

I, II Kings

A. Introduction

1. Title

a. Hebrew: “Kings”

b. LXX: “III & IV Books of Kingdoms”

c. Vulgate: “III & IV Kings”

2. Date of Events: From the Death of David (970 B. C.) to the Release of Jehoiachin (561 B. C.).

B. Outline

The United and Divided Kingdom (I Kings)

1. Kingdom United (I, 1-11)
2. Kingdom Divided (I, 12-22)

Israel and Judah Fall (II Kings)

1. Israel Falls (II, 1-17)
2. Judah Falls (II, 18-25)

¹ Notes prepared with help of The Master’s Seminary BI 501 Bible Survey syllabus.

C. Major Themes

1. The Kings

- a. Solomon (I, 1:1-11:43; 12:2, 6, 21, 23; 14:21, 26; II, 21:7; 23:13; 24:13; 25:16)

- 1) The Requirement of Obedience (I, 2:2-4; 6:11-13; 8:56-61; 9:3-9)

- 2) Solomon Claimed to Be the “Seed” (I, 5:5; 8:12-21)

- 3) Solomon Was Not the “Seed” (I, 8:46-53; 10:26-11:13; 11:14, 23, 26)

Excursus: Prophets and Kings of Israel and Judah after the United Kingdom (ca. 931 B.C.)²

Kings of ...		Start of reign	Years since Solomon	Length of reign (years)	Prophets to ...	
Judah	Israel				Judah	Israel
1. Rehoboam		931 BC	0	17		
	1. Jeroboam	931 BC	0	22		(Ahijah)
2. Abijah		913 BC	18	3		
3. Asa		911 BC	20	41		
	2. Nadab	910 BC	21	2		
	3. Baasha	909 BC	22	24		(Jehu)
	4. Elah	886 BC	45	2		
	5. Zimri	885 BC	46	7 days		
	1. Tibni ³	885 BC	46	4 (?)		
	7. Omri	885 BC	46	12		
	8. Ahab	874 BC	57	22		(Elijah)
4. Jehoshaphat		870 BC	61	25		(Micaiah)
	9. Ahaziah	853 BC	78	2		(Elisha)
	10. Joram	852 BC	79	12		
5. Jehoram		848 BC	83	8		
6. Ahaziah		841 BC	90	1		
	11. Jehu	841 BC	90	28		

² miketaylor.org.uk/xian/bible/timeline.html

³ Half of Israel followed Omri and half followed the lesser-known Tibni (1 Kings 16:21-22).

7. Queen Athaliah		841 BC	90	6		
8. Joash		835 BC	96	40	Joel (guesswork)	
	12. Jehoahaz	814 BC	117	17		
	13. Jehoash	798 BC	133	16		
9. Amaziah		796 BC	135	29		Jonah (to Nineveh) (approx)
	14. Jeroboam II	782 BC	149	41		Amos, Hosea (until Hezekiah)
10. Uzziah (Azariah)		767 BC	164	52	Isaiah (until Hezekiah)	
	15. Zechariah	753 BC	178	6 months		
	16. Shallum	752 BC	179	1 month		
	17. Menahem	752 BC	179	10		
	18. Pekahiah	742 BC	189	2		
	19. Pekah	740 BC	191	20		
11. Jotham		740 BC	191	16	Micah (until Hezekiah)	
12. Ahaz		732 BC	199	16		
	20. Hoshea	732 BC	199	9		
13. Hezekiah		716 BC	215	29		

14. Manasseh		687 BC	244	55		
15. Amon		642 BC	289	2		Nahum (to Nineveh) (approx)
16. Josiah		640 BC	291	31	Zephaniah, Jeremiah (into exile)	
17. Jehoahaz		609 BC	322	3 months		
18. Jehoiakim		609 BC	322	11	Habakkuk (approx)	
19. Jehoiachin		597 BC	334	3 months		
20. Zedekiah		597 BC	334	11		
		592 BC	339		Ezekiel, Daniel	
		587 BC (maybe)	335		Obadiah (to Edom)	
		520 BC	411		Haggai, Zechariah	
(Esther)		478 BC	453			
(Ezra)		458 BC	473			
(Nehemiah)		445 BC	486			
		433 BC	498		Malachi	

b. The Kings of Israel (I, 12; II, 17)

