

## Series "Route 66"

### "1 Kings"

#### Book-11

**1 Kings** – "The King with a divided heart leaves behind a divided kingdom."

**The Author** – It is not stated but the general consensus is that Jeremiah wrote **1, 2 Kings, 1, 2 Chronicles**. The author was a prophet/historian his emphasis on God's righteous judgment on idolatry and immorality. The style is that of Jeremiah. The phrase "**to this day**" in **1 Kings 8:8; 12:19** indicates a time of authorship prior to the Babylonian captivity 586 BC. The last 2 chapters of 2 Kings were written after captivity. Probably by a Jewish captive in Babylon.

**When Written** – Written before 586 BC by someone that had access to several historical documents. Some of these are "the book of the acts of Solomon" (1 Kings 11:41) "the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah" (1 Kings 14:29; 15:7) Could have been books that were part of the official court records (2 Kings 18:18) Isa. 36-39 was probably used as a source (2 Kings 18-20)

1 Kings covers 120 years. From the beginning of Solomon's reign 971 BC thru Ahaziah's reign in 851 BC. The key date is 931 BC the year the kingdom was divided into northern and southern.

1 Kings 1-11 40 years.

1 Kings 12-22 90 years.

**Where it was Written** – The events took place in Israel, probably written in Israel.

**Purpose** – Under Solomon Israel reaches it peak in size and glory. Solomon builds the temple in Jerusalem which is unsurpassed. His fame becomes world-wide and respect for him great. His later years lack the glory and blessings as his heart goes for foreign women and his heart turns from the Lord. The result being the kingdom divided, and remainder of the book traces the two kings and two kingdoms that grow indifferent to God and his messengers.

**Theme** – "*The Reign of Solomon*"

**Key Words** – "Division of the Kingdom"

**Key Chapter** – • **1 Kings 12**

**Key Passage** – • 1 Kings 9:4-5

- 1 Kings 11:11

**Outline** –

**The Kingdom United 1 Kings 1-11**

1. Solomon's wealth and wisdom (1-4)
2. Solomon's temple (5-9)
3. Solomon's sins (10-11)

**The Kingdom Divided 1 Kings 12-22**

1. Rehoboam and Jeroboam (12-14)
2. A series of good and bad kings (15-16)
3. Elijah and King Ahab (17-22)

**The Kingdom United 1 Kings 1-11**

**1. Solomon's wealth and wisdom (1-4)**

- 1 Kings 1 David's Son Adonijah Exalts Himself:  
• 1 Kings 1:1-5

**1 Kings 1:12-38 God's Plan to Exalt Solomon**

**1 Kings 1:39-40 Solomon Anointed King**

**1 Kings 1:50-53 Adonijah Flees to the Alter**

**1 Kings 2:1-11 David's Last Counsel: 1 Kings 2:1-4**

**1 Kings 2:6-9 David's Counsel Regarding His Enemies**

Joab did me wrong! - • 1 Kings 2:6

Shimei did me wrong! - • 1 Kings 2:9

**1 Kings 2:10-12 Death of King David**

**1 Kings 2:12-25 Judgment on Adonijah**

**1 Kings 2:26-35 Judgment on Abiathar and Joab**

**1 Kings 2:36-46 Judgment on Shimei**

**1 Kings 3 Solomon Receives God's Wisdom**

- 1 Kings 3:3-14

**1 Kings 4 Solomon Enjoys God's Wealth**

- 1 Kings 4:20

## **2. Solomon's Temple (5-9)**

**1 Kings 5 Solomon's Building Supplies and Workers**

- 1 Kings 5:1-6

**1 Kings 6-7 The Construction of The Temple:**

- 1 Kings 6:7
- 1 Kings 6:38

**1 Kings 7 Porch, Pillars, candlesticks, Lavers:**

**1 Kings 8 The Dedication of The Temple:**

- 1 Kings 8:4-11

**1 Kings 9 God's Promise and Warning:**

- 1 Kings 9:6-9

**1 Kings 9:10-10:13 Dangerous Alliances**

**1 Kings 9:10-14 With Hiram**

**1 Kings 9:15-24 With Egypt**

- 1 Kings 9:24

**1 Kings 10:1-13 The Visit of The Queen of Sheba**

- Matt. 12:42

## **The Peril of Fame and Fortune**

- 1 Kings 10:7
- 1 Kings 10:23

### **3. Solomon's Sins (10-11)**

#### **1 Kings 10:12-29 Destructive Ambitions**

- 1 Tim 6:9
- Deut 17:16-20

#### **1 Kings 11 Solomon's Deliberate Apostasy**

- 1 Kings 11:1-4

#### **God Gives a Warning Message: 1 Kings 11:11-13**

### **The Kingdom Divided (1 Kings 12-22)**

These chapters record "the beginning of the end."

#### **1. Rehoboam and Jeroboam (12-14)**

##### **1 Kings 12:1-24 Rehoboam's folly**

- 1 Kings 12:16-19

##### **Jeroboam's Idolatry and Rebellion:**

- 1 Kings 12:25-29

### **Pictures: 931-910 BC The area Tel-Dan:**

**1 Kings 13:1-10 Jeroboam Warned, Stricken:** A prophet comes and warns Jeroboam of his sins, strikes his hand and it withers, then heals him. Still has a hard heart.

**1 Kings 14 God's judgment on Jeroboam's Heir: (Prophet Ahijah) 1 Kings 14:16-18**

#### **2. A series of good and bad kings (15-16)**

**1 Kings 15:1-8 Abijam:** He reigned 3 short years. He was like his father Rehoboam. **1 Kings 15:2-4**

- **1 Kings 15:9-24 Asa:** • 2 Chron. 14-16.

**1 Kings 15:24 Jehoshaphat: "sought the Lord with all his heart" (2 Chron. 22:9).**

**1 Kings 15:25-16:34 The Decay Of Israel:** Six kings are listed here, starting with Nadab and ending with Ahab, and all of them were evil.

Zimri led the nation for only one week • **1 Kings 16:15**

### **3. Elijah and King Ahab (17-22)**

Whenever the nation fell into sin and idolatry, God sent prophets to call it back to the true faith. The prophet was not simply a "foreteller"; he was also a "forth-teller" who announced God's judgment and exposed the sins of the people. Such a prophet was Elijah the Tishbite.

- 1 Kings 17:1

**1 Kings 18 King Ahab & Jezebel Seek Water:** Ahab & Jezebel put Animals First. They searched for water for the animals but killed the prophets of the Lord.

**1 Kings 18:20-46 God or Baal on Mount Carmel:**

#### **Pictures of Mount Carmel:**

**1 Kings 19 Elijah Complex:** Elijah went from victory to defeat because he walked by sight instead of faith.

- 1 Kings 19:1-4

**1 Kings 20 Ahab's Two Great Battles: 1 Kings 20:13**

- 1 Kings 20:28

**Compromise Brought Ahab's Death: 1 Kings 20:42**  
(Like Saul 1 Sam 15)

**1 Kings 21 Ahab Covets Naboth's Vineyard:** Jezebel and Ahab lied, murdered, and stole a man's property. They tried to cover it up! God confronted Ahab thru Elijah.

**1 Kings 22 True and False Prophets:**

- 1 Kings 22:6-8

**Prophecy Foretelling the death of Ahab: 1 Kings 21:19**

**Prophecy fulfilled in the death of Ahab: 1 Kings 22:37-38**

**Application**

**“We need to Learn from our own mistakes”**