

Basic Training in the Bible

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Review: 1 Kings 1-11: The Story of King _____

The Question that the original readers would've been asking:

What _____??

The Measuring Stick for the Kings of Israel:

Will the king be _____ to Yahweh and the Covenant?

King Solomon's legacy is _____ .

Picking up the story in Ch. 12...

The Sin of Jeroboam (Ch. 12)

The Narrator's Structure

1. When a king came to reign in relation to another king
2. How long he reigned and in what capital
3. The name of his mother (for Judean Kings)
4. His religious policy (Yahweh, idols, or other gods)
5. Often the source of other information about the king
6. Information about his death, burial, and who will succeed him.

Israel (Northern Kingdom)	Judah (Southern Kingdom)

Key Moments for Israel (The Northern Kingdom)

- Jeroboam's Sin (Idolatry/Syncretism)
- Ahab and Jezebel (I Kings 16:29-34)
 - Syncretism vs. Worshiping Other Gods
- Elijah vs. the Prophets of Baal & Asherah (I Kings 18:16-45)
- Israel is punished, Assyria invades, and the people exiled (2 Kings 17)

Key Moments for Judah (The Southern Kingdom)

- Rehoboam is a bum.
- Some *okay* kings: Asa, Jehoshaphat, Joash, Amaziah, Azariah, Jothan, Hezekiah, and Josiah.
 - Josiah: 2 Kings 22-23
- Many more terrible kings, especially Manasseh: 2 Kings 21:1-18
- Judah is punished, Babylon invades, and Jerusalem is destroyed. (2 Kings 25)

Outline of 1 & 2 Kings

- I. Solomon (I Kings 1-11)
- II. The Kingdom Divides (12-16)
- III. Elijah and Ahab (17-22)
- IV. Elisha (2 Kings 1-8)
- V. End of Ahab's Line (9-11)
- VI. From Joash to Israel's destruction (12-17)
- VII. Hezekiah to Judah's Exile (18-25)

This Week's Readings:

Option 1: 2 Kings 1-25= 5 chapters x 5 days

Option 2:

- 1-2 – Transition from Elijah to Elisha
- 3-5 –Some of Elisha's Ministry
- 9-13 – End of Ahab's lineage and beginning of Joash
- 18-20 – Hezekiah
- 22-23 – Josiah

The Kings of Israel (The Northern Kingdom)

Name of King	Time of Reign	Description	Prophets or Godly Characters
Jeroboam I	930-909	<i>Two golden calves ... 'Here are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt' (1 Kings 12:24-31).</i>	
Nadab	909-908	<i>He did what was evil in the sight of the LORD, walking in the way of his ancestor and in the sin that he caused Israel to commit (1 Kings 15:26).</i>	
Baasha	908-885	<i>Evil in the sight of the LORD, walking in the way of Jeroboam ... (1 Kings 15:34).</i>	
Elah	885-884	Assassinated by Zimri	
Zimri	884	<i>Evil in the sight of the LORD, walking in the way of Jeroboam ... (1 Kings 16:19).</i>	
Tibni	884-880	Omri's followers overcame Tibni (1 Kings 16:22).	
Omri	880-873	<i>Omri did what was evil in the sight of the LORD; he did more evil than all who were before him (1 Kings 16:25).</i>	
Ahab	873-853	<i>Walk in sins of Jeroboam ... took as his wife Jezebel ... served Baal ... (1 Kings 16:31-33).</i>	Elijah, Elisha
Ahaziah	853-853	<i>Evil in the sight of the LORD, and walked in the way of ... Jeroboam ... (1 Kings 22:52).</i>	Elijah, Elisha
Joram	852-841	<i>Evil in the sight of the LORD, ... Jeroboam ... (2 Kings 3:2-3).</i>	Elisha
Jehu	841-813	<i>Sins of Jeroboam ... golden calves... (2 Kings 10:28-31).</i>	Elisha
Jehoahaz	813-798	<i>Evil in the sight of the LORD, ...following the sins of Jeroboam ... (2 Kings 13:2).</i>	Elisha
Jehoash	798-781	<i>Evil in the sight of the LORD; ... all the sins of Jeroboam ... walked ... (2 Kings 13:11).</i>	Elisha
Jeroboam II	781-753	<i>Evil in the sight of the LORD; ... all the sins of Jeroboam ... (2 Kings 14:24).</i>	Amos, Jonah, Hosea
Zechariah	753-752	<i>Evil in the sight of the LORD, ... sins of Jeroboam ... (2 Kings 15:9).</i>	Hosea
Shallum	752	Assassinated by Menahem (2 Kings 15:14).	Hosea
Menahem	752-741	<i>Evil in the sight of the LORD; ... any of the sins of Jeroboam ... (2 Kings 15:18).</i>	Hosea
Pekahiah	741-739	<i>Evil in the sight of the LORD; ... sins of Jeroboam ... (2 Kings 15:24).</i>	Hosea
Pekah	739-731	<i>Evil in the sight of the LORD; ... sins of Jeroboam ... (2 Kings 15:28).</i>	Hosea
Hoshea	731-722	<i>Evil in the sight of the LORD ... (2 Kings 17:2).</i>	Hosea

