

Series "Fixed On 66"
"1 Kings"
Book-11

Key Passage – 1 Kings 9:4-5; 1 Kings 11:11

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

The Author – It is not stated, but the consensus is that **Prophet Jeremiah** wrote **1, 2 Kings, 1, 2 Chronicles**. The author was a prophet/historian who emphasized 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 in 586 BC.

When Written – Written before 586 BC by someone that had access to several historical documents.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

1 Kings covers 125 years. From the beginning of Solomon's reign in **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 (85 years)

19 - Kings of Israel - Northern Kingdom (All 19 Were Bad)

20 - Kings of Judah – Southern Kingdom
(Six Were Good, two did right/did evil, and 12 Were Bad)

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

Purpose – Under Solomon, Israel reaches its peak in size and glory. Solomon builds the temple in Jerusalem, which is unsurpassed. His fame became worldwide, and respect for him was 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** The United Kingdom becomes the divided Kingdom. Solomon's son, Rehoboam, becomes king and, through an unwise decision, leads the nation into civil war. The result being: two kings, two capitals, and two religions.

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Outline –

1 Kings 1-11 The Kingdom United:

1 Kings 12-22 The Kingdom Divided:

1 Kings 1-11 The Kingdom United:

1 Kings 1-4 Solomon's Wisdom And Wealth:

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

It's sad that Adonijah, knowing God's will, was willing to oppose it to get his own way.

1 Kings 2:15 Even Joab and Abiathar, the priest, sided with him.

1 Kings 1:12-38 God's Plan to Exalt Solomon: Nathan comes to Bathsheba and informs her of the rebellion of Adonijah wanting to be king. They go to King David, and Adonijah's plan falls apart.

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

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

Too often, wicked people flee to God for help without ever repenting in their hearts.

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

David emphasized the spiritual before the political

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 2:10-12

1 Kings 2:12-25 Judgment on Adonijah:

1 Kings 2:26-35 Judgment on Abiathar And Joab: Solomon removed Abiathar from being priest (He supported Adonijah against Solomon), then Joab fled to the tent of the Lord and held on to the horns of the altar. Solomon had him killed.

1 Kings 2:36-46 Judgment On Shimei: Solomon said you are to live in Jerusalem. The day you leave, you will die! Shimei called Solomon's bluff and was caught!

Enemies of the king and, therefore, enemies of the Lord.

1 Kings 3 Solomon Receives God's Wisdom: 1 Kings 3:3-5

A blank check from God!

1 Kings 3:9-14 Promise with condition!

1 Kings 4 Solomon Enjoys God's Wealth: 1 Kings 4:20 It appears that the material prosperity of the nation was not matched by a spiritual prosperity, for in a few years, the kingdom would be divided, and Solomon's splendor would fade away.

1 Kings 5-9 Solomon's Temple:

1 Kings 5 Solomon's Building Supplies and Workers: 1 Kings 5:1-6

There would be 10,000 monthly workers on the job, then they would return home for two months. This levy represented about 1/40th of the available men in the land, so it was not oppressive, and the service was temporary.

1 Kings 6-7 The Construction of The Temple: 1 Kings 6:7 We note that the building stones were precut at the quarry and silently fitted into place. The stone cutters were following God's plans, so everything fit together. **(Ephesians 2:19-22; 1 Peter 2:5-8)**

1 Kings 6:38 So he was seven years in building it.

1 Kings 7 Porch, Pillars, Lampstand, Lavers: The NT does not give us as much instruction as to the meaning of the temple as it gives concerning the tabernacle.

1 Kings 8 The Dedication of The Temple: 1 Kings 8:4-11

What an incredible scene and conclusion to the building project. Ezekiel would see that glory depart **(Ezekiel 8-11)**

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: He provided the building materials, stone, timbers, and laborers. Later Solomon ran short of money and borrowed money from Hiram, and the friendship suffered. **1 Kings 9:11-13** (Good as nothing)

1 Kings 9:15-24 With Egypt: 1 Kings 9:24 As soon as Pharaoh's daughter came up from the city of David

1 Kings 10:1-13 The Visit of The Queen of Sheba: Jesus mentions her in **Matthew 12:42**

The Peril of Fame and Fortune: 1 Kings 10:7

1 Kings 10:23 You can see the priorities have changed.

1 Kings 10-11 Solomon's Sins:

1 Kings 10:12-29 Destructive Ambitions: Solomon was not content with all the wisdom and riches that God had given to him, so he went outside and wanted more and more. **1 Timothy 6:9** God had said thru Moses don't multiply horses, chariots, wives, and gold. **Deuteronomy 17:16-20**

1 Kings 11 Solomon's Deliberate Apostasy: 1 Kings 11:1-4

God Gives a Warning To Solomon: 1 Kings 11:11-13

1 Kings 12-22 The Kingdom Divided: "the beginning of the end." With the death of Solomon, the nation's glory begins to fade. **First Kings covers about 125 years of history.**

40 years of Solomon's reign, and about **85 years for the divided kingdom of Israel and Judah**. Only five kings reigned in Judah during that period, while eight kings reigned in Israel, and all of them were wicked.

1 Kings 12-14 Rehoboam and Jeroboam:

1 Kings 12:1-24 King Rehoboam's Folly (Did Evil): Solomon's son was asked by the people to lighten up the load off the people, but he listened to bad counsel, and the kingdom was split **1 Kings 12:16-19**

King Jeroboam's Idolatry and Rebellion (Did Evil): 1 Kings 12:25-29

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

1 Kings 14 God's judgment on Jeroboam's Heir: (Prophet Ahijah) 1 Kings 14:16-18 Jeroboam's wife disguised herself, and God revealed to Ahijah who she is and said, your son will die!

1 Kings 15-16 A Series of Good and Bad Kings:

1 Kings 15:1-8 King Abijam Judah (Did Evil): He reigned for three short years. He was like his father, Rehoboam. **1 Kings 15:2-4**

1 Kings 15:9-24 King Asa Judah (Did Good): 2 Chron. 14-16. Asa was a good king, a welcome change after years of evil rulers. **(2 Chron. 15:16).**

1 Kings 15:24 King Jehoshaphat Judah (Did Good): 1 Kings 15:24; 1 Kings 22:41-50 and 2 Chron. 17:1-21:3. "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, all of which were evil.

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

1 Kings 17-22 Elijah and King Ahab Israel (Did Evil): Whenever the nation fell into sin and idolatry, God sent prophets to call Israel back to the true faith.

1 Kings 17:1

1 Kings 18 King Ahab & Jezebel Seek Water: 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: You have to read this scene as God versus the false gods of the world.

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

1 Kings 19:1-4 Believed the queen over the Lord who had taken care of him.

1 Kings 20 Ahab's Two Great Battles: 1 Kings 20:13 (Teach Ahab)

1 Kings 20:28 (Teach the godless)

Compromise Brought Ahab's Death: 1 Kings 20:42 (Ahab spared Ben-hadad Like Saul 1 Samuel 15)

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

Prophecy Foretelling the Death of Ahab: 1 Kings 21:19; 1 Kings 22:37

1 Kings 22 True and False Prophets: 1 Kings 22:6-8

Prophecy Fulfilled In The Death of Ahab: 1 Kings 22:37-38

Application:

1. The King With A Divided Heart Leaves Behind A Divided Kingdom. When God Is Not Given First Place In Our Lives, Other Things Will Assume God's Rightful Place, Resulting In Confusion And Heartache:

2. We Need To Learn From Our Own Mistakes. When We Fail To Do So, We Are Bound To Repeat Them. If Continued, Our Hearts Can Become Hardened: