

1st Kings

A Kingdom In Transition: From Tranquility To Turmoil



Location of the pagan altar at Dan

“So David rested with his fathers, and was buried in the City of David. The period that David reigned over Israel was forty years; seven years he reigned in Hebron, and in Jerusalem he reigned thirty-three years. Then Solomon sat on the throne of his father David; and his kingdom was firmly established.” (1 Kings 2:10–12)

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PART ONE: THE UNITED KINGDOM (1:1—11:43)

I. THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SOLOMON AS KING (1:1—2:46)

A. Appointment of Solomon as King (1:1–53)

1. What was the duty of Abishag the Shunammite?
2. How did Adonijah the son of Haggith exalt himself?
3. Name the men who were opposed to Adonijah.
4. What did Bathsheba tell King David?
5. Why did David have his servants take Solomon to Gihon on David's mule?
6. Why were the guests of Adonijah afraid when they heard that Solomon had been made king?

B. Solidification of Solomon as King (2:1–46)

1. What charge did David give to Solomon before his death?
2. What did David tell Solomon about Joab?

3. Why was Solomon to show kindness to the sons of Barzillai the Gileadite?

4. What warning did David give concerning Shimei?

5. How long had David reigned? Where was he buried?

6. What request did Adonijah make of Bathsheba?

7. Why did Solomon have Adonijah put to death?

8. What did Solomon do to Abiathar?

9. Why was Joab put to death?

10. How did Shimei cause his own death?

II. THE RISE OF SOLOMON AS KING (3:1—8:66)

A. Solomon's Request for Wisdom (3:1–28)

1. What did Solomon request of God at Gibeon? Why?
2. What did God give Solomon at Gibeon?
3. What was the first public display of Solomon's wisdom?

B. Solomon's Administration of Israel (4:1–34)

1. How many governors did Solomon appoint over Israel? What did he give to each of these men?
2. Describe the wealth that Solomon had in his kingdom.
3. Describe the wisdom of Solomon.

C. The Temple and Solomon's House Are Constructed (5:1—8:66)

1. What did Solomon request of Hiram king of Tyre?
2. How did Hiram react to Solomon's request?
3. Describe the labor force that Solomon raised up.

4. Describe the Temple that Solomon built.
5. What was so unusual about the building process of the Temple?
6. What was the “word of the Lord” which came to Solomon?
7. Describe the inner sanctuary. What was inside of it?
8. What was the purpose of the carved images of the cherubim?
9. Name some of the other building projects Solomon completed.
10. What work was Hiram (Hiram) well known for? Name some of the items he made for Solomon and the Temple.
11. Describe how the ark was placed in the Temple? What happened when the ark of the covenant was placed in the Temple?
12. What did Solomon say in his speech to the people?

13. What did Solomon say in his prayer to God at the dedication of the Temple?

14. On what occasions would people come to the Temple to pray?

15. How did Solomon bless the assembly?

III. THE DECLINE OF SOLOMON AS KING (9:1—11:43)

A. Reiteration of the Davidic Covenant (9:1–9)

1. What did God tell Solomon in His second appearance to him?

2. What did God say about the future of the Temple?

B. Disobedience of Solomon to the Covenant (9:10—11:8)

1. What did Hiram think of the cities which Solomon had given to him?

2. What building projects did Solomon undertake after completing the Temple?

3. Describe the meeting between Solomon and the Queen of Sheba.

4. Describe the sources of revenue Solomon had at his disposal.

5. Give a few examples of the extravagance of Solomon.

6. What sin did Solomon commit concerning his wives?

C. Chastening of Solomon for Breaking the Covenant (11:9–40)

1. Why was God angry with Solomon?

2. Who was Hadad the Edomite?

3. Who was Jeroboam the son of Nebat?

4. What did Ahijah tell Jeroboam?

D. Death of Solomon (11:41–43)

1. Where can we find out more about the acts of Solomon?

2. How long did Solomon reign? Where was he buried?

Part Two: The Divided Kingdom (12:1—22:53)

I. THE DIVISION OF THE KINGDOM (12:1—14:31)

A. Cause of the Division (12:1–24)

1. What did Jeroboam and the whole congregation of Israel request of Rehoboam?
2. What bad advice did Rehoboam get from his young friends?
3. What happened to Adoram the tax collector?
4. Why didn't the tribes of Judah and Benjamin fight against Jeroboam?

