

# Basic Training in the Bible

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**Review of Kings: Will the King be \_\_\_\_\_ to Yahweh and the covenant?**

Israel (Northern Kingdom)	Judah (Southern Kingdom)
King Jeroboam	King Rehoboam (Davidic line)
10 or 11 Tribes	1 or 2 Tribes (Judah and Benjamin)
Capital: Samaria	Capital: Jerusalem
Worship: Two Golden Calves	Worship: Solomon's Temple
Area: Dan to Bethel	Area: Jerusalem to +/-Kadesh Barnea
Existence: 211 years	Existence: 347 years
20 Kings, none godly	20 Kings, a few godly
Defeated ed by Assyria	Defeated by Babylon

### **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)

### **FIRST & SECOND CHRONICLES**

**Transition:**

Torah → \_\_\_\_\_ → \_\_\_\_\_

**Context:**

- Israel is in exile in Babylon then Persia for 70 years
- God moves King Cyrus to send Israelites back to Jerusalem to restore the temple and Jewish worship
- In 537 BC, a remnant returns to Jerusalem with **Zerubbabel** as their leader to rebuild the temple. It's completed in 516 BC. (Haggai 2:1-9). Roughly 42,000 people returned
- In 458 BC, **Ezra** is sent to Jerusalem by Artaxerxes I, king of Persia. Ezra was a priest and scribe, an expert in the law of Moses and the covenant. (Ezra 7:25-26). Another 5,000 return.
- **Nehemiah** leads a remnant back under Artaxerxes to rebuild Jerusalem's walls and infrastructure. (445 BC) He also repopulated the city, built a governor's house, created administrative infrastructure, and restored the city in general.

## Observations:

- This is a time of “identity crisis” for the Jews in the Persian Empire.
- There was a general spiritual malaise with ignoring the covenant and intermarrying.
- *If they were going to succeed again or experience prosperity and peace what would they need to do? (Think about Deuteronomy and Kings.)*

## Two Major Themes:

### Outline:

- I. 1 Chr. 1-9 – **Genealogy**
- II. 1 Chr. 10 - 2 Chr. 9 – **United Monarchy (Saul, David, Solomon)**
- III. 2 Chr. 11-36 – **Divided Monarchy**

### A Key Repeated Phrase:

1 Chr. 22:19; 29:17; 2 Chr. 6:38; 7:10; 15:12

### This Week’s Readings:

#### Option 1:

1 & 2 Chronicles 1-29, 1-36  
13 chapters/day!

#### Options 2&3:

**1 Chr. 10-12 – Saul dies and David established**  
**13-15 – David brings the ark to Jerusalem**  
21-22 – The Evil Census and the Beginning of the Temple Project  
28-29 – Further instructions for the temple

**2 Chr. 5-7 – Solomon’s Dedication of the Temple**  
14-16 – Asa’s reign  
**17-21:3 – Jehoshaphat’s Reign**  
**29-32 – Hezekiah’s Reign**  
34-35 – Josiah’s Reform