1) Jeroboam I (I, 11:26-40; 12:1-14:20)

2) Ahab (I, 16:29-22:40)

3) Jehu (II, 9:1-10:36)

c. The Kings of Judah (I, 12; II, 25) [CBCOT, 30, 44-5]

1) Hezekiah (II, 18:1-20:21)

2) Josiah (II, 22:1-23:30)

d. The Kings of Comparison

1) David (I, 1, 2, 3, 5-9, 11-15, 22; II, 8, 9, 12, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 20, 21, 22)

2) Jeroboam (I, 11-14, 15, 16, 21, 22; II, 3, 9, 10, 13, 14, 15, 17, 23)

2. The Prophets

2 Kings 17:13-14 "Yet Yahweh warned Israel and Judah through all His prophets...saying, 'Turn from your evil ways and keep My commandments...which I sent you through My servants the prophets. However, they did not listen, but stiffened their neck..."

2 Chron. 36:15-16 "God...sent word to [his people] again and again...b/c He had compassion on [them]...but they continually mocked the messengers of God, despised His words and scoffed at His prophets until the wrath of the Lord arose against His people, until there was no remedy."

- a. The Ministry of Prophets (I, 11, 13, 14, 16, 18-20, 22; II, 2-6, 9, 17, 20, 21, 23, 24)

- b. The Individual Prophets

- 1) Nathan (I, 1)
- 2) Ahijah (I, 11, 12, 14, 15)
- 3) Jehu (I, 16); [Hanani, cf. 2 Chron. 16:7; 19:2]
- 4) Elijah (I, 17-19, 21; II, 1-2)

- The OT records about 7 miracles

- 1. Stopped rain for a few years, causing a drought (1 K 17:1)
- 2. Multiplied flour and oil for a widow (1 K 17:14-16)
- 3. Raised the widow's son from the dead (1 K 17:22-23)
- 4. Defeated the prophets of Baal with fire from heaven (1 K 18:25-38)
- 5. Brought rain to end the drought (1 K 18:41-45)

6. Destroyed 51 soldiers, twice, with fire and lightening (2 K 1:9-12)
7. Divided the Jordan River (2 K 2:8)

5) Micaiah (I, 22)

1 Kings 22:5-8, 13-23 Moreover, Jehoshaphat said to the king of Israel, "Please inquire first for the word of the LORD." ⁶ Then the king of Israel gathered the prophets together, about four hundred men, and said to them, "Shall I go against Ramoth-gilead to battle or shall I refrain?" And they said, "Go up, for the Lord will give *it* into the hand of the king." ⁷ But Jehoshaphat said, "Is there not yet a prophet of the LORD here that we may inquire of him?" ⁸ The king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, "There is yet one man by whom we may inquire of the LORD, but I hate him, because he does not prophesy good concerning me, but evil. *He is Micaiah son of Imlah.*" But Jehoshaphat said, "Let not the king say so." ...¹³ Then the messenger who went to summon Micaiah spoke to him saying, "Behold now, the words of the prophets are uniformly favorable to the king. Please let your word be like the word of one of them, and speak favorably." ¹⁴ But Micaiah said, "As the LORD lives, what the LORD says to me, that I shall speak." ¹⁵ When he came to the king, the king said to him, "Micaiah, shall we go to Ramoth-gilead to battle, or shall we refrain?" And he answered him, "Go up and succeed, and the LORD will give *it* into the hand of the king." ¹⁶ Then the king said to him, "How many times must I adjure you to speak to me nothing but the truth in the name of the LORD?" ¹⁷ So he said, "I saw all Israel Scattered on the mountains, Like sheep which have no shepherd. And the LORD said, 'These have no master. Let each of them return to his house in peace.' " ¹⁸ Then the king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, "Did I not tell you that he would not prophesy good concerning me, but evil?" ¹⁹ Micaiah said, "Therefore, hear the word of the LORD. I saw the LORD sitting on His throne, and all the host of heaven standing by Him on His right and on His left. ²⁰ "The LORD said, 'Who will entice Ahab to go up and fall at Ramoth-gilead?' And one said this while another said that. ²¹ "Then a spirit came forward and stood before the LORD and said, 'I will entice him.' ²² "The LORD said to him, 'How?' And he said, 'I will go out and be a deceiving spirit in the mouth of all his prophets.' Then He said, 'You are to entice *him* and also prevail. Go and do so.' ²³ "Now therefore, behold, the LORD has put a deceiving spirit in the mouth of all these your prophets; and the LORD has proclaimed disaster against you."

