

1 and 2 Kings
1 Kings 12:16-20; 2 Kings 17:5-8; 19:32-36; 25:1-6, 8-10
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I. Introduction

II. Time frame c. 987-c. 550 BC

III. Main sections

A. Solomon (1 Kings 1-11)

B. Narratives of a divided nation (1 Kings 12-2 Kings 17)

C. Judah (2 Kings 18-25)

IV. Theological history

V. Unifying elements

A. Assessment of king using Deuteronomy

B. Prophets

1. Check on royal power

2. Anticipate events

VI. Division of north and south (Read 1 Kings 12:16-20)

A. North—Israel, Ephraim, Samaria

1. Heterodox sanctuaries at Dan and Bethel

2. Judged by failure to depart from ways of Jeroboam

3. Destroyed 722 BC (Read 2 Kings 17:5-8)

B. South—Judah

1. David and Deuteronomy as models

2. Hezekiah (715-687 BC)

a. Rescued from Assyrians (Read 2 Kings 19:32-36)

b. Saved from death (2 Kings 20)

3. Josiah's reformation (640-609 BC, 2 Kings 22-23)

4. Destroyed 586 BC (Read 2 Kings 25:1-6, 8-10)

VII. What's here for us?

A. Consequences of disobedience

B. Listen to the prophets

C. God is sovereign

VIII. What else is applicable for us?

IX. LET US PRAY!

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1 Kings 12:16-20

¹⁶ When all Israel saw that the king would not listen to them, the people answered the king, “What share do we have in David? We have no inheritance in the son of Jesse. To your tents, O Israel! Look now to your own house, O David.” So Israel went away to their tents. ¹⁷ But Rehoboam reigned over the Israelites who were living in the towns of Judah. ¹⁸ When King Rehoboam sent Adoram, who was taskmaster over the forced labor, all Israel stoned him to death. King Rehoboam then hurriedly mounted his chariot to flee to Jerusalem. ¹⁹ So Israel has been in rebellion against the house of David to this day. ²⁰ When all Israel heard that Jeroboam had returned, they sent and called him to the assembly and made him king over all Israel. There was no one who followed the house of David except the tribe of Judah alone.

2 Kings 17:5-8

⁵ Then the king of Assyria invaded all the land and came to Samaria; for three years he besieged it. ⁶ In the ninth year of Hoshea the king of Assyria captured Samaria; he carried the Israelites away to Assyria. . . . ⁷ This occurred because the people of Israel had sinned against the LORD their God, who had brought them up out of the land of Egypt from under the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. They had worshiped other gods ⁸ and walked in the customs of the nations whom the LORD had driven out before the people of Israel and in the customs that the kings of Israel had introduced.

2 Kings 19:32-36

³² “Therefore thus says the LORD concerning the king of Assyria: He shall not come into this city, shoot an arrow there, come before it with a shield, or cast up a siege ramp against it. ³³ By the way that he came, by the same he shall return; he shall not come into this city, says the LORD. ³⁴ For I will defend this city to save it, for my own sake and for the sake of my servant David.” ³⁵ That very night the angel of the LORD set out and struck down one hundred eighty-five thousand in the camp of the Assyrians; when morning dawned, they were all dead bodies. ³⁶ Then King Sennacherib of Assyria left, went home, and lived at Nineveh.

2 Kings 25:1-6, 8-10

¹ And in the ninth year of his reign, in the tenth month, on the tenth day of the month, King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon came with all his army against Jerusalem and laid siege to it; they built siegeworks against it all around. . . . ³ On the ninth day of the fourth month, the famine became so severe in the city that there was no food for the people of the land. ⁴ Then a breach was made in the city wall; the king with all the soldiers fled by night by the way of the gate between the two walls, by the King’s Garden, though the Chaldeans were all around the city. They went in the direction of the Arabah. ⁵ But the army of the Chaldeans pursued the king and overtook him in the plains of Jericho; all his army was scattered, deserting him. ⁶ Then they captured the king and brought him up to the king of Babylon at Riblah, who passed sentence on him. . . . Nebuzaradan, the captain of the bodyguard, a servant of the king of Babylon, came to Jerusalem. ⁹ He burned the house of the LORD, the king’s house, and all the houses of Jerusalem; every great house he burned down. ¹⁰ All the army of the Chaldeans who were with the captain of the guard broke down the walls around Jerusalem.