



A Guided Tour of the Bible: Discovering God in

1 Kings

Background

- 1 and 2 Kings were originally one book (on two scrolls) spanning over 380 years of Israel's national history. 1 Kings begins with the death of David. 2 Kings ends with the Babylonian captivity.
- The author is unknown.
- The book of Kings continues the historical approach of the book of Samuel. Each king is evaluated solely on the basis of their loyalty to God.
- The prophets play a major role in this part of Israel's history.

Roadmap

1. **Solomon: A _____**
Divided (1-11)
 - A. The Inauguration of Solomon (1-2)
 - B. The Prosperity of Solomon (3-10)
 - C. The Decline of Solomon (11)
2. **The Kings: A _____**
Divided (12-22)
 - A. Rehoboam and Jeroboam (12-14)
 - B. The Northern Kingdom: Rebellion (15:25-22:40) (22:51-53)
 - C. The Southern Kingdom: Remnant (15:1-24) (22:41-50)

Landmark

The theme of 1 Kings is "_____ brings _____." Solomon planted the seeds of disobedience that would grow into the division and decline of God's people.

Must See

Solomon

- In his wisdom (Matt. 12:42) (1 Cor. 1:30) and glory (Matt. 6:29)

Elijah

- In his prophetic words and miraculous deeds (Matt. 16:14)

Takeaway

1. Beware the temptations of _____ and prosperity.
2. Trust the _____ when they reveal spiritual decline.