

A LOOK AT ONE BOOK: 1 & 2 Kings

Chap

Summary

I KINGS

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| I. Solomon the Possibility (Wise King vs Wives King 1-11). | 1 | David instills Solomon on the throne in the face of an uprising of his son Adonijah David's commander and Abiathar the priest. Solomon appeals to Bathsheba his mother for help. |
| | 2 | David's gives Solomon a final charge before he dies. He tells Solomon who to watch out for. Solomon shows wisdom in putting down possible threats to his throne. "The Lord has placed me on the throne of David." David charges Solomon to obey God's words so that He will continue to bless them and allow his reign to remain. |
| | 3 | God appears to Solomon in a dream and asks Solomon for one request. Solomon humbly requests wisdom to rule as God's King. Solomon's wisdom is tested by two prostitutes and a dead baby. |
| | 4 | Solomon's kingdom extends and his prosperity expands. |
| | 5 | Solomon forms a partnership with Tyre to provide building materials for his palace and the Temple. |
| | 6 | Solomon begins to build the Temple. God promises to bless Israel if they obey Him and follow Him. He will dwell with them if they dwell with Him. |
| | 7 | Solomon continues to build the Temple and follow God's desires. |
| | 8 | Solomon's highest point. God's wisdom and glory are displayed in the Temple. God's word is being followed and God is blessing Israel according to His Word. In the first sermon in the Temple, Solomon warns and asks God to forgive as His people may forget His ways. |
| | 9 | God responds to Solomon's prayer and says that He will bless Israel and Solomon's line if they continue to follow and obey. |
| | 10 | The highest point of Solomon's rule. As he follows God, His reign and the land of Israel is blessed. The author details the blessing that follows obedience. |
| | II. Jeroboam the Pattern (Worship vs Apostasy 12-16) | 11 |
| 12 | | Solomon's son Rehoboam does not listen to wise counsel and alienates Israel against him. Jeroboam takes 10 tribes and unites them against Rehoboam. Judah and Benjamin remain with Rehoboam. God tells Rehoboam not to go to battle with Jeroboam. Jeroboam devises a new place of worship in Bethel in place of Jerusalem and this becomes THE PRIMARY sin of the Northern Kingdom of Israel. |
| 13 | | An unnamed prophet from Judah arrives at Bethel to prophecy against Jeroboam and his apostasy in Israel. The alter is split in two and Jeroboam's hand turns lame when signals the prophet's death. |
| 14 | | Ahijah the prophet prophecies of Jeroboam's son's death and appeals to Jeroboam to return to the Lord. Both Israel under Jeroboam and Judah under Rehoboam follow idolatry and immoral practices. Egypt attacks Judah and the pieces of the Temple that signified God's presence were stolen. |
| 15 | | Asa instills some reprieve of evil in Judah. Nadab and Baasha continue to spiral Israel downward. |
| 16 | | Jehu the prophet speaks against the evil of Baasha of Israel and decrees his downfall asking for repentance. Baasha does not repent his children are killed by Zimri. The king after king after king repetition displays the need for a king to follow God's ways. As Israel goes through five kings in the same time that Israel has Asa, a good king. Israel spirals continually till Ahab, the worst king yet. |
| III. Elijah the Prophet (Ahab wickedness vs Elijah's way 17-22). | 17 | Elijah the prophet begins to speak against Northern kingdom. He declares there will be no rain and appeals for him to repent. God hides Elijah by the Jordan at the brook Cherith and feeds him from Ravens. Elijah speaks God's Word to a lady in Zarephath and she believes. God demonstrates his power on her behalf. Elijah provides food for the widow and raises her son from the dead. |
| | 18 | God tells Elijah to appear before Ahab. Elijah challenges the priests of Baal to a duel. The altar that burns with fire from heaven is the true God. God responds to Elijah's prayer and burns the altar and the sacrifice. The people of Israel respond in faith to the message of Elijah to repent. The prophets of Baal are slain. God sends rain in response to Elijah's prayer. |
| | 19 | Jezebel threatens Elijah's life so Elijah runs south to Beersheba. God speaks to Elijah in a still small voice and encourages him to trust. He asks him to anoint Jehu King of Israel |
| | 20 | Aram attacks Samaria. God gives victory to Ahab. Ahab gives mercy to Ben-hadad, King of the Arameans instead of destroying him. |

