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A Note To You

We're so glad you've picked up this booklet. We hope you'll use it alongside our daily Bible Reading Plan to help you dig into God's Word and see the bigger story at play among all of these smaller stories: God's story of salvation for all people.

Speaking of stories—Kings is a historical, epic narrative. It details the history of the Israelite people, both as a united nation under one king and once the kingdom split in two. Overall, it focuses more on the godliness of each king than political, economic, and military accomplishments in their reign.

Think of your favorite epics that include kings and conflict and intrigue—King Arthur and the Knights of the Round Table, The Lord of the Rings, Robin Hood. Each of these stories is full of heroes and villains, betrayals and battles, miracles and moments of hope. And Kings is no different. As you read, look for these literary devices—and make note of the plot, both in the book as a whole and in the individual stories.

Ready to dive in? Grab a notebook and pen to jot down thoughts, application, and questions. Open up your Bible and read each day's scripture passage. And check out the daily devotionals on our blog and app, which will help you better understand each passage and apply it to your life.

We hope reading through Kings will help you better understand God's faithfulness, grace, and love—not only for the ancient Israelites, but for you. Because you're part of His story, too.

– Eagle Brook Church

Themes in 1 & 2 Kings

<p>GOD IS:</p> <p>THE ONLY TRUE GOD</p> <p>IN CONTROL</p> <p>FAITHFUL TO HIS PROMISES</p> <p>JUST AND GRACIOUS</p>	<p>No. 1</p> <p>God is the only true God.</p> <p>Unlike other gods, who were created by human hands and imaginations, God is the creator of the universe, and is higher and greater than all created things. Throughout Kings, He contrasts Himself with false gods, showing Himself to be active, present, and in control.</p>
	<p>WORSHIP</p> <p>TRUE WORSHIP: Worshiping Yahweh, the one true God.</p> <p>FALSE WORSHIP: Worshiping and sacrificing to other gods.</p>
	<p>No. 2</p> <p>God is in control.</p> <p>We see this all throughout history, and it's a major theme in the book of Kings. God alone heals the sick, controls the elements, raises the dead to life, and knows the future. Nothing and nobody can stop His plans and purpose.</p>
<p>PROPHET (n.) [ˈprɒf-ɪt]</p> <p>A person who speaks for God or a deity, or by divine inspiration</p> <p>A person chosen to speak for God and to guide the people of Israel</p>	

No. 3

God is faithful to His promises.

In God's covenant with the Israelites (Exodus 19:3-6), He promises to bless them if they obey and worship only Him. In Kings, we see how this promise is broken when numerous kings of Israel and Judah turn the hearts of the people from God and they are subject to famine, droughts, and captivity. But we also see God's faithfulness to His promise as He protects, warns, guides, and forgives, no matter how many times they have sinned.

COVENANT
(n.) [kuhv-uh-nuh nt]

An agreement, usually formal, between two or more persons to do or not do something specified

FAITHFUL
(adj.) [ˈfeɪθ-fuh l]

True to one's word, promises, vows, etc.

Steady in allegiance or affection; loyal; constant

JUST
(adj.) [juhst]

Guided by truth, reason, justice, and fairness

No. 4

God is just and gracious.

While there will always be consequences for our actions, we see in Kings that God is slow to anger and full of forgiveness—when His people turn from idols He welcomes them back with open arms. But when they continue to worship false gods, there are consequences. Ultimately, we see God hand over His people to captivity due to their disobedience. But that's not the end of it. Hundreds of years later, we see His grace overflow as He sends His son, Jesus, to earth to free captives, forgive sinners, and transform hearts.

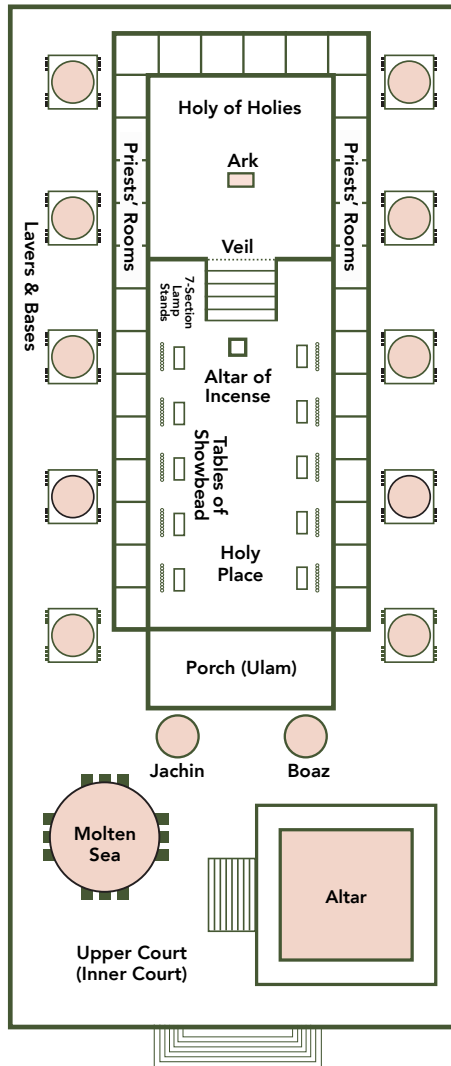
IDOL
(n.) [aɪd-əl]