B. Reign of Jeroboam in Israel (12:25—14:20)

1. What was the purpose of the altars at Dan and Bethel?
2. What did the man of God from Judah tell Jeroboam?
3. What offer did Jeroboam make to the man of God?

4. What lie did the old prophet from Bethel tell?
5. Why was the young prophet killed by the loin?
6. What was wrong with the priests Jeroboam consecrated?
7. What message did Ahijah give to Jeroboam's wife?
8. Where are the rest of the acts of Jeroboam recorded?

C. Reign of Rehoboam in Judah (14:21–31)

1. How did the people of Judah provoke God to jealousy?
2. What did Shishak, the king of Egypt, do to Jerusalem?
3. How did Rehoboam and Jeroboam get along?

II. THE REIGNS OF TWO KINGS IN JUDAH (15:1–24)

A. Reign of Abijam in Judah (15:1–8)

1. Describe the moral character of Abijam.
2. What kindness did God show to David through Abijam?

B. Reign of Asa in Judah (15:9–24)

1. For what righteous acts will Asa be remembered?
2. Why did Asa make a treaty with Ben-Hadad of Damascus?

III. THE REIGNS OF FIVE KINGS IN ISRAEL (15:25—16:28)

A. Reign of Nadab in Israel (15:25–31)

1. Describe the moral character of Nadab.
2. Why did Baasha kill Nadab?

B. Reign of Baasha in Israel (15:32—16:7)

1. What message did Jehu, the son of Hanani, give against Baasha?
2. What happened to Baasha?

C. Reign of Elah in Israel (16:8–14)

1. How did Zimri kill Elah?
2. What was the first official act of Zimri?

D. Reign of Zimri in Israel (16:15–20)

1. Why did Omri and all Israel go up to Gibbethon?
2. How did Zimri die?

E. Reign of Omri in Israel (16:21–28)

1. How was Israel divided in the days of Omri?
2. Why did Omri buy “the hill of Samaria from Shemer”? What did he build?

IV. THE REIGN OF AHAB IN ISRAEL (16:29—22:40)

A. Sin of Ahab (16:29–34)

1. How did the morality of Ahab compare to those before him?
2. Describe the extent of Ahab's devotion to Baal.

B. The Ministry of Elijah (17:1—19:21)

1. What message did Elijah deliver to Ahab?
2. How did God provide food and water for Elijah?
3. Why did Elijah go to Zarephath? Where did he stay?
4. How was the widow of Zarephath blessed by God?
5. What happened to the widow's son? What did Elijah do?
6. What did Jezebel do to the prophets of the lord?
7. Describe the meeting between Obadiah and Elijah.
8. What did Ahab accuse Elijah of?

9. What challenge did Elijah make to the people?

10. What challenge did Elijah make to the prophets of Baal?

11. Describe the altar the Elijah prepared.

12. What happened to the prophets of Baal?

13. What did Elijah's servant see when he looked toward the Mediterranean Sea the first time? What did he see on the seventh time?

14. What threat did Jezebel make to Elijah?

15. What did Elijah pray for? How did God answer him at first?

16. How did God appear to Elijah after this?

17. Elijah felt like he was the only one still faithful to God. What did God reveal to Elijah?

18. Describe the meeting between Elisha and Elijah.

C. Wars with Syria (20:1–43)

1. What message did Ben-Hadad give to Ahab?
2. How did Ahab reply to Ben-Hadad?
3. What was the outcome of the battle with the Syrians?
4. What misconception did the Syrians have about the God of Israel?
5. How did God show his displeasure with how Ahab treated Ben-Hadad?