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| 21 | Ahab murders Naboth and takes his vineyard (showing no mercy to an honest man in Israel). Elijah tells Ahab that he will die and dogs will lick his blood in Naboth's vineyard. Ahab repents of his evil and asks for mercy. God shows mercy. |
| 22 | Ahab requests Jehoshaphat's help in attacking Syria to retrieve Raymoth Gilead. The false prophets agree with the alliance. Micaiah speaks the Lord's will not to go up. They imprison Micaiah the prophet and go to war. Ahab and Jehoshaphat die. |

II KINGS

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| 1 | Elijah pronounces Ahaziah's punishment and death. |
| 2 | Elijah is taken up and Elisha takes his place as prophet. He continues to work miraculous signs. |
| 3 | Elisha prophesies military victory for Judah (Jehoshaphat) and Israel (Jehoram) against a Moab uprising. God provides victory because of Judah. |
| 4 | Elisha provides for a widow. He is provided for by a prominent woman in Shunem and prays for God to raise her son back to life. Elisha provides food for the prophets. |
| 5 | Elisha provides healing from Naaman's leprosy. (God again reaches out to those who respond in faith to His Word, in spite of the rebellion of His people) |
| 6 | The army of Aram surrounds Elisha at Dothan. God delivers the army into Elisha's hand. Ben-hadad of Aram surrounds Samaria until they are dying of hunger. |
| 7 | God provides miraculous deliverance in response to His Word through Elisha the prophet. The gatekeeper sees but does not eat. The lepers eat plenty and share. |
| 8 | Elisha prophesies of that Hazael will be king of Aram and destroy Israel. |
| 9 | Prophets crown Jehu king by decree of Elisha. Jehu kills Joram and Jezebel |
| 10 | Jehu massacre's 70 of Ahab's children, destroys the altar and prophets of Baal. |
| 11 | Athaliah becomes queen of Judah by killing all of her son's other children. Joash is spared and Jehoida the priest rises a coup with Joash as the new king at age 7. |
| 12 | Joash finds the Law of God and reinstalls worship and the feast of the Passover. |
| 13 | Jehoahaz son of Jehu reigns in Israel and leads them into idolatry. Various kings – Jehoash II Is given the opportunity to ask in faith for victory over Aram. Jeraboam strikes the ground 3 time when he should have struck the ground 6 times. |
| 14 | Amaziah's good reign is recounted in Judah. Various kings of Israel continue to wander from God's commands. |
| 15 | Various kings of Israel are named – all doing evil and continuing to rebel from God's commands and His presence. |
| 16 | Ahaz does evil in God's eyes. |
| 17 | God punishes Israel and Assyria takes the Northern tribes into captivity. |
| 18 | Hezekiah rules in Judah and does right in the eyes of the Lord. |
| 19 | Assyria comes to Jerusalem to destroy Hezekiah and Hezekiah cries out to the Lord for deliverance. God delivers Hezekiah from King Sennacherib. |
| 20 | Isaiah the <i>prophet</i> predicts that God will heal Hezekiah from a mortal illness providing 15 years to his life, and he foolishly shows Babylon Jerusalem's wealth. |
| 21 | Two wicked kings follow Hezekiah causing Judah to stray from God - Manasseh and Amon. |
| 22 | Josiah rules in Judah and discovers the Law of God. He mourns for their sin, asks for mercy and returns Judah to worshipping the Lord. |
| 23 | Josiah institutes the Passover. He later is killed by Pharaoh king of Egypt. |
| 24-25 | The final kings of Judah lead the Southern kingdom to further decline and further from God. God sends Babylon to take Judah into captivity (in waves). |

II. Elisha the Protégé (God's Word vs Man's Warriors 1-12)

V. God the Punisher (The way of God's Wrath 14-20)

THEME: Humanity needs a perfect prophet and king to lead them back to God's perfect presence.