An image or other material object representing a deity to which religious worship is addressed

An image of a deity other than God

The Temple

King Solomon built this temple as a physical place where God's presence could dwell among His people. It also served as a place of worship for the Israelites.



WK 1

July 23-29

- 1 Kings 1
- 1 Kings 2
- 1 Kings 3
- 1 Kings 4
- 1 Kings 5
- 1 Kings 6
- 1 Kings 7

Going Deeper

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Kings 1-2 | 2 Samuel 7:12-13; Matthew 21:1-11 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Kings 3 | Psalms 111:10; Proverbs 15:33; James 1:5 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Kings 4:1-20 | Proverbs 29:2; Psalm 72 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Kings 5:13-7:51 | Ephesians 2:19-22; Leviticus 26:11-13 |

We all struggle with sin, and Solomon was no different. In what ways was Solomon faithful to God? Where did he struggle?

Solomon asked God for wisdom, and God gave it to him in abundance. Today, he's considered the wisest man who ever lived. If you could ask God for anything, what would it be? What's keeping you from praying about it?

Divided Kingdom

Throughout King Solomon's reign, his heart was divided—between dedication to God and the desire for worldly pleasure. Because of this, and Solomon's son's unfaithfulness toward God, the kingdom was split in half.



WK 2



1 Kings 8:1-21



1 Kings 8:22-66



1 Kings 9



1 Kings 10



1 Kings 11



1 Kings 12



1 Kings 13

Going Deeper



1 Kings 8:1-9:9

Exodus 25:10-22; Matthew 27:45-52



1 Kings 9:10-10:29

Deuteronomy 17:16-17; Ecclesiastes 5:10,18-20



1 Kings 11

1 Samuel 15:27-28; Matthew 1:1-16



1 Kings 12:1-19

Exodus 7:3-5; Ephesians 4:1-6



1 Kings 12:20-13:10

Exodus 32:1-19; Hebrews 1:1-2



1 Kings 13:11-14:31

Hosea 4:12; John 14:6

How can you see and experience God's presence today? Each day this week, write down one or two ways that you see God working in your life or in the world around you.

Elijah & Elisha

Elijah is one of the most notable prophets in the Old Testament—and he’s one of the only people throughout history who never died. Instead, he was swept up to heaven by chariots of fire. But before he left, the prophet Elisha, who assisted Elijah in his ministry, asked for a double portion of Elijah’s spirit. Afterward, people said that “The spirit of Elijah rests on Elisha.” Read the verses below and write down how God demonstrated His power through Elijah and Elisha.

VERSE	ELIJAH’S MINISTRY
1 Kings 17:1	
1 Kings 17:14-16	
1 Kings 17:17, 22-23	
1 Kings 18:25-38	
1 Kings 18:41-45	
2 Kings 1:9-10	
2 Kings 1:11-12	
2 Kings 2:8	

VERSE	ELISHA’S MINISTRY
2 Kings 2:13-15	
2 Kings 2:18-22	
2 Kings 2:23-25	
2 Kings 3:16-25	
2 Kings 4:1-7	
2 Kings 4:8-17	
2 Kings 4:18-37	
2 Kings 4:38-41	
2 Kings 4:42-44	
2 Kings 5:1-19	
2 Kings 5:25-27	
2 Kings 6:1-7	
2 Kings 6:8-23	
2 Kings 6:24-7:20	
2 Kings 8:7-15	
2 Kings 13:14-19	

WK 3**Aug. 6-12**

- 1 Kings 14
- 1 Kings 15
- 1 Kings 16
- 1 Kings 17
- 1 Kings 18
- 1 Kings 19
- 1 Kings 20

Going Deeper

- 1 Kings 15:1–16:28 2 Samuel 7:14-17; Isaiah 41:25-29
- 1 Kings 16:29–17:24 Joshua 6:26-27; Mark 8:1-9
- 1 Kings 18-19 Leviticus 9:24; John 12:27-36
- 1 Kings 20-21 2 Samuel 12:1-4; Revelation 19:15

