

OLD TESTAMENT BIBLICAL LITERACY

I KINGS – Parts One & Two

Lessons 23 & 24

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BACKGROUND

- Originally one scroll with II Kings
- LXX “Book of Kingdoms”
- Unknown authorship
- A unity with I and II Samuel
- Time frame: End of David (971ish B.C.) to fall of Jerusalem (597 B.C.)
- NOT WRITTEN AS A TYPICAL HISTORY

NOT TYPICAL HISTORY

OMRI

Biggest ruler of North. King.
Made Samaria capital
Ext. trading with Phoenecians
Withstood Syria
6 verses

HEZEKIAH

Few sig. historical achievements
3 full chapters

JEREBOAM II

Golden Age for the N. King.
Things best ever
7 verses

ELIJAH/ELISHA

Relatively short ministries
1/3 of entire book

WHY?

PURPOSE:

NOT A “HISTORY TEXTBOOK”

NOT AN EXHAUSTIVE HISTORY

RATHER

A TELLING OF GOD’S WORK AMONG HIS
PEOPLE USING THE MONARCHY AS
THE HISTORICAL FRAMEWORK

NOTE FOR CRITICS

■ Chronologies:

- Thiele's The Mysterious Numbers of the Hebrew Kings
- Modifications by Kitchen\Mitchell (New Bible Dictionary)

SOLOMON

- Who follows David?
- Adonijah is oldest
- Solomon had been promised
- A big B.B.Q.
- An active Mom
- A party spoiled for a spoiled kid

KING SOLOMON

- Told by David what to do



BOL DAVID COUNSELS SOLOMON

KING SOLOMON

- Told by David what to do
- David dies
- Adonijah steps out of line
- Solomon gets a wife
- Then Solomon gets wisdom
- I Kings 3:9

SOLOMON RISING

- Splits the baby



RAPHAEL SOLOMON DIVIDES THE BABY

SOLOMON RISING

- Splits the baby
- The golden age
- “They ate, they drank, and they were happy.” (I Kings 4:20)
- A renaissance man.
- Builds the Lord’s house

SOLOMON PEAKING

- Completion of the Temple:
 - 7 years of work
 - 90' long X 30' wide
- God's ark enters
- God shows his presence

SOLOMON POST-PEAKING

■ Finished God's house

7 years

90' X 30'

I Kings 6:38

■ Starts his own house

13 years

150' X 75'

I Kings 7:1

THE FALL OF SOLOMON

- Noted already the extravagance
- 700 wives/300 concubines
- God to rip kingdom in two
- P.S. We're not done with Solomon (OT or NT)

POINTS TO TAKE HOME

- General familiarity with book.
- General familiarity with Solomon.
- Parenting advice:
 - A child with out direction becomes a man without a moral compass.
- Get an early start with the Lord.
- Don't let it go to your head.
- Don't peak too soon.