

Outline of
1 & 2 Kings



Introduction

Writer

It was written while the first temple was still standing (1 Kings 8:8). Jeremiah is the traditional writer. Modern scholarship assigns the authorship to “the prophets.”

Theme

Standard of the kingdom: “as David his father” (repeated nine times in 1 Kings). It was a human standard, but man failed to attain even to it.

Features

1. Practically all the rulers were evil.
2. God’s patience in dealing with them.
3. Names of the mothers are given of both good and bad kings.
4. God’s grace in sending revival when the king, with the people, turned to Him.
5. Prominence of the prophet and insignificance of the priest.
6. God’s long delay before the captivity of both Israel and Judah.
7. Man’s total inability to rule for God.
8. Wicked kings who had godly sons, also good kings who had wicked sons.

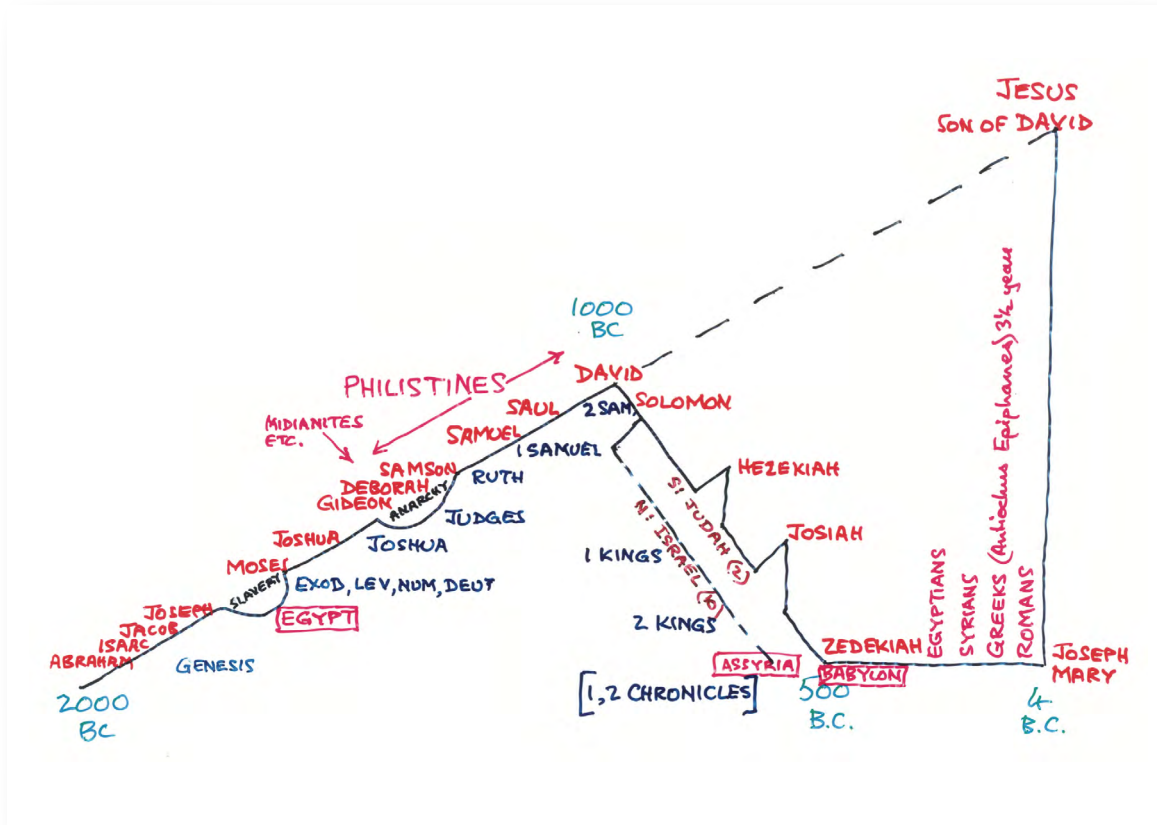
Kingdom

First Kings records the division of the kingdom; Second Kings records the collapse of the kingdom. Considered together, they open with King David and close with the king of Babylon. They are the book of man’s rule of God’s kingdom. The throne on earth must be in tune with the throne in heaven if blessings come and benefits accrue to the people. Yet man’s plan cannot overthrow God’s purposes.

Purpose

It is a continuation of the narrative begun in 1 & 2 Samuel. Actually, 1 & 2 Samuel with 1 & 2 Kings can be viewed as one book. In these four books the history of the nation is traced from the time of its greatest extent, influence, and prosperity under David and Solomon to the division and finally the captivity and exile of both kingdoms. The moral teaching is to show man his inability to rule himself and the world. In these four historical books we have the rise and fall of the kingdom of Israel.

