

# The Book of 1 KINGS

Originally 1 book in the Hebrew Bible    Separated in the Greek Septuagint

1 & 2 Kings contains the history of the Divided Kingdom    The Kings of Judah and Israel

1 & 2 Chronicles contains the history of the Kings of Judah

First half of 1 Kings is about Solomon

Second half of 1 Kings is about the Divided Kingdom

- Ch 1    Adonijah tries to become king  
1:30 David proclaims Solomon king
- Ch 2    Death of David    Solomon becomes king    2:10-12
- Ch 3    Solomon's first dream    He asks for wisdom    5, 7, 9, 12  
Vs. 16    2 women bring a child to Solomon each claiming he is hers  
            Solomon orders the child cut in 2 pieces  
Vs. 27    Solomon decides which one is the mother
- Ch 4    Solomon's Administration as King
- Ch 5    Solomon prepares to build the temple    5:13-16 30,000 men to cut timber,  
70,000 laborers, 80,000 stone masons & 3,300 supervisors
- Ch 6    Solomon builds the temple
- Ch 7    Solomon's other buildings  
6:38 7 years to build the temple, 7:1 13 years to build his house
- Ch 8    Dedication of the temple    Also see 2 Chronicles Chapter 6  
Vs. 33 ff Same prayer of dedication    "When your people... Will you forgive them?"
- Ch 9    Solomon's second dream    Desolation of the temple
- Ch 10    Queen of Sheba    Solomon's great wealth  
            Vs. 27 "silver as common in Jerusalem as stones"
- Ch 11    Solomon turns from the Lord    Pagan wives Vs. 1-6  
Vs 6 Solomon did evil in the sight of the Lord.    11:26-40 Jeroboam's rebellion  
11:42 & 43 Death of Solomon    Solomon reigned 40 years

David reigned 40 years 1,000 BC – 961BC

Solomon reigned 40 years 961 BC – 922 BC

**THE END OF THE UNITED KINGDOM**

## THE KINGDOM IS DIVIDED

- Ch 12 The revolt against Rehoboam, the son of Solomon  
Vs. 1-11 Good advice rejected - accepted bad advice from his friends
- Rehoboam remains King of Judah and Benjamin  
Jeroboam becomes King of the 10 tribes of Israel, the Northern Kingdom  
Jeroboam sets up golden calves
- Ch 13 The prophet warns Jeroboam
- Ch 14 Judgement on the House of Jeroboam Death of Jeroboam  
Vs. 10 God will cut off every male descendant of Jeroboam (erase his lineage)
- Ch 15 & 16 Kings of Israel and Judah
- Ch 17 Elijah proclaims a drought in Israel  
Vs 8-16 Elijah and the widow- her last oil & flour  
Vs 17-24 Elijah revives the widow's son
- Ch 18 Elijah's message to Ahab  
Elijah challenges the 450 prophets of Baal on Mt. Carmel  
The drought ends
- Ch 19 Elijah escapes from Jezebel  
God's cure for depression
1. Vs 5 Rest
  2. Vs 6 Eat
  3. vs 7-17 Do something
- Verse 10 & 18 Remember, You are not in this alone  
God said, "I have 7,000 who have not bowed a knee to Baal"
- Ch 20 Ahab defeats the Syrians
- Ch 21 Naboth's vineyard Jezebel has Naboth murdered  
Jezebel eaten by dogs at wall of Jezreel, (Valley of Jezreel- Armageddon)
- Ch 22 Ahab dies in battle  
Jehoshaphat reigns in Judah Ahaziah reigns in Israel