A LOOK AT ONE BOOK: Isaiah

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| Saul | |
| David | |
| Solomon | |
| Northern Kingdom (aka. Israel, Jeroboam | Southern Kingdom (aka. Judah Reheboam |
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| Chapt. | Summary | Addressed to: |
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| <i>1. Message of the Prophet (1-12) God is with us if we repent and trust in His coming Child: Christ is Immanuel.</i> | 1 Religiousness without repentance is repugnant to God. Sin will only be forgiven to a repentant sinner. | |
| | 2 God will rule in Israel over every king and proud kingdom on earth one day and from His throne will come light and justice and peace. "Judah, let's walk in that light now!" | Judah and Jerusalem |
| | 3 Jerusalem and its inhabitance should expect destruction and hardship because of their wickedness – Repent. | Judah |
| | 4 Following a time of judgment, the Branch of the LORD will provide restoration, forgiveness, and God's glorious presence. (CHRIST IS THE BRANCH) | |
| | 5 God waters Judah with care like a gardener waters a vineyard but finds no fruit of righteousness and justice so He will bring judgment. | Jerusalem/Judah |
| | 6 God's holy presence overwhelms Isaiah and God forgives Isaiah of sin and commissions him to share God's Word to a rebellious and unbelieving Israel. | Isaiah (TIME: Death of Uzziah – 740 BC) |
| | 7 God asks the king of Judah to trust Him in the face of the king of Aram and the king of Israel's pending attack. God will give them a sign of victory. King Ahaz does not request a sign, and the Lord gives one instead – a virgin will give birth to a child called "God with us." (CHRIST IS IMMANUEL) | Judah (Southern Kingdom) TIME: Ahaz reign during pending siege from Aram 740 -720 BC |
| | 8 God will bring judgment upon Israel and Aram. Don't fear them, fear God. Respond in to His foundational stone as revealed in the name of the child born through the prophet and prophetess – God with us in streams of compassion or judgement. (CHRIST IS THE CORNERSTONE OVER WHICH YOU WILL STUMBLE OR BUILD) | TIME: 734-732 BC |
| | 9 God will shine His light on the Gentiles through the coming of a child ruler who is Mighty God. Israel will receive God's judgment for wickedness. (CHRIST IS THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD, THE MIGHTY GOD, MESSIAH WHO WILL BRING ETERNAL PEACE) | Nations / Israel (Northern Kingdom) |
| | 10 God will use Assyria to punish Israel, but will punish Assyria for proudly thinking their strength gained the victory and a remnant will be saved in Israel. | Assyria, Judah |