6) Elisha (I, 19; II, 2-9, 13)

- The OT records about 14 miracles

1. Divides the Jordan river (2 K 2:14)
2. Elisha heals a poisoned water supply (2 K 2:21)
3. Sends the bears upon the 42 rioters (2 K 2:24)
4. Multiplies a widow's oil (2 K 4:3)
5. A barren woman becomes pregnant (2 K 4:17)
6. Brings a dead man to life (2 K 4:35)
7. Makes poisonous food safe (2 K 4:41)
8. Multiplies bread loaves (2 K 4:44)
9. Heals gentile Naaman of leprosy (2 K 5:14)
10. Makes an axe head float (2 K 6:6)
11. Opens his servant's eyes to see angels (2 K 6:17)
12. Strikes the Syrian army with blindness (2 K 6:18)
13. Restores the sight of the Syrian army (2 K 6:20)
14. Revives a dead Moabite man while dead (2 K 13:21)

7) Jonah (II, 14)

8) Isaiah (II, 19-20)

9) Huldah (II, 22)

3. The Temple (I, 5-9; II, 18, 23, 24)

4. The Sovereignty of Yahweh: The Fulfilled Word of the Prophets

THE PROPHETIC WORD FULFILLED IN KINGS

THE PROPHET	PROPHECY	FULFILLMENT
Ahijah	I, 11: 29-39	I, 12:20
Shemaiah	I, 12:22-24a	I, 12:24b
A Man of God from Judah	I, 13:2-3	II, 23:15-16
A Man of God from Judah	I, 13:3	I, 13:5
A Man of God from Judah	I, 13:9, 16-17	I, 13:20-26
Ahijah	I, 14:6-11	I, 15:29
Ahijah	I, 14:12	I, 14:17-18
Jehu	I, 16:1-4, 7	I, 16:12-13
Elijah	I, 17:1	I, 18:1-2
A Prophet	I, 20:13	I, 20:20
A Prophet	I, 20:22	I, 20:26
A Man of God	I, 20:28	I, 20:29-30
A Man of the Sons of the Prophets	I, 20:35-36a	I, 20:36b
A Man of the Sons of the Prophets	I, 20:42	I, 22:38
Elijah	I, 21:23	II, 9:30-37; 10:10
Micaiah	I, 22:19-23	I, 22:40
Elisha	II, 9:10	II, 9:30-37; 10:10
Elisha	II, 13:19	II, 13:25
Isaiah	II, 19:6-7	II, 19:35-37
Huldah	II, 22:15-20	II, 23:29-30

D. Purposes: The human monarchy, including the Davidic house, failed to follow Yahweh with the result that Israel and Judah were taken from the Land in fulfillment of the prophetic Word.

E. Bibliography

1. Exegetical: none.
2. English Interpretation: Wiseman, *I & II Kings* (TOTC)
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3. Expositional: Paul House, *1 & 2 Kings* (NAC)
Dale Ralph Davis, *1 Kings: The Wisdom and the Folly*.

