



1 KINGS:

Gods and Kings

Key verse: 18:39

*When all the people saw it, they fell facedown and said,
"Yahweh, He is God! Yahweh, He is God!"*

Key word: God

Key chapters: 8 Solomon's Prayer of Dedication
12 Israel Splits in Two, 931 B.C.
18 Elijah on Mt. Carmel

OVERVIEW:

This book begins with David's death, and his son Solomon mounting the throne. Early on, Solomon is humble and whole-hearted for God, and during his reign, Israel grows to her greatest size and glory. The wisdom he shows and the temple he builds are the talk of the ancient world. But Solomon's success, wealth, and pagan wives seduce his heart away from Yahweh, and the wise king becomes a fool. The king with a divided heart ends up leaving behind a divided kingdom. And for the rest of this book, and the rest of the Old Testament, we watch Israel's feuding North and South drift farther and farther away from the true God and true worship in Jerusalem.

Just as 1, 2 Samuel are really one Book of Samuel, the two books of Kings were originally one book, that traced Israel's fall from its Golden Age to its sad exile in Babylon. Its purpose? To explain to the perplexed exiles *why* they are there.

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There is No God But the Lord

1. GOD. There is no God but the LORD (Yahweh).

1 Kings 8:60 18:21, 24, 36-39

2. WORSHIP. God insists that we worship Him only and truly.

1 Kings 8:1-13, 62-66 18:20-40

3. OBEDIENCE. God rewards obedience, punishes disobedience.

1 Kings 2:3-4 8:31-33, 35, 46, 58, 61 11:1-11 18:40

4. FORGIVENESS. God forgives sin.

1 Kings 8:23, 27-53

5. PROMISE. God is as good as His word.

1 Kings 8:14-26, 56-60

1 Kings 11:12-13, 32, 34, 36 12:15



"Now that the election is over, let's put aside our political differences, and really tax these people!"