

## BIBLE STUDY -1 KINGS

**Theme:** To show how obedience brings blessing and disobedience brings downfall. **Timeline:** 1 Kings covers roughly 970–850 BC, from Solomon’s reign to the ministry of Elijah.

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### INTRO: 1 Kings Chapter 1 Overview

- David is very old and near death, creating uncertainty about who will succeed him as king of Israel.
  - Amnon, David’s firstborn, raped his half-sister Tamar (2 Samuel 13).
  - Absalom, Tamar’s full brother, avenged her by killing Amnon (2 Samuel 13:23–29) and later rebelled against David (2 Samuel 15–18).
  - With Amnon and Absalom dead, Adonijah is now the eldest surviving son of David.
  - Adonijah tries to take the throne without David’s approval (supported by Joab and Abiathar).
  - Nathan and Bathsheba intervene; David formally declares Solomon king.
  - **Key theme:** God’s plan prevails despite family conflict and scheming.
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### **1** Solomon Becomes King (970 BC)

**Scripture:** 1 Kings 1:28–35

- David anoints Solomon king with the help of Zadok, Nathan, and Benaiah.
- Solomon now rules a united Israel and seeks God’s guidance.

**Bridge:** Solomon’s wise start sets the stage for his request for wisdom.

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## **2** Solomon Asks for Wisdom (970 BC)

**Scriptures:** 1 Kings 3:5–14, James 1:5

- Solomon acknowledges his inexperience and asks God for wisdom to govern.
- God grants him extraordinary wisdom and prosperity.
- **Example:** Two mothers claim the same child (1 Kings 3:16–28), Solomon discerns the true mother.
- **Result:** God gives Solomon wisdom, which he records in Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, and Song of Solomon.

### ***Solomon's Writings***

- **Proverbs:** Wisdom for everyday life (31 chapters)
- **Ecclesiastes:** Life without God is meaningless (Ecclesiastes 2:10–11; 12:13)
- **Song of Solomon:** God-designed love between husband and wife

### **Key Points:**

- Wisdom should be valued over wealth or long life.
  - God rewards priorities that honor Him.
  - Building God's house demonstrates obedience and trust.
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## **3** Solomon Builds the Temple (967–960 BC)

**Scripture:** 1 Kings 8:10–13

- Solomon constructs the Temple, taking 7 years.
  - The glory of the Lord fills the temple.
  - **Bridge:** Even with God's presence, Solomon's heart later turns away.
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#### **4** Solomon's Downfall (c. 950 BC)

**Scriptures:** Deuteronomy 17:14–20, 1 Kings 11:1–13

- Solomon marries foreign women and engages in idol worship.
  - God warns that the kingdom will be torn after his death.
  - **Key Lesson:** Wisdom without obedience leads to destruction.
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#### **5** The Kingdom Divides (931 BC)

**Scriptures:** 1 Kings 11:28–38, 12:1–29

- Rehoboam becomes king of Judah; Jeroboam rules Israel.
  - Israel falls into idolatry, prompting God to raise prophets.
  - **Prophets raised:** Elijah, Elisha, Amos, Hosea, Jonah
  - Israel eventually exiled by Assyria (722 BC); Judah by Babylon (586 BC).
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### **IX Kings of Israel (Northern Kingdom)**

**Capital:** Samaria — destroyed by Assyria in 722 BC

- Jeroboam I (931–910 BC) — Ahijah, Shemaiah
- Nadab (910–909 BC) — Ahijah (end of ministry)
- Baasha (909–886 BC) — Jehu son of Hanani
- Elah (886–885 BC) — —
- Zimri (885 BC) — —
- Tibni (885–880 BC) — —
- Omri (885–874 BC) — —
- Ahab (874–853 BC) — Elijah, Micaiah, Obadiah
- Ahaziah (853–852 BC) — Elijah, Elisha
- Joram (Jehoram) (852–841 BC) — Elisha
- Jehu (841–814 BC) — Elisha
- Jehoahaz (814–798 BC) — Elisha (early)
- Jehoash (Joash) (798–782 BC) — Elisha (end)

- Jeroboam II (793–753 BC) — Jonah, Amos, Hosea
  - Zechariah (753–752 BC) — Hosea
  - Shallum (752 BC) — —
  - Menahem (752–742 BC) — Hosea
  - Pekahiah (742–740 BC) — Hosea
  - Pekah (740–732 BC) — Hosea, Isaiah
  - Hoshea (732–722 BC) — Hosea, Isaiah, Micah  Fall of Samaria — 722 BC
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## JU Kings of Judah (Southern Kingdom)

**Capital:** Jerusalem — destroyed by Babylon in 586 BC

- Rehoboam (931–913 BC) — Shemaiah
- Abijah (Abijam) (913–911 BC) — Iddo
- Asa (911–870 BC) — Azariah, Hanani
- Jehoshaphat (870–848 BC) — Micaiah, Eliezer, Jahaziel
- Jehoram (848–841 BC) — Elijah (letter), Elisha
- Ahaziah (841 BC) — Elisha
- Athaliah (841–835 BC) — Jehoiada (priest)
- Joash (Jehoash) (835–796 BC) — Zechariah son of Jehoiada
- Amaziah (796–767 BC) — Jonah (early), Amos
- Uzziah (Azariah) (792–740 BC) — Isaiah, Hosea, Amos, Zechariah
- Jotham (750–732 BC) — Isaiah, Micah
- Ahaz (735–715 BC) — Isaiah, Micah
- Hezekiah (715–686 BC) — Isaiah, Micah
- Manasseh (686–642 BC) — Nahum (early)
- Amon (642–640 BC) — —
- Josiah (640–609 BC) — Jeremiah, Zephaniah, Huldah
- Jehoahaz (Shallum) (609 BC) — Jeremiah
- Jehoiakim (609–598 BC) — Jeremiah, Habakkuk
- Jehoiachin (Jeconiah) (598–597 BC) — Jeremiah, Ezekiel
- Zedekiah (597–586 BC) — Jeremiah, Ezekiel  Fall of Jerusalem — 586 BC