D. Murder of Naboth (21:1–16)

1. What did Ahab want from Naboth? How did he get it?
2. What evil plan did Jezebel come up with?

E. Death of Ahab (21:17—22:40)

1. What did Elijah accuse Ahab of?
2. How did Ahab react to the words of Elijah?

3. What message did God then give to Elijah about Ahab?
4. What did the king of Israel ask the 400 prophets of God?
5. What message did Micaiah deliver to the king?
6. How did the king react to this message?
7. Describe the death of Ahab.

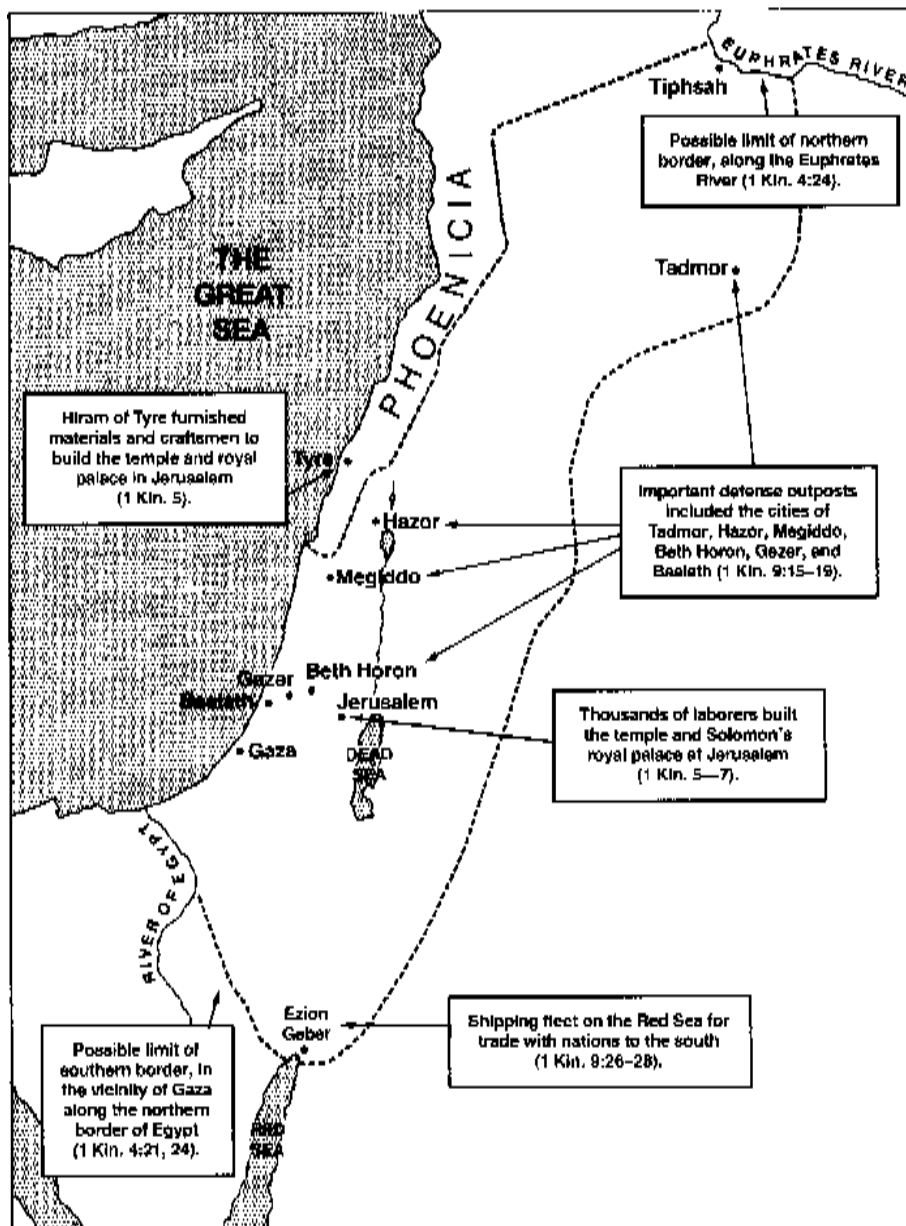
V. THE REIGN OF JEHOSHAPHAT IN JUDAH (22:41–50)

