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1 Kings Review and Observation Study Guide
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1. Who are the main characters in chapter 1? And what was their role in the narrative?

2. What were the circumstances that led to Solomon being anointed king over Israel?

3. Where was Solomon anointed king? _____

4. Read 1 Kings 1:38. Who were the Cherethites and Pelethites? What role did they play in the life of David? _____

Chapter 2

5. Read 1 Kings 2:1–4. What advice did David give Solomon prior to his death?

What was the significance of these words of David? _____

6. Read 1 Kings 2:5–9. Read the background Scriptures that provide the back story to David’s desire that Solomon execute vengeance against his enemies or persons who conspired against him. Who were they and what did they do? _____

7. Read 1 Kings 2:10–11. What are we told about the death of David and length of his reign as king? _____

8. Read 1 Kings 2:13–25. What was the request of Adonijah and why was king Solomon so enraged that he made that request? _____

9. Read 1 Kings 2:36–44. What did Shimei do that aroused so much animosity on the part of king Solomon (compare 2 Samuel 16:5–14)? _____

Chapter 3

10. Read 1 Kings 3:1–2. What are two actions found in these verses that set the stage for the demise of Solomon’s kingdom? _____

11. Read 1 Kings 3:3–6. What do we learn about the spiritual life of king Solomon?

12. Read 1 Kings 3:6–19. What did king Solomon ask the Lord to give him? _____

13. Read 1 Kings 3:10–14. What was the Lord God’s response to king Solomon’s prayer and where were any conditions? _____

14. Read 1 Kings 3:16–27. What was king Solomon’s first big test and how did he resolve the situation? _____

Chapter 4

15. Read 1 Kings 4. What are we told about the vastness and extravagance of king Solomon’s kingdom? _____

What do we learn about being blessed by God in this chapter? _____

Chapter 5

16. Read 1 Kings 5:1–10. What do we learn about the relationship between king Solomon and Hiram king of Tyre? _____

Why are friendships and alliances important? _____

17. King Solomon spent seven years building the first temple and thirteen years building his palace. These details are covered in chapters 6–7. What are five things that we learn about the construction project? _____

What do we learn about the sacredness of the temple? _____

Chapter 8

18. Read 1 Kings 8:1–11. What artifacts were brought into the newly constructed temple and what was their significance? _____

19 What historical events are recounted during the bringing of the Ark of the Covenant into the Temple? _____

Do you believe it was important for king Solomon to bring the original Ark of the Covenant into the new Temple? Why or why not? _____

20. Read 1 Kings 8:12–21. What are five declarations that king Solomon made to the people during the dedication of the Temple? _____

What is the significance of David in these declarations of king Solomon? _____

Read Matthew 12:35 What did Jesus say about the heart? Compare it with 1 Kings 8:18. What can we assume about the heart of David, given what we know about his life and the statement made here? _____

What do we learn about motives and intentions when it comes to doing the work of God's kingdom? _____

What are some things that we can do to ensure that our motives are always honorable when it comes to kingdom work? _____

21. I Kings 8:22–53 contains king Solomon’s Prayer of Dedication for the Temple and people. What are some of the elements of his prayer, i.e. adoration, petition, etc.

22. 1 Kings 8:54–61 contains the Benediction of king Solomon. Look up the word benediction in a Bible dictionary (use an online version if you do not own one). What does benediction mean? _____

What are the elements of the Benediction (hint—the word may is key) _____

What was king Solomon’s reason for making the declarations he made (see verse 60)?

What was his final appeal to them (verse 61)? _____

23. Read 1 Kings 8:62–66. What do we learn about the purpose of the dedication sacrifices? _____

What were the sacrifices offered what was their significance (see Leviticus 1–3).

Why do you believe certain religious traditions and rituals are important? _____

Chapter 9

24. Review the God's first appearance to king Solomon in 1 Kings 3:5–9. Are there similarities between the first appearance of God to king Solomon and the appearance in 1 Kings 9:2–5 and, if so what are they? _____

This is the twenty-first time that David's name is mentioned, beginning in chapter 3. What was king Solomon asked to emulate in the life of David and why was it important that king Solomon remember the example of David? _____

25. 1 Kings 9:10–22. List the cities and nations mentioned in these verses. Locate them on a map in your concordance or an online Bible atlas.

26. 1 Kings 9:12. Why do you believe Hiram king of Tyre was displeased with the cities given to him by king Solomon? _____

27. What do we learn about the vastness of king Solomon's wealth and building projects in chapter 9? _____

Chapter 10

28. What were the things about king Solomon that impressed the queen of Sheba? _____

29 1 Kings 10:6–9. Why did the queen of Sheba call the servant and men of king Solomon blessed? _____

30. 1 Kings 10:23–24. How did the historian sum up the reign of king Solomon? _____

31. 1 Kings 10:30 What does verse 30 suggest about Israel under Solomon? _____

Chapter 11

32. Read 1 Kings 11:1–8 compare with Exodus 23:30–33; 34:12–16; Deuteronomy 7:3; 17:17; Nehemiah 13:23–27. How many wives and concubines did king Solomon have? _____ In what way did king Solomon violate the commands of God and what role did these marriages play in the slow demise of king Solomon's kingdom? _____

What are ways that believers can be lulled into the practice of idolatry? _____

33. Write a brief statement about each of the foreign gods that king Solomon permitted to take root in Israel. Use a Bible dictionary for your research.

