

# Correspondence Bible Study

## Lesson #12 – 1 & 2 Kings

### PRAYER:

King of Kings and Lord of Lords, You demonstrate daily, Your majesty and love in the loving way You care for me. Show me as I study these books that Your will is done even in spite of my failings and sins. Please strengthen my faith so that I may be a worthy servant in Your kingdom. All praise, honor, and glory to You forever. Amen

### Course Notes:

This one lesson covers many pages. If you want to closely read only the chapters mentioned – fine. It is up to you.

### 1 & 2 Kings Notes:

You will notice that 1 & 2 Kings and 1 & 2 Chronicles cover some of the same ground from different points of view. In this study the major things are not found in Chronicles. As you will see after Solomon's death, the kingdom is divided. The northern tribes (called Israel) would crown their own king, Jeroboam I. The southern tribes (called Judah) would crown Solomon's son Rehoboam. For the most part the books of Kings focus on the northern kingdom and its kings. We also see as major characters the prophets Elijah and Elisha.

### The Dates involved are:

David-1010-970 B.C.

Solomon-970-930 B.C.

Northern Kingdom-930-722 B.C.

A nice display of the kings of the two kingdoms and their reigns can be found at: <https://craigtowens.files.wordpress.com/2014/07/kings-of-israel-judah2.jpg>

### Survey of International Situation of That Day

A three-cornered contest for world supremacy. Assyria had held sway for 300 years and was growing weak. Babylon was becoming powerful. Egypt, a world power 1100 years before was trying to regain power. Babylon won. Broke power of Assyria 607 B.C. and crushed Egypt in 605 B.C. Babylon held undisputed sway for 70 years.

### Questions:

1. 1 Kings tells us more about Solomon than 1 & 2 Chronicles. His wisdom was world famous. In chapter 3:16-27 of 1 Kings, what strikes you about Solomon's decision?
  
2. 1 Kings 11- How did Solomon end up? What was his downfall?

3. 1 Kings 15-16 – Here you see the actions of some of the first kings of Israel. What were some of the things that characterized their reigns?
  
4. 1 Kings 17 – What are some of the lessons about God and life that we learn from this chapter?
  
5. 1 Kings 18- I call this chapter, “The Great Bake-Off.” Baal was a god of fertility. What was Elijah proving in this chapter?
  
6. 2 Kings 2 – Elijah is taken to the Lord in a spectacular fashion. What were some good things Elisha did in this chapter?
  
7. 2 Kings 6 & 7 – The Bible is full of amazing stories. The most amazing is Christ’s resurrection. In these two chapters what are some of the amazing stories and what do they mean?
  
8. 2 Kings 15 – Here we see God using Assyria to punish the northern kingdom for their sins. What were some of the things that happened?
  
9. 2 Kings 17- At the time of Christ, the Jews did not like the Samaritans. This chapter explains who the Samaritans of Christ’s time were. What made them different?

The tribes which made up Israel that were conquered in 722 B.C. by the Assyrians never were allowed to return. They are known as the 10 lost tribes of Israel. The rest of 2 Kings deals with the southern kingdom, Judah. We will cover that in the next lesson.

Your questions on 1 & 2 Kings...

Begin 1 & 2 Chronicles.