1. Describe the moral character of Jehoshaphat.
2. What good acts did he perform in his life?

VI. THE REIGN OF AHAZIAH IN ISRAEL (22:51–53)

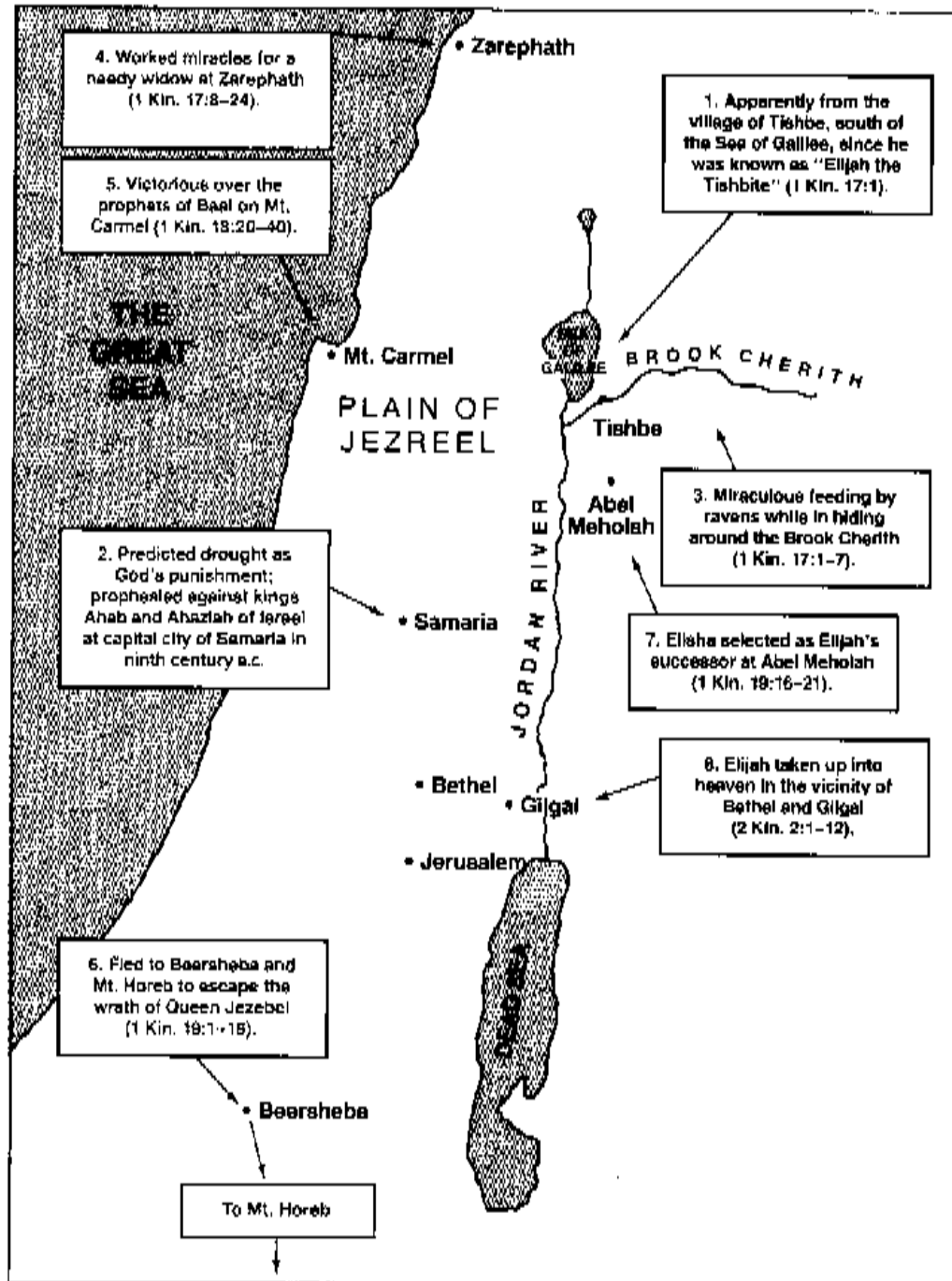
1. Was act is Ahaziah remembered for?
2. How did God react to Ahaziah?

