

Redeemer Bible Fellowship Old Testament Overview Series

1 and 2 Kings

Purpose: To explain to Israel the reason for exile, to call them to repentance, and to demonstrate the sovereignty and faithfulness of the God whose word is always fulfilled.

Outline:

I. The United Kingdom – Solomon’s Rise, Reign, and Rebellion (1 Kings 1-11)

a. David’s Death and Appointment (1:1-2:12)

b. Solomon’s Consolidation of Power (2:13-46)

c. Solomon’s Wisdom and Wealth (3-4)

d. Solomon’s Building Projects (5-8)

i. The Temple

ii. The Palace

e. Solomon’s Powerful Reign (9-10)

f. Solomon’s Disobedience and Decline (11)

II. The Divided Kingdom – Division, Idolatry, and Exile (1 Kings 12-2 Kings 25)

- a. The Kingdom Divided (1 Kings 12)

- b. The Idolatry of Both Kingdoms (1 Kings 12-2 Kings 16)
 - i. Kings
 - 1. Ahab (1 Kings 16:28-22:40)
 - ii. Prophets
 - 1. Elijah (1 Kings 17:1-2 Kings 2:12)
 - 2. Elisha (1 Kings 19:19-21; 2 Kings 2:1-13:21)

- c. The Northern Kingdom's Exile by Assyria (2 Kings 17)

- d. The Southern Kingdom's Final Kings (2 Kings 18-23)
 - i. Hezekiah (2 Kings 18-20)
 - ii. Manasseh (2 Kings 21:1-18)
 - iii. Amon (2 Kings 21:19-26)
 - iv. Josiah (2 Kings 22:1-23:30)

- e. The Southern Kingdom's Exile by Babylon (2 Kings 24-25)

Kings of Israel			
King	Text	Length of Reign	Evaluation
Jeroboam	1 Kings 12-14:20	22 years	Evil - Not like David, who followed God with all his heart; Jeroboam made other gods
Nadab	1 Kings 15:24-31	2 years	Evil – son of Jeroboam; walked in the way of his father Jeroboam
Baasha	1 Kings 15:32-16:7	24 years	Evil - walked in the way of Jeroboam. Took the throne by assassinating Nadab.
Elah	1 Kings 16:8-14	2 years	Evil – son of Baasha; followed the ways of Baasha
Zimri	1 Kings 16:15-20	7 days	Evil - walked in the way of Jeroboam. Assassinated Elah.
Omri	1 Kings 16:21-28	12 years	Evil - “more evil than all who were before him.” Established the Omiride dynasty
Ahab	1 Kings 16:28-22:53	22 years	Evil - "more than all who were before him. And as if it had been a light thing for him to walk in the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, he took for his wife Jezebel..." He officially sanctioned the worship of Baal in Israel
Ahaziah	1 Kings 22:51-2 Kings 1:18	2 years	Evil – son of Ahab; did what was evil in the sight of the Lord; continued the Baal worship of Ahab his father
Jehoram (Joram)	2 Kings 3:1ff	12 years	Evil – son of Ahab; clung to the sin of Jeroboam, but not as evil as Ahab or Omri
Jehu	2 Kings 9:1-10:36	28 years	Mixed – anointed king by God to wipe out Ahab’s house and to purge Baal worship from Israel; yet, Jehu was not careful to walk in the law of the Lord and followed the sins of Jeroboam
Jehoahaz	2 Kings 13:1-9	17 years	Evil – son of Jehu; followed the sins of Jeroboam
Jehoash (Joash)	2 Kings 13:10-13	16 years	Evil – son of Jehoahaz; followed the sins of Jeroboam
Jeroboam II	2 Kings 14:23-29	41 years	Evil – son of Jehoash; followed the sins of Jeroboam
Zechariah	2 Kings 15:8-12	6 months	Evil – son of Jeroboam II; followed the sins of Jeroboam; assassinated by Shallum
Shallum	2 Kings 15:10-16	1 month	Assassinated Zechariah
Menahem	2 Kings 15:17-22	10 years	Evil – killed Shallum and took the throne; continued the sins of Jeroboam; gave tribute to Assyria
Pekahiah	2 Kings 15:23-26	2 years	Evil – son of Menahem; continued the sins of Jeroboam; assassinated by Pekah
Pekah	2 Kings 15:27-31	20 years	Evil – continued the sins of Jeroboam; assassinated Pekahiah
Hoshea	2 Kings 17:1-6	9 years	Evil – assassinated Pekah; defeated by Assyria; Israel exiled

Kings of Judah			
King	Text	Length of Reign	Evaluation
Rehoboam	1 Kings 11:43-14:31	17 years	Evil - Judah pursued idolatry under his reign; foolishness split the kingdom
Abijam	1 Kings 15:1-8	3 years	Evil - walked in the sins of his father. V. 4 - "Nevertheless, for David's sake the LORD his God gave him a lamp in Jerusalem, setting up his son after him and establishing Jerusalem."
Asa	1 Kings 15:9-24	41 years	Good - He did what was right in the eyes of the LORD
Jehoshaphat	1 Kings 22:31-50	25 years	Good - walked in the ways of Asa his father and did what was right in the sight of the LORD.
Jehoram	2 Kings 8:16-24	8 years	Evil - walked in the ways of the kings of Israel
Ahaziah	2 Kings 8:25-9:29	1 year	Evil - son in law of Ahab; Athaliah his mother - a granddaughter of Omri; killed by Jehu
Athaliah	2 Kings 11:1-20	6 years	Evil – Killed all but one son of the house of David
Joash (Jehoash)	2 Kings 12:1-21	40 years	Good – did right in the eyes of the Lord; repaired the Temple; killed by his servants
Amaziah	2 Kings 14:1-22	29 years	Good – did right in the eyes of the Lord, yet did not remove the high places; fought against Jehoash, king of Israel; killed by his servants
Azariah (Uzziah)	2 Kings 15:1-7	52 years	Good- did right in the eyes of the Lord, yet did not remove the high places; a leper in his later years
Jotham	2 Kings 15:32-38	16 years	Good – did right in the eyes of the Lord, yet did not remove the high places
Ahaz	2 Kings 16:1-20	16 years	Evil – walked in the ways of the kings of Israel; even burned his son as an offering
Hezekiah	2 Kings 18:1-20:21	29 years	Good – He trusted in the Lord, the God of Israel, so that there was none like him among all the kings of Judah after him or before him.
Manasseh	2 Kings 21:1-17	55 years	Evil – reintroduced worship of Baal and other false gods; led the nation into great evil. God promised disaster for Judah
Amon	2 Kings 21:19-26	2 years	Evil – walked in the way of Manasseh
Josiah	2 Kings 22:1-23:30	31 years	Good – did right in the eyes of the Lord; found the book of the Law and reformed Judah; restored the Passover
Jehoahaz	2 Kings 23:31-33	3 months	Evil – removed by Pharaoh
Jehoiakim	2 Kings 23:34-24:7	11 years	Evil – Babylon began to take control of Judah
Jehoiachin	2 Kings 24:8-17	3 months	Evil – Jerusalem captured by Babylon; taken into captivity
Zedekiah	2 Kings 24:17-25:7	11 years	Evil – Rebelled against Babylon and was defeated; Judah taken into exile