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HISTORY OF ISRAEL

THREE PHASES, LED BY:

PROPHETS ~ Moses to Samuel

KINGS ~ Saul to Zedekiah

PRIESTS ~ Zerubbabel to Caiaphas

"KINGDOM(S) OF ISRAEL"

COVERED BY FOUR BOOKS

{ I SAMUEL ~ Samuel to David
 { II SAMUEL ~ David

{ I KINGS ~ Solomon to Ahab
 { II KINGS ~ Ahab to Zedekiah

TWO BOOKS IN HEBREW
 FOUR BOOKS IN GREEK (LXX) "Kingdoms"

IN HEBREW SCRIPTURES

NOT 'HISTORY'

BUT 'PROPHECY' (Law, Prophets, Writings)

"FORMER PROPHETS"

(JOSHUA, JUDGES, SAMUEL, KINGS)

"LATTER PROPHETS"

(ISAIAH, JEREMIAH, EZEKIEL + TWELVE)

Part I

KINGDOM OF ISRAEL

1. UNITED KINGDOM

SAUL 40 (I Samuel)
DAVID 40 (II Samuel)
SOLOMON 40 (I Kings 1-10)

2. DIVIDED KINGDOM

JUDAH ~ 2 TRIBES IN SOUTH
ISRAEL ~ 10 TRIBES IN NORTH

WAR 80 (I 12-16)

PEACE 80 (I 16-II 10)

WAR 50 (II 11-17)

ISRAEL TO ASSYRIA 721 BC

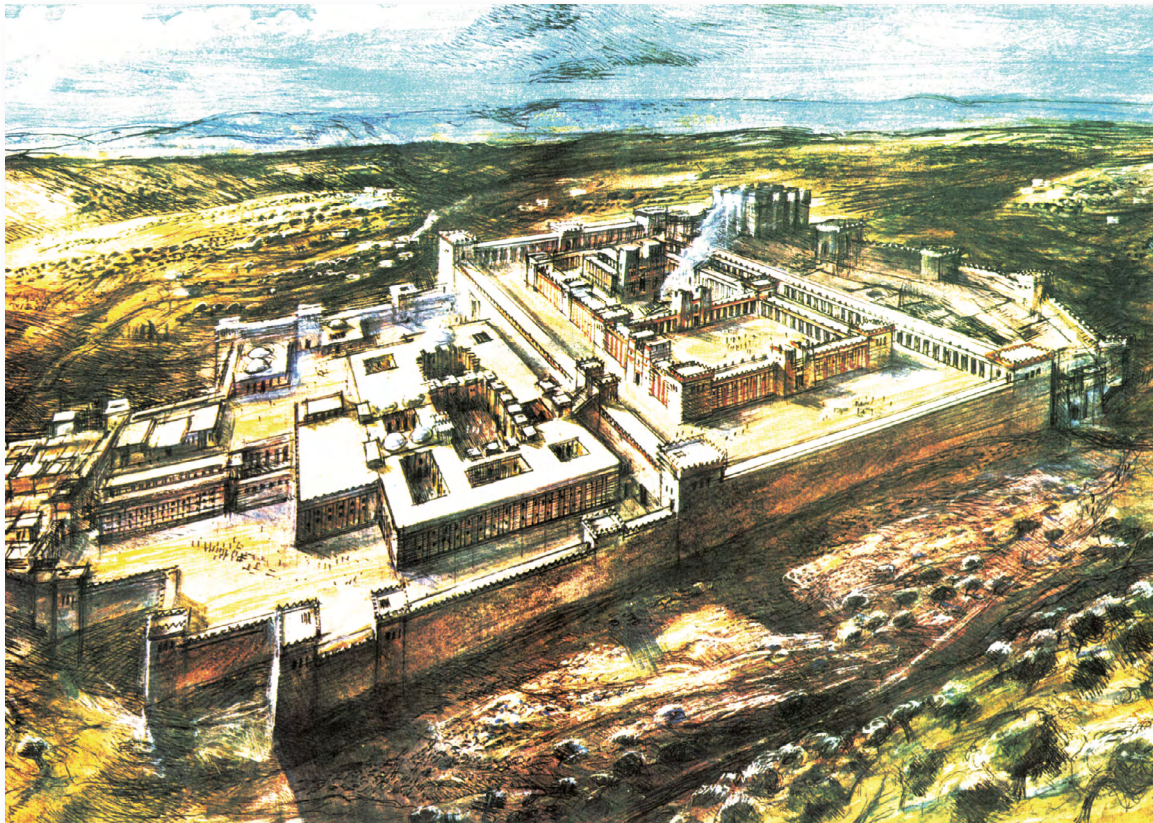
ELIJAH (I 17-II 2)
ELISHA (I 19-II 9)

