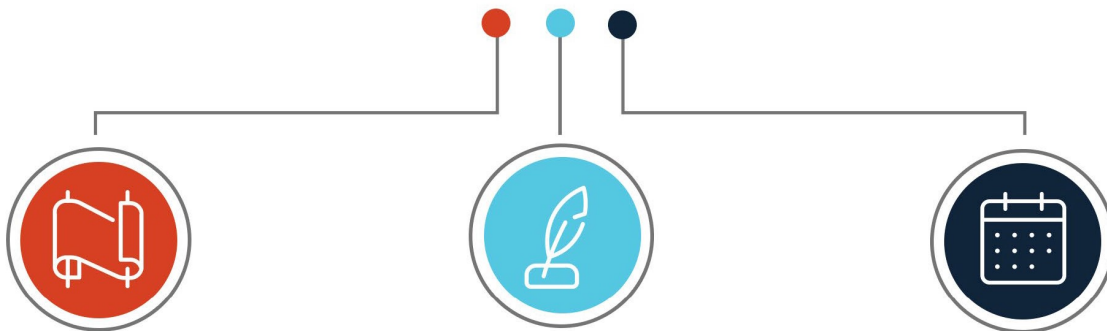


I KINGS

AT-A-GLANCE



O.T. BOOK #11

AUTHOR: UNKNOWN

WRITTEN: 550 BC

Covering the time period of 975-850 BC

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Old Testament: 39 Books

New Testament: 27 Books

BOOK HIGHLIGHTS: Contains the accounts of the prophet Elijah, who appeared at the Transfiguration with Jesus and Moses in Matthew 17

KEY STORIES:

- Solomon decides which woman is the real mother of the baby (I Kings 3)
- Solomon builds the temple (I Kings 5-8)
- Elijah's contest with the prophets of the false god, Baal (I Kings 18)

KEY VERSES:

Give therefore thy servant an understanding heart to judge thy people, that I may discern between good and bad: for who is able to judge this thy so great a people? ***I Kings 3:9***

And Elijah came unto all the people, and said, How long halt ye between two opinions? if the LORD be God, follow him: but if Baal, then follow him. And the people answered him not a word. ***I Kings 18:21***

Important Points about the Book:

- I Kings continues the stories that began in I Samuel and continued in II Samuel. I Kings covers the reign of David's Son, King Solomon, known as the wisest and wealthiest man in the world.
- The death of King Solomon occurs in Chapter 11
- In Chapter 12, Solomon's son Rehoboam forsakes the counsel of the old men associated with his father and goes with the counsel of the younger peers. The kingdom splits into two parts and remains that way until the Babylonian invasion and exile, beginning in 586BC.
- Most of I Kings after the split in the kingdom are snippets of each of the kings. They include the kings of Israel and Judah and record whether the king did right or evil in the sight of the Lord. Most did evil!

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King David's death and King Solomon's rise to the throne are covered in this book, followed by the division of the kingdom after it first 100 years. The book contains the stories of the prophet Elijah and his dealings with the wicked King Ahab. Ahab's pagan terrorist wife, Jezebel, plays a central role in King Ahab's reign.

Both books of Kings cover the history of kings in Judah as well as Israel, using a back-and-forth, chronological style. **I Kings 16:30**



NUMBER OF
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22



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BREAKDOWNS

I Kings 1-2	Solomon Made King in Spite of Drama
I Kings 3:1-15	Solomon's Prayer for Wisdom
I Kings 3:16-28	Solomon's Decides Who the Mother Is
I Kings 4	Solomon's Officials, Provisions and Wisdom
I Kings 5-8	Solomon Builds the Temple
I Kings 9	God Appears to Solomon
I Kings 10	The Queen of Sheba Visits Solomon
I Kings 11:1-40	Solomon's Problems, Wives and Adversaries
I Kings 11:41-43	Death of Solomon
I Kings 12:1-24	Solomon's Son Rehoboam is King
I Kings 12:25-33	Jeroboam Sets Up False Idols
I Kings 13	The Young and Old Prophet
I Kings 14:1-14	Ahijah Prophesies Jeroboam's Fall
I Kings 14:15-31	Rehoboam Does Evil
I Kings 15	Kings Abijah, Asa, Nadab, Baasha
I Kings 16	Kings Ela, Zimri, Omri, Ahab
I Kings 17:1	The Prophet Elijah Calls a Drought
I Kings 17:2-6	The Ravens Feed Elijah
I Kings 17:7-24	Elijah Raises the Widow's Son
I Kings 18	Elijah and the Prophets of Baal
I Kings 19:1-18	God Speaks to Elijah Who Is Afraid
I Kings 19:19-21	Elisha is Introduced
I Kings 20	Ahab Defeats Benhadad
I Kings 21	Ahab Steals Naboth's Vineyard, Kills Him
I Kings 22:1-40	Death of King Ahab
I Kings 22:41-53	Kings Jehoshaphat and Ahaziah

INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT 1 KINGS

- Chapters: 22
- Verses: 816
- Words: 24,513
- In 931 BC the kingdom is divided:
 - ◇ Northern (Israel—tribes)
 - ◇ Southern (Judah—2 tribes)
- Four major events:
 - ◇ David's death
 - ◇ Solomon's reign
 - ◇ The division of the kingdom
 - ◇ Elijah's ministry
- Of all the northern and southern kings listed in I Kings, only Asa (15:9-24) and Jehoshaphat (22:41-50) do that which is right in God's eyes.