Ashtoreth _____

Molech _____

Chemosh _____

Milcom _____

33. 1 Kings 11:9–13. How did the Lord God respond to king Solomon's failure to honor the words of his father David to obey the law and follow God? _____

34. 1 Kings 11:14–22 describes how and who the Lord raises up as an adversary to king Solomon. What do we learn about Hadad? _____

What is the irony we see in verse 18? _____

35. 1 Kings 11:26. What are the biographical details we learn about Jeroboam?

36. 1 Kings 11:27–34. What were the circumstances surrounding the elevation of Jeroboam to become king over Israel? _____

37. 1 Kings 11: 33. Why did God take the kingdom from the descendants of David?

38. 1 Kings 11:32: How did God honor the name of David and the city of Jerusalem during the early stages of turmoil in Israel? _____

What do these verses (vss. 32–39) teach us about the faithfulness of God _____

What was David's greatest attribute? _____

39. Write a brief statement about David's place as the ideal role model of what God expected from the kings of Israel? _____

40. 1 Kings 11:41–43. What are the final details that we learn about the life and reign of king Solomon? _____

1 Kings 12—Israel Splits into Two Nations—North (Israel) and South (Judah)

41. Look up the ancient city of Shechem in a Bible dictionary. What do you learn about Shechem? _____

42. 1 Kings 12:4. What was the request of the elders of Israel to Rehoboam? _____

Are there lessons to be learned from this encounter, if so, what are they? _____

43. 1 Kings 6–7. What was the counsel given by the elders? _____

44. 1 Kings 12:8–11. What mistakes did Rehoboam make? _____

45. Are there leadership lessons to be learned from the response of Rehoboam? If so what are they? _____

46. 1 Kings 12:15. To whom did the historian ascribe the split of the nation of Israel to? _____

47. 1 Kings 12:19. How is the internal conflict in Israel describe? _____

48. 1 Kings 12:22–24. What role did the Shemaiah, the man of God play in the events of chapter 12? _____

49. 1 Kings 12:25–33. What did Jeroboam do to solidify the ten tribes under his rule?

Chapter 13

50. 1 Kings 13:1–5. What was the prophecy against the altar at Bethel? _____

51. 1 Kings 13:11–32. What do we learn about obedience in the account of the two prophets, one of whom lied to the other? _____

What do we learn about the primacy of the Word of God in this narrative? _____

52. 1 Kings 13:33–34 is a summary statement regarding the reign of Jeroboam. How is his reign summarized and what were the consequences of his actions? _____

Chapter 14

53. 1 Kings 14:1–3. What was name of the son of Jeroboam and what was his condition? _____

What was the significance of the ten loaves of bread, cakes, and jar of honey?

Compare 1 Samuel 9:7 and 1 Kings 11:30—31 _____

54. Look up the word **apostasy** Baker Evangelical Dictionary or the Bible dictionary at the BibleStudytools.com/dictionaries/. Write a definition of apostasy. _____

In verses 7–11 the prophet Ahijah pronounces judgement upon the house of Jeroboam. What were the reasons for the wrath of God against him? _____

55. 1 Kings 14: 21–24. What are we told about the reign of Rehoboam and sins he committed as king? _____

What do you believe led Rehoboam to make such a major departure from the ways of his grandfather David and his father king Solomon? _____

56. 1 Kings 14:25–26. What happened in the fifth year of Rehoboam’s reign? _____

57. 1 Kings 14:29–31. How did the biblical historian sum up the life and reign of Rehoboam? _____

60. What was Ahab's wife and what do we know about her? _____

61. 1 Kings 16:34 compare Joshua 6:26. What do we learn about the Word of God?

1 Kings 17–19. Elijah the Prophet

62. What initial information are we given about Elijah? _____

63. Locate on a Bible map the places that are listed in the chapter (look for an online Bible Atlas).

64. What prophecy did Elijah give and what were his instructions from the Lord?

65. 1 Kings 17:8–16. After he departed from Cherith, where did the Lord send Elijah next? And what happened in Zarephath? _____

66. What are the practical lessons we learn about God and His provision and protection in these early verses from the life of Elijah? _____

67. What are the lessons we gain from the willingness of the widow woman? _____

68. 1 Kings 17:17–18. What reason did the widow offer for the sickness of her son? _____

What do we learn about prayer from the prophet Elijah? _____

69. 1 