F. Preaching/Teaching Kings

Chronicles

A. Introduction

- Jerome: “The book of Chronicles, the epitome of the old dispensation, is of such importance that without it anyone who claims to have a knowledge of the Scriptures makes himself a fool” (Dillard, ix).

1. Title

- a. Hebrew: “The words of the days”

2. Date of Events: From Adam (Creation, I, 1:1) to the grandsons of Zerubbabel (c. 500 B. C., I, 3:19-21) [cf. MSB, 563]

3. Outline:

God’s View of David (I Chron)

1. The Royal Line of David (I, 1-9)
2. The Righteous Reign of David (I, 10-29)

God's View of Judah's Kings (II Chron)

1. The Reign of Solomon (II, 1-9)
 2. The Reign of Judah's Kings (10-36)
4. Preliminary Remarks: [Don't spend much time on]
- a. The Correlation of Samuel/Kings and Chronicles [CBCOT, 27; MSB, 566]
 - b. The Sources Used by the Chronicler [see MSB, 574]

B. Major Themes

1. "All Israel" (I, 9:1; 11:1; 12:38; 13:5; 14:8; 15:3, 28; 17:6; 18:14; 19:17; 21:4; 28:4; 29:23, 25, 26; II, 1:2; 7:6, 8; 9:30; 10:1, 3, 16; 11:3, 13; 12:1; 13:4; 18:16; 24:5; 29:24; 30:1, 5, 6; 31:1; 33:7)
2. The Temple (I, 6, 9, 17, 22-26, 28-29; II, 2-9, 12, 15, 16, 20, 22, 23, 24, 26, 27-31, 33, 36)
 - a. The Ark of the Covenant (I, 6:31; 13:3; 15:1; 16:1; 17:1; 22:19; 28:2; II, 1:4; 5:2; 6:11; 8:11; 35:3)
 - b. Priests (I, 9:2; 13:2; 15:11; 16:6; 18:16; 23:2; 24:2; 28:13; II, 4:6; 5:5; 6:41; 7:2; 8:14; 11:13; 13:9; 17:8; 19:8; 23:4; 24:5; 26:17; 29:4; 30:3; 31:2; 34:5; 35:2; 36:4)
 - c. Levites (I, 6:19; 9:2; 13:2; 15:2; 16:4; 23:2; 24:6; 26:17; 28:13; II, 5:4; 7:6; 8:14; 11:13; 13:9; 17:8; 19:8; 20:19; 23:2; 24:5; 29:4; 30:15; 31:2; 34:9; 35:3)

3. The Davidic Dynasty (I, 3:1-24; 10:13-14; 14:2; 17:1-27; 28:4; II, 6:6; 13:8; 21:7; 23:3; cf. II, 10:19) [cf. MSB, 583]

4. The Good Kings (II, 10:1-36:21)

- a. Asa (14:1-16:14)
- b. Jehoshaphat (17:1-21:3)
- c. Joash (24:1-27)
- d. Amaziah (25:1-28) *17 of 27 chapters dealing w/ good kings
- e. Uzziah (26:1-23)
- f. Jotham (27:1-9)
- g. Hezekiah (29:1-32:33)
- h. Josiah (34:1-35:27)

*The great repentance of 2 Chronicles:

- 2 Kings 21:17 ends with his wickedness, and says that the rest of his life events are recorded in the “Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Judah,” referring to the book of Chronicles.
- 2 Chron. 33:12-13 records one of the most amazing conversions ever; Manasseh. “When he was in distress, he entreated the Lord his God and humbled himself greatly before...God...[God] was moved by his entreaty...Then Manasseh knew that the Lord was God.”

5. Yahweh is the Cause of all that Happens (I, 5:22; 11:14; 14:10; 18:6; 22:18; II, 13:14-16; 14:11-13; 20:15, 29; 36:22)

C. Purpose: In showing Yahweh's faithfulness to the house of David and the Temple in Israel's history, Israel was encouraged to hope that the Son of David will come and build His Temple.

D. Bibliography

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E. Preaching/Teaching Chronicles