

# LESSON 1: 1-2 KINGS

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GROW University - Old Testament 101

## Context

Historical

Redemptive-historical

## Theme

*The King, the covenant representative, sometimes obeys the word of Yahweh and the people are blessed, but sometimes rebels against the word of Yahweh and brings calamity upon the people. Finally, Yahweh's patience runs out and His people suffer the covenant consequences for their sins. Yet, through it all, Yahweh is still faithful to the promises He made to David.*

## Outline W/ Pivotal Texts

- I. 1 Kings 1-11 — The Height of the Kingdom
- II. 1 Kings 12- 2 Kings 17 — The Division of the Kingdom
- III. 2 Kings 18-25 — The Fall of the Kingdom

## Theme Texts

1 Kings 2:1-4

## 1 Kings 8:55-61

Read 8:10

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Read 4:20-21.

## 1 Kings 11:1-14

Read 11:4, 6, 11, 13

New Vocabulary:

## 1 Kings 14:14-16

Read 14:14-16.

Read 15:11, 26

Elijah and Elisha (Further reading: 1 Kings 17–2 Kings 13).

Read Deuteronomy 17:18-20.

*"The king's first task, in other words, is not to appoint Joint Chiefs of Staff or install a new Secretary of State. His first task is to copy over huge chunks of Scripture by hand. He is not simply to download it from a CD to his hard drive without it passing through his brain; he is to copy it out by hand so clearly that his hand-written copy becomes the copy that he reads daily for the rest of his life. The purpose of this exercise is that he may "revere" the Lord his God and "follow carefully all the words of this law and these decrees." Thus regard for the Lord leads him to read and reread Scripture; Scripture teaches him to revere the Lord and trains his mind to follow all of the Lord's words."*

—*"Love in Hard Places"* by D.A. Carson, p24.

## 2 Kings 17

Read 2 Kings 17: 6-8, 15, 18-23, 24.

## 1 Kings 15:1-5

## 2 Kings 18:3-5

2 Kings 19:16-19

2 Kings 21:11-16

2 Kings 23:25-27

2 Kings 25:7

## **Conclusion**

## **Application**

- 1.) As the leader's ethical life goes, so he will lead his followers.
- 2.) Our sins are never private. They always have ramifications upon others.
- 3.) Walk uprightly before then Lord, fear Him, and meditate upon His statutes day and night. Write them upon the tablet of your heart.