3. SINGLE KINGDOM

JUDAH ("Jew") 140 (II 18-25)

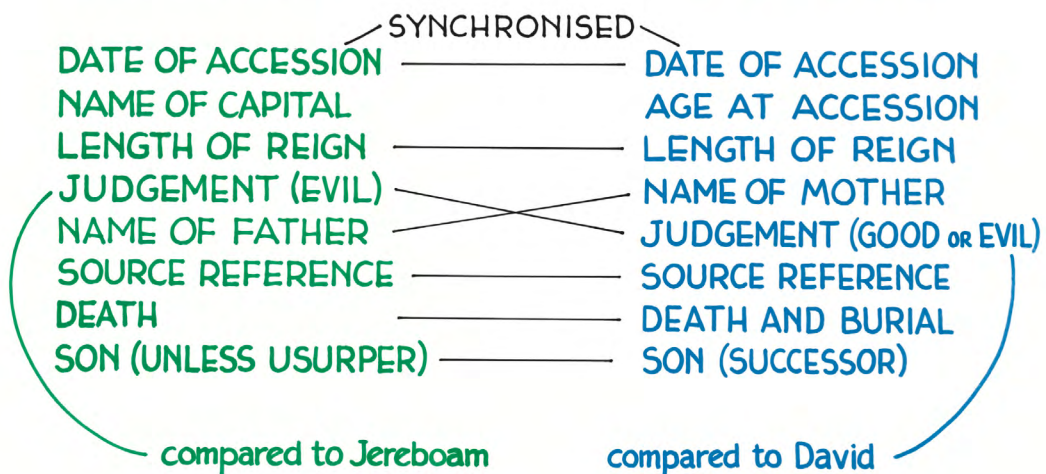
JUDAH TO BABYLON 587 BC.

Part II





ISRAEL (N.10) **KINGS** JUDAH (S.2)



Part II

"NORTH "ISRAEL" (10)		"SOUTH "JUDAH" (2)	
Prophets	Kings	Kings	Prophets
AHIJAH	JEREBOAM	REHEBOAM	SHEMAIAH
JEHU	NADAB	ABIJAM	
	BA'ASHA	ASA	
	ELAH		
	ZIMRI		
	OMRI		
ELIJAH	AHAB	JEHOSHOPHAT	OBADIAH
MICAIAH	AHAZIAH	JEHORAM	
ELISHA	JEHU	AHAZIAH	
	JEHOHAZ	ATHALIAH	
	JEHOASH	JOASH	JOEL
JONAH	JEREBOAM II	AMAZIAH	
AMOS	ZECHARIAH	UZZIAH	
	SHALLUM	JOTHAM	ISAIAH
HOSEA	MENAHEM	AHAZ	MICAH
	PEKAH	AHAZ	
	PEKAH	HEZEKIAH	
	HOSHEA	MANASSEH	
	721 BC.	AMON	NAHUM
		JOSIAH	JEREMIAH
Very Good		JEHOHAZ	ZEPHANIAH
Good		JEHOACHIM	HABAKKUK
Bad		JEHOACHIN	DANIEL
Very Bad		ZEDEKIAH	EZEKIEL
Queen		587 BC.	

I. Death of David

1 Kings 1, 2



II. Glory of Solomon's reign 1 Kings 3–11

- A. Solomon's prayer for wisdom, Chapters 3, 4
- B. Building of the Temple, Chapters 5–8
- C. Fame of Solomon, Chapters 9, 10
- D. Shame and death of Solomon, Chapter 11



III. Division of the kingdom 1 Kings 12 – 2 Kings 16



IV. Captivity of Israel by Assyria

2 Kings 17



V. Decline and captivity of Judah by Babylon

2 Kings 18 – 25



Quiz on 1 & 2 Kings

1. Who was Solomon's mother?

2. Whose vineyard did Ahab covet?

3. What brought bread and meat to Elijah while he was hiding from Ahab?

4. What was the name of king Ahab's wife?

5. Which prophet called down fire from heaven?

6. With which disease was Naaman afflicted?

7. What did Elisha instruct Naaman to do in order to be cured?

8. What did Elisha throw into the Jordan in order to make an axe head float?

9. How old was Jehoash when he became king?

10. With which disease did Elisha curse Gehazi?

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