The Kings of Judah (The Southern Kingdom)

Name of King	Time of Reign	Description	Prophets or Godly Characters
Rehoboam	930-913	<i>Judah did what was evil in the sight of the LORD; ... more than all that their ancestors had done (1 Kings 14:22).</i>	
Abijam	913-911	<i>He committed all the sins that his father did before him; his heart was not true to the LORD ... (1 Kings 15:3).</i>	
Asa	910-869	<i>Asa did what was right in the sight of the LORD, ... But the high places were not taken away. Nevertheless the heart of Asa was true to the LORD all his days (1 Kings 15:9-14).</i>	
Jehoshaphat	869-848	<i>Walked in all the way of his father Asa; ... doing what was right in the sight of the LORD; yet the high places were not taken away ... (1 Kings 22:43-44).</i>	
Jehoram	848-841	<i>Walked in the way of the kings of Israel, as the house of Ahab ... evil in the sight of the LORD (2 Kings 8:18).</i>	
Ahaziah	841	<i>Walked in the way of ... Ahab, doing what was evil in the sight of the LORD ... (2 Kings 8:27).</i>	
Athaliah (Queen)	841-835	A murderer and usurper of the throne (2 Kings 11:1)	
Joash (Jehoash)	835-796	<i>Did what was right in the sight of the LORD, Nevertheless the high places were not taken away ... (2 Kings 12:2-3).</i>	Joel
Amaziah	796-767	<i>Did what was right in the sight of the LORD, But the high places were not removed ... (2 Kings 14:3-4).</i>	Joel
Azariah (Uzziah)	767-739	<i>Did what was right in the eyes of the LORD, Nevertheless the high places were not taken away ... (2 Kings 15:3-4).</i>	Joel, Isaiah
Jotham	739-731	<i>Did what was right in the sight of the LORD, Nevertheless the high places were not removed ... (2 Kings 15:34-35).</i>	Micah, Isaiah
Ahaz	731-715	<i>He did not do what was right in the sight of the LORD ... but he walked in the way of the kings of Israel ... (2 Kings 16:2-3).</i>	Micah, Isaiah
Hezekiah	715-686	<i>Right in the sight of the LORD ...</i>	Micah, Isaiah

		<i>removed high places, ... pillars, ... the sacred pole. ... trusted in the LORD ... held fast to the LORD; The LORD was with him; wherever he went, he prospered ... (2 Kings 18:3-8).</i>	
Manasseh	686-643	<i>Evil in the sight of the LORD, ... abominable practices of the nations that the LORD drove out ... rebuilt the high places ... altars for Baal, ... a sacred pole, ... [human sacrifice, sorcery, blasphemy, idolatry] ... shed very much innocent blood ... (2 Kings 21:2-16).</i>	
Amon	642-640	<i>Evil in the sight of the LORD ... (2 Kings 21:20).</i>	
Josiah	639-609	<i>Did what was right in the sight of the LORD, ... he did not turn aside to the right or to the left (2 Kings 22:2). Before him there was no king like him, who turned to the LORD with all his heart, with all his soul, and with all his might, according to all the law of Moses; nor did any like him arise after him (2 Kings 23:25).</i>	Nahum, Zephaniah, Jeremiah
Jehoahaz	609	<i>Evil in the sight of the LORD ... (2 Kings 23:32).</i>	Jeremiah
Jehoiakim	609-597	<i>Evil in the sight of the LORD ... (2 Kings 23:37).</i>	Jeremiah, Habakkuk, Daniel
Jehoiachin	597	<i>Evil in the sight of the LORD ... (2 Kings 24:9).</i>	Jeremiah, Daniel
Zedekiah	597-587	<i>Evil in the sight of the LORD ... (2 Kings 24:19).</i>	Jeremiah, Daniel

Prophets and Godly Leaders in the Exile

Kingdom	Prophets
Babylon	Daniel, Ezekiel, Obadiah, Shadrach, Meshach, Obednego
Persia	Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi, Zerubbabel, Ezra, Nehemiah