

RBCPC
2011 Study Series



Week #6
Study Guide

1 & 2 Kings

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Overview

The story continues as Solomon becomes king after David's death. Solomon is noted for the wisdom God grants him to guide the people, for building the temple in Jerusalem, and for growing the kingdom in both size and wealth. Solomon fails to keep his covenant with God with the ultimate effect being the fall of the kingdom and its division in northern and southern territories governed by separate tribes.

Scripture Study – Key Passages

Open your Bible and read the following passages:

1 Kings 3:6-14

1. What did Solomon ask God for?
2. Why was God pleased with Solomon's request?
3. What blessing did God give Solomon?
4. Was this blessing conditional? On what conditions?

1 Kings 8:22-53

1. To whom was Solomon speaking during the temple dedication?
2. Why does Solomon praise God and then publicly repeat the covenant made with his father?
3. What attributes of God does this public prayer reveal?

1 Kings 17:1-24

1. Why did God send the prophet Elijah to the people of Israel?
2. Why does God tell Elijah to go *live* in the village of Zarephath?
3. How might it have affected his influence if Elijah had only *visited*?
4. What encouragement did Elijah give the widow?
5. Why do you think she believed what Elijah was saying about God?

2 Kings 19

1. Why was Hezekiah different from the kings that came before him?
2. What did Hezekiah do before he made a political decision?
3. What was God's response?
4. What does this say to you about engaging God in your everyday decisions?

Key Concepts

1. The kings, like the judges, fail to live up to the covenant God made with David.
2. God sends prophets to deliver his messages, including warnings.
3. God continues to demonstrate his grace.
4. God will follow through with his justice.

As you read through 1 & 2 Kings, look for these key concepts as you read the stories of the succession of kings.

Reflection

God alone is the King of all the kingdoms of the earth. He decides the fate of nations and plots their course from the beginning of time. He raises them up and casts them down according to his purposes. In the end, all nations of the earth will bow before his throne.

Prayer

In the books of Kings, Elijah stands out as the primary “prayer warrior.” He asks God for: big things and small things, requests for the benefit of others and requests for himself.

In your personal prayer time ask God for:

1. A small thing – **1 Kings 41-42**
2. A big thing – **1 Kings 18:36-37**
3. Someone else’s need - **1 Kings 17:21**
4. Your own need – **1 Kings 19:10**

Homework

Read **1 Kings 19:9-13**, in preparation for the sermon on Feb. 19/20, “*Elijah: Hearing the Still Small Voice.*” Mark words, or phrases, that stand out to you.

Notes & Reflections:

