 13 → 2 Kings 13 → 2 Kings 23)

IV. Application

Matthew 17:5

He was still speaking when, behold, ^ma bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him."

1 Corinthians 3:16

Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you?

Romans 8:21-25

²¹ The creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²² For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. ²³ And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴ For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. ²⁶ Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words.

For Further Study

Read 2 Kings 4. Do these stories about Elisha sound similar to other stories in the Bible? Which stories? What do we conclude from such repetition?