

BIB104 OT2 Life & Literature of Israel

Unit 3 Devotional 1 & 2 Kings

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CREATE A DEVOTIONAL – I & II KINGS

1 & 2 KINGS - The second in the series of three double books. Originally one book, they were divided by the Septuagint translators.

WRITER: Although the writer is unknown, it was written while the first temple was still standing (1 Kings 8:8). Jeremiah is the traditional writer. Modern scholarship assigns the authorship to “the prophets.”

THEME: Standard of the kingdom: “as David his father” (repeated nine times in 1 Kings). It was a human standard, but man failed to attain even to it.

KEY VERSES: 2 Kings 17:22, 23 and 25:21

FEATURES:

1. Practically all the rulers were evil.
2. God’s patience in dealing with them.
3. Names of the mothers are given of both good and bad kings.
4. God’s grace in sending revival when the king, with the people, turned to Him.
5. Prominence of the prophet and insignificance of the priest.
6. God’s long delay before the captivity of both Israel and Judah.
7. Man’s total inability to rule for God.
8. Wicked kings who had godly sons, also good kings who had wicked sons.

KINGDOM: First Kings records the division of the kingdom; Second Kings records the collapse of the kingdom. Considered together, they open with King David and close with the king of Babylon. They are the book of man’s rule of God’s kingdom. The throne on earth must be in tune with the throne in heaven if blessings come and benefits accrue to the people. Yet man’s plan cannot overthrow God’s purposes.

PURPOSE: It is a continuation of the narrative begun in 1 & 2 Samuel. Actually, 1 & 2 Samuel with 1 & 2 Kings can be viewed as one book. In these four books the history of the nation is traced from the time of its greatest extent, influence, and prosperity under David and Solomon to the division and finally the captivity and exile of both kingdoms.

The moral teaching is to show man his inability to rule himself and the world. In these four historical books we have the rise and fall of the kingdom of Israel.

OUTLINE:

- I. Death of David, 1 Kings 1, 2
- II. Glory of Solomon’s reign, 1 Kings 3—11
 - A. Solomon’s prayer for wisdom, Chapters 3, 4
 - B. Building of the Temple, Chapters 5—8
 - C. Fame of Solomon, Chapters 9, 10
 - D. Shame and death of Solomon, Chapter 11
- III. Division of the kingdom, 1 Kings 12—2 Kings 16 (See table [on next page] below)
- IV. Captivity of Israel by Assyria, 2 Kings 17
- V. Decline and captivity of Judah by Babylon, 2 Kings 18—25

CHRONOLOGICAL TABLE OF THE KINGS OF THE DIVIDED KINGDOM									
JUDAH				ISRAEL					
King	Reign	Character	Prophet	King	Reign	Character	Prophet		
1. Rehoboam	931-913 BC	(17 yrs.)	Bad	Shemaiah	1. Jeroboam I	931-910 BC	(22 yrs.)	Bad	Ahijah
2. Abijam	913-911	(3 yrs.)	Bad		2. Nadab	910-909	(2 yrs.)	Bad	
3. Asa	911-870	(41 yrs.)	Good		3. Baasha	909-886	(24 yrs.)	Bad	
					4. Elah	886-885	(2 yrs.)	Bad	
4. Jehoshaphat	870-848*	(25 yrs.)	Good		5. Zimri	885	(7 days)	Bad	
5. Jehoram	848-841*	(8 yrs.)	Bad	Obadiah	6. Omri	885-874	(12 yrs.)	Bad	Elijah Micaiah
6. Ahaziah	841	(1 yr.)	Bad		7. Ahab	874-853	(22 yrs.)	Bad	
7. Athaliah	841-835	(6 yrs.)	Bad		8. Ahaziah	853-852	(2 yrs.)	Bad	
8. Joash	835-796	(40 yrs.)	Good	Joel	9. Joram	852-841	(12 yrs.)	Bad	Elisha
9. Amaziah	796-767	(29 yrs.)	Good		10. Jehu	841-814	(28 yrs.)	Bad	
10. Azariah (or Uzziah)	767-740*	(52 yrs.)	Good	Isaiah	11. Jehoahaz	814-798	(17 yrs.)	Bad	Jonah Amos Hosea
					12. Jehoash	798-782*	(16 yrs.)	Bad	
					13. Jeroboam II	782-753*	(41 yrs.)	Bad	
					14. Zechariah	753-752	(6 mo.)	Bad	
					15. Shallum	752	(1 mo.)	Bad	
11. Jotham	740-732*	(16 yrs.)	Good	Micah	16. Menahem	752-742*	(10 yrs.)	Bad	
12. Ahaz	732-716*	(16 yrs.)	Bad		17. Pekahiah	742-740	(2 yrs.)	Bad	
					18. Pekah	740-732*	(20 yrs.)	Bad	
13. Hezekiah	716-687*	(29 yrs.)	Good		19. Hoshea	732-722	(9 yrs.)	Bad	
14. Manasseh	687-642*	(55 yrs.)	Bad		<i>(Capture of Samaria and captivity of Israel)</i>				
15. Amon	642-640	(2 yrs.)	Bad	Nahum Habakkuk Zephaniah Jeremiah					
16. Josiah	640-608	(31 yrs.)	Good						
17. Jehoahaz	608	(3 mo.)	Bad						
18. Jehoiakim	608-597	(11 yrs.)	Bad						
19. Jehoiachin	597	(3 mo.)	Bad						
20. Zedekiah	597-586	(11 yrs.)	Bad						
<i>(Destruction of Jerusalem and captivity of Judah)</i>									
*Co-regency									

INSTRUCTIONS:

Use any of the above points to create a devotional based on the two books of Kings. You may use any format, but the following outline is suggested for your use.

1. Devotional Title
2. Key Verse. Choose one or two verses as you focus verse for the devotional
3. Full Reading. Identify a passage or compilation of verses as the foundation for your devotional. For best results the choose between 6 and 18 contiguous verses. Or, choose a compilation of related verses, again totaling between 6 and 18 total verses.
4. Scripture Insight. In 3 to 6 sentences give the setting or contextual analysis of these Scriptures.
5. Add an Illustration. Create an illustration to explain or illumination the Scriptures you have chosen. Typically, this is a story or experience that clarifies or expounds on the verses. Your illustration should lead to an understating of the verses in today’s culture and provide an application of the verse in our lives today, while at the same time remaining true to the meaning and context of the Scripture.
6. To end the devotional, write a short prayer for both understanding and application from the passage.