WK 4**Aug. 13-19**

- 1 Kings 21
- 1 Kings 22:1-28
- 1 Kings 22:29-53
- 2 Kings 1
- 2 Kings 2
- 2 Kings 3
- 2 Kings 4

Going Deeper

- 1 Kings 22 Psalm 103:20-22; 1 Corinthians 2:6-9
- 2 Kings 1–2 1 Kings 16:31-33; Romans 11:1-6
- 2 Kings 3 John 4:10; James 5:17-18
- 2 Kings 4:1-5:19 1 Kings 17:19-23; Luke 24:45-47

Gods Expectations for Kings

- Worship the God of Israel alone
- Rid Israel of idolatry
- Remain faithful to their covenant with God

God didn't just ask for faithfulness from Israel's kings—He wants that same faithfulness from us. He asks us to put aside idols and only worship Him, to reach others for Christ, and to remain faithful to Him. None of us will do this perfectly, but that's why God sent His son, Jesus, to earth—to forgive us of our sins and to walk alongside us in our relationship with God.

Do you believe that God is the one true God?

Have you put your faith in Jesus alone? If not, what's holding you back?

If you want to learn more about what it means to follow Jesus head to eaglebrookchurch.com/followjesus.

We Worship a God of Miracles

The Old Testament is full of stories of God working in miraculous ways in seemingly hopeless circumstances. But miracles aren't relics from the past. They still happen today. Sometimes they're huge, like physical healing or a life being transformed. Other times they're more quiet and personal—being able to put food on the table, finding a friend when you're feeling lonely, securing a job or housing that you desperately need.

This week, keep your eyes open for those miracles. What miracles, big or small, have you seen God perform?

**Because of the Lord's great
love we are not consumed, for
His compassions never fail.
They are new every morning;
great is Your faithfulness.**

LAMENTATIONS 3:22-23

WK 5

- 2 Kings 5
- 2 Kings 6
- 2 Kings 7
- 2 Kings 8
- 2 Kings 9
- 2 Kings 10
- 2 Kings 11

Aug. 20-26

Going Deeper

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Kings 5:20–6:33 | Deuteronomy 6:10-12; Psalm 91:11-13 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Kings 7:1–8:15 | Psalm 78:21-24; John 6:47-51 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Kings 8:16-29 | 2 Samuel 7:14-16; Psalm 72 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Kings 9–10 | 1 Kings 19:15-18; Mathew 21:6-11 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Kings 11–12 | Psalm 125; Ephesians 2:13-22 |

Over and over in Kings, we see God's faithfulness to His people. How have you experienced God's forgiveness and faithfulness in your own life?

WK 6**Aug. 27-Sept. 2**

- 2 Kings 12
- 2 Kings 13
- 2 Kings 14
- 2 Kings 15
- 2 Kings 16
- 2 Kings 17
- 2 Kings 18

Going Deeper

- 2 Kings 13–14 Ezekiel 37:1-14; Luke 5:32
- 2 Kings 15–16 Exodus 29:38-41; Isaiah 1:1-3
- 2 Kings 17 Proverbs 29:2; 1 Peter 2:21-25
- 2 Kings 18–19 Numbers 21:4-9; Isaiah 9:6-7

WK 7**Sept. 3-9**

- 2 Kings 19
- 2 Kings 20
- 2 Kings 21
- 2 Kings 22
- 2 Kings 23
- 2 Kings 24
- 2 Kings 25

Going Deeper

- 2 Kings 20–21 Proverbs 11:2; John 14:13-14
- 2 Kings 22:1–23:30 2 Corinthians 5:21; Galatians 3:13-14
- 2 Kings 23:31–25:30 Jeremiah 27–29; Lamentations 1:1; John 2:19-22

This week, we read about some kings who weren't completely evil. Finally! These are probably the kings we can best relate to—those who are a mixture of good and bad. None of us are perfect, and we all struggle with sin. These stories can remind us of God's grace and faithfulness—that, while He calls us out of sin, He is faithful to forgive us and welcome us home with open arms.

God made a covenant with David that his family line would always reign over Israel. (Check out 2 Samuel 7:1-17.) The end of 2 Kings makes it seem like this promise is broken as Judah is brought into captivity. But the last verse of this book foreshadows the hope of the ultimate heir of David: Jesus, who will reign on David's throne forever.

In the midst of your own disappointments, mistakes, and pain, there is always hope. How have you seen God come through for you?

What hope can you hold onto today?

A timeline of 1 & 2 Kings

The events in these books span about 400 years, from around 970-560 BC. It takes place mostly in the land of Canaan, where the Israelite nation lived.

- Did what was right in the eyes of the Lord.
- Mostly did what was right in the eyes of the Lord.
- Prophets approximate date of ministry.