The Kingdom Of Solomon



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The Life Of Elijah



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The Kings Of The Divided Kingdom (1)

Northern Kingdom (831-722 BC)							
King	Date	Biblical References	Propheets	King	Date	Biblical References	Propheets
11: Rehoboam Son of Solomon 17 years	931-913 BC	1 Km: 14:2-5:1 2 Chr: 9:31-12:16	Shemaiah—2 Chr: 11:2-4 12:5-7, 15 Iddo the Seer—2 Chr: 12:15	11: Jeroboam I Son of Nebat 22 years	932-870 BC	1 Km: 11:26-40 12:1-14:20 2 Chr: 7:1-11:4; 1:13-16; 13:2-20	Amiah the Shilohite— 1 Km: 11:29-33; 14:1-16 Man of God from Judah—1 Km: 13:1-32; 2 Kr: 23:15-16 Old Propheets: Ebnel— 1 Km: 13:1-32; 2 Kr: 23:19 Iddo the Seer—2 Chr: 9:29
12: Abijah (Abijah) Son of Rehoboam 3 years	913-911 BC	1 Km: 15:1-8; 2 Chr: 31-12:1	Iddo the Seer—2 Chr: 13:22	12: Nadab Son of Jeroboam 2 years	910-909 BC	1 Km: 15:25-31	
13: Asa Son of Azariah 41 years	911-870 BC	1 Km: 15:9-24 2 Chr: 41-16:14	Azariah, the son of Obed—2 Chr: 5:1, 8; see note in center column Hanani—2 Chr: 16:7-9	13: Baasha Son of Ahijah 24 years 14: Elah Son of Baasha 2 years 15: Zimri Charo; Commencer Uncer: Eah—? days 16: Omri Army Commandar Uncer: Eah 12 years 17: Ahab Son of Omri 22 years	909-866 BC 886-865 BC 885 BC 885-874 BC	1 Km: 15:16-23; 27-29; 32-34; 16:1-7 1 Km: 16:9-14 1 Km: 16:9-12; 15-20 1 Km: 16:15-29 21-28	Jehu, the son of Hanani—1 Km: 16:1-7
14: Jehoshaphat Son of Asa 25 years	870/673-846 BC	1 Km: 22:41-50; 2 Chr: 17:1-21:	Jehu, the son of Hanani— 2 Chr: 19:2-3 Jafar—2 Chr: 20:14-17 Eliash—2 Chr: 20:37		874-855 BC	1 Km: 16:23-23:40 2 Chr: 18:1-34	Elijah—1 Km: 17-21 2 Km: 1-2 Elisha (servant of Elijah)— 1 Km: 19:19-21 Micah (the son of Imah)—1 Km: 22:16-2E. 2 Chr: 18:7-27

The Kings Of The Divided Kingdom (2)

Southern Kingdom (931-586 B.C.)		Northern Kingdom (931-722 B.C.)	
(5) Jehoram (Joram) Son of Jehoshaphat 8 years	848/853-841 B.C. 2 K.n. 8:16-24 2 Chr. 21:1-20	Omriiah Elish. 2 Chr. 21:12-15	(5) Ahaziah Son of Ahab 2 years (9) Joram (Jehoram) Son of Ahab 12 years (10) Jehu Son of Jehoshaphat's army oficer under Ahab 28 years
(6) Ahaziah Jehoram's son 1 year	842 B.C. 2 Kir. 8:25-9:29 2 Chr. 22:1-9		865-862 B.C. 862-841 B.C. 841-814 B.C.
Queen Athaliah Daughter of Ahab mother of Ahaziah 6 years	841-835 B.C. 2 Kin. 11:1-20 2 Chr. 22:10-23:21		2 Kin. 9:1-10:36
(7) Jehoahaz (Jehoiash) 59 years	835-796 B.C. 2 Kin. 12:1-21 2 Chr. 24:1-27	Jehoahaz Elish. 2 Chr. 24:25-28	841-798 B.C. 798-782 B.C.
(8) Amaziah Son of Joash 29 years	796-767 B.C. 2 Kin. 14:1-20 2 Chr. 25:1-28	Unrecorded Progress 2 Chr. 25:7-9, 15, 18	2 Kin. 12:10-13:25; 4:2-16; 2 Chr. 25:7-24
(9) Uzziah (Azariah) Son of Amaziah 52 years	767/792-740 B.C. 2 Kin. 16:1-7 2 Chr. 26:1-23	Isaiah—called the year that Uzziah died Zechariah—2 Chr. 26:5	782/793- 753 B.C. 753-752 B.C.
(10) Jotham Son of Uzziah 16 years	740/750-731 B.C. 2 Kin. 15:37-38 2 Chr. 27:1-9	Isaiah Micah	753-752 B.C. 752 B.C. 752-742 B.C.
(11) Ahaz Son of Jotham 16 years	731/753-715 B.C. 2 Kin. 16:1-20; 2 Chr. 28:1-27	Isaiah Micah	742-740 B.C. 740/752/732 B.C.
			2 Kin. 15:23-28 2 Kin. 15:25-27-31 -6, 5 2 Chr. 28:5, 6, 15, 7, 1
			Unrecorded Progress— 1 Kin. 14:3, 20; 28:35-43 Elijah's Transfiguration— 2 Chr. 21:18 Elisha Eliena Elsra

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The Kings Of The Divided Kingdom (3)

Southern Kingdom 931-586 B.C.		Northern Kingdom 931-722 B.C.	
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(12) Hezekiah Son of Ahaz 29 years	715-686 B.C.	2 Kin. 18: 1-20: 21; 2 Chr. 29: 1-32: 35 Is. 36: 1-39: 8	Isaiah Micah
(13) Manasseh Son of Hezekiah 55 years	686-642 B.C.	2 Kin. 21: 1-18; 2 Chr. 33: 1-20	Habakkuk Unnamed Prophets— 2 Kin. 21: 10; 2 Chr. 33: 18
(14) Amos Son of Manasseh 2 years	642-640 B.C.	2 Kin. 21: 19-26 2 Chr. 33: 21-26	
(15) Josiah Son of Amos 31 years	640-609 B.C.	2 Kin. 22: 1-23: 30; 2 Chr. 34: 1-35: 27	Jeremiah Zephaniah Elijah the Prophetless— 2 Kin. 22: 4-23; 2 Chr. 34: 22-26
(16) Jehoiachaz (Shallum) Son of Josiah 3 months	609 B.C.	2 Kin. 23: 31-34; 2 Chr. 36: 1-4; Jer. 22: 1-2	Jeremiah
(17) Jehoiakim Eliakim Son of Josiah 11 years	609-598 B.C.	2 Kin. 23: 34-24: 7; 2 Chr. 36: 4-8; Jer. 22: 13-23; 26: 1-36	Jeremiah Habakkuk Daniel Uliah the son of Shemaiah Isaiah Jeremiah
(18) Jehoaichaz (Coniah) Son of Jehoiakim 3 months	598-587 B.C.	2 Kin. 24: 18-19; 2 Chr. 36: 9-10; Jer. 22: 24-30; 52: 5, 9	Jeremiah Daniel
(19) Zedekiah (Mattaniah) Son of Josiah 11 years	597-586 B.C.	2 Kin. 24: 17-25: 7; 2 Chr. 36: 11-21; Jer. 39: 1-10; 52: 1-11	Jeremiah Daniel Ezekiel
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NOTES: * Names in parentheses denote alternate names of the same king.
 ** Dates in parentheses denote co-regencies a second ruler which the son occupied in a form with a father.
 *** Prophets whose names appear in boldface letters are canonical prophets.