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| 11 | A branch will come from the line of David to bring ultimate victory to the land of Israel over every nation and will provide peace both internationally, even in the animal kingdom. (CHRIST IS THE JUDGE WHO WILL RULE THE ENTIRE EARTH WITH JUSTICE) | Everyone |
| 12 | The day of the branch of Israel (Messiah), all will have joy in His salvation. | Everyone |
| 13-14:27 | Oracle/message for Babylon (oracle 13:1) God will bring Babylon, and all the wicked to cataclysmic punishment. God will bring Babylon from pride to destruction rendering the persecutor helpless to persecute no longer. | Babylon / Everyone |
| 14:28-32 | Oracle/message for Philistia – God will judge Philistia | Philistia (TIME: In year of Ahaz death 715 BC) |
| 15-16 | Oracle/message for Moab – God will judge Moab in justice leaving the country devastated. | Moab / Everyone |
| 17 | Oracle/message for Damascus (Syria/Aram) – God will judge Damascus (and the Ephraimites) for their idolatry. | Damascus (Syria) |
| 18 | Judgement for Cush (Southern arid area). God will send a foreign land to punish Cush. Following judgment, gifts will be brought from this region to God in Jerusalem. | Cush (Near modern Ethiopia) |
| 19 | Oracle/message for Egypt – God will judge Egypt and they will repent and worship Him. | Egypt |
| 20 | Visual Message for Egypt and Cush (North Africa) – Isaiah is to wander for three years without proper clothing to picture what will happen to Egypt and Cush through the army of the Kingdom of Assyria if they do not repent. | Egypt / Cush (Near modern Ethiopia) TIME: Defeat of Ashdod – 711 BC |
| 21 | Oracle/messages for Babylon, Edom, Arabia concerning future judgement. | Babylon/Edom/Arabia |
| 22 | Valley of Vision for Judah. There will be a time of great distress and judgment that will be replaced by people trusting in God's provision and salvation (detailed in chapters 36-37 and ultimately in Messiah). | Judah (Southern kingdom) |
| 23 | Oracle/Message for Tyre – Warning God's planned judgment for Tyre and Sidon. | Tyre and Sidon |
| 24 | God will bring ultimate and final judgment on all the kingdoms of the earth for its transgression of His laws. | All the earth. |
| 25-27 | Songs of praise: After judgment will be mercy. God will bring joy and peace upon the earth causing thanksgiving and praise. Wait and trust in the Lord. God will bring peace to those who trust in Him. God will provide future blessing for Israel. | Israel |
| 28 | God warns Ephraim of coming judgment and warns Judah to trust in the Lord and His coming Cornerstone. (CHRIST IS THE CORNERSTONE OVER WHICH YOU WILL STUMBLE OR BUILD) | Judah and Ephraim (Northern Israel) |
| 29 | Woe pronounced to Jerusalem, times of blessing promised after Jerusalem repents and turns to God with all their heart. | Jerusalem |
| 30-31 | Don't rely on Egypt, trust in God and repent. He longs to be gracious to you and to provide deliverance. Listen to God's Word! | Judah |
| 32 | A righteous King will rule justly and bring satisfaction to the land, healing the sick and making the blind see. (CHRIST IS THE HEALING KING) | |
| 33-34 | God's judgment is like a fire on the wicked. He will oppress the oppressor. – 34 – He will judge the nations. | |
| 35 | God will forgive, heal, open the eyes of the blind, and bring streams of eternal joy for the redeemed. | |
| 36-37 | God miraculously provides military deliverance for Jerusalem from Assyria. King Hezekiah and Isaiah show great trust in the Lord's deliverance and power. | TIME: 14 th year of Hezekiah |
| 38-39 | King Hezekiah prays for healing. God provides him with life (38). In pride, Hezekiah shows off his treasures and opens Jerusalem up to attack (39). | TIME: 702 BC |
| 40 | God will come to earth. He is great and incomprehensible. All other gods are idols. God alone is glorious and worthy of praise. He is worthy of our trust. | Jerusalem / Israel |
| 41 | God asks the earth to watch Him comfort and bring Israel back to Him as a faithful servant. The Holy one of Israel will bring streams of satisfaction to Israel. | All the earth. |
| 42 | God calls all the earth to trust His Servant. He will provide praise from all the ends of the earth through His righteous Servant, (CHRIST IS THE SERVANT WHO BRINGS THE NATIONS TO PRAISE THE LORD) | Messiah |
| 43 | God calls to Israel to trust in Him as the only Redeemer and Savior. | Israel |
| 44 | God calls to Israel to come to Him for satisfaction. He is the only God. Worshiping a false idol is worthless. | Judah |
| 45 | God will raise up Cyrus as an anointed vessel to bring Jewish people back to Jerusalem (This did not happen for over 160 years @536 BC). God can do all things, so rest in His control and His power. | Judah / all the earth |
| 46-47 | Don't trust in the false idols of Babylon they are not gods. God will judge Babylon for their treatment of Israel. | |
| 48 | God wants Israel to praise Him for deliverance and not believe it is in their own strength. He alone is God and able to declare deliverance. | Judah / Israel |

2. Messages of Judgment (13-27) Repent and turn from wickedness for God's forgiveness. Christ is Judge.

3. Messages of Trust (28-39) Don't trust in man, trust in God for deliverance (Christ is our Cornerstone)

4. Messages of Comfort – God will bring comfort and salvation through His suffering servant to all who

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| 49 | God will provide salvation to the ends of the earth through His righteous Servant. (CHRIST IS THE SERVANT THAT BRINGS SALVATION TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH). | America and all other nations. |
| 50 | Messiah Speaks as the One who will come and do the will of God through the strength of God. Follow Him. (CHRIST IS THE OBEDIENT DISCIPLE) | |
| 51-52 | Messiah promises eternal salvation. God appeals to Israel to hear the good news. | |
| 53 | Messiah is the suffering servant who takes the penalty for the sins of the world. (CHRIST IS THE SUBSTITUTIONARY SACRIFICE) | |
| 54 | God promises comfort and fruitfulness to Israel. Their iniquity was punished, to bring them back to God. | |
| 55 | God's offer of forgiveness and satisfaction is proclaimed not just to Israel, but to all the earth! Turn to God Who knows all and has eternal salvation. | Everyone |
| 56:1-8 | God encourages a changed life for those who have received salvation. | |
| 56:9-57 | A denunciation of wicked spiritual leaders who lead Israel astray. God will bless the one who is humble. | |
| 58 | Those who turn from doing their own pleasure to doing the Lord's pleasure will be blessed. | |
| 59 | Sin separates from God, so God brought salvation to man. We could not reach up so He reached down. (CHRIST IS OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS) | |
| 60-62 | (CHRIST IS THE LIGHT OF THE NATIONS) The nations will be drawn to worship God through the light of Christ. Israel's glory will be found in that she has been a stage for the salvation of all who will trust in Jesus. | |
| 63-64 | Isaiah prays for mercy on Israel. | |
| 65-66 | God will make all things new. He will judge the wicked and show His glory to those whom He has saved. | |

THEME: God will come to provide salvation and eternal joy through His own arm (Messiah).

Breaking it down

I. Isaiah 1-12 The message of a prophet to His people (Judah) - God gives promises of blessing amidst warnings of pending punishment for wickedness.

A. A Rebellious Vine: Judah deserves immediate punishment for their wickedness (Chapters 1-5).

- Chapter 1 – Isaiah exposes the wickedness of Judah and appeals for true repentance and possible forgiveness.
 - 1-9 – You will be judged because you are a sinful nation.
 - 10-15 – Repent with all your heart, not just surface sacrifice.
 - 18-20 – God will forgive the repentant.
 - 21-26 – Your wickedness continues.
 - 30-31 – You will have no water.
- Chapter 2 – Isaiah prophesies of a future day of blessing and future/future day of blessing and future day of judgment and a future, future day of judgment.
 - 1-4 – There will be a worldwide day of blessing and peace.
 - 5-8 – Judah is walking in idolatry, being influenced by Eastern practices.
 - 9-22 – God will humble Judah and all those who are proud in a future day and a future / future day of judgment.
- Chapter 3 – Isaiah prophesies of God's punishment for Judah's wickedness.
 - 1-7 – Punished by giving them horrible leaders.
 - 8-12 – Punished for oppressing the poor.
 - 13-14:1 – Punishment will not be limited to men but the women will also be judged.
- Chapter 4:2-6 – Isaiah prophesies of a blessed future when a remnant will return to praise and be blessed!

- 2 – The Branch of the Lord will blossom throughout the whole earth.
- 3-4 – The remnant will be holy because God will cleanse them of sin.
- 5-6 – God will provide the protection of His presence with us.
- Chapter 5 – Woe to the wicked vine.
 - 1-7 – Illustration of a carefully cultivated vine that brings forth no fruit. This is God's people.
 - 8-30 – Woe to those who continue in wickedness!

B. A Holy Vision: Judah receives a prophet and a call to repent (Chapter 6).

- 1-6 – Vision of God's holiness.
- 7-9 – Purification of the prophet's speech.
- 10-13 – Commission to preach to an unrepentant people.

C. A Mysterious Virgin: Judah receives immediate deliverance (Child #1, 3), but future punishment, and future blessing after punishment (Child #2, 4) (Chapters 7-12).

- Chapter 7 – Message of deliverance to King Ahaz (2 Children's Names)
 - 1-9 – A sign of immediate deliverance - Message through Isaiah's son, Shear-Jashub (Deliverance from Syria and Israel)
 - 10-16 – A sign of eternal deliverance – Message through a virgin's Son.
 - 17-24 – A message of punishment after deliverance (Assyria)
- Chapter 8 – A message of deliverance from Syria (1 Child's name)
 - 1-8 – A billboard and a boy's name – have a son and hire a billboard called – swift to plunder quick to spoil.
 - 9-22 – These children are given for signs of deliverance.
- Chapter 9 – A message of future deliverance (1 child's many names)
 - 1-7 – A time of light, and joy will be brought by a child born to us.
 - 8-21 – Isaiah prophesies that Israel will not turn back to God but continue in wickedness and be destroyed.
 - Chapter 10:1-10:19 – Isaiah gives a message of woe to Assyria which is God's instrument of deliverance and destruction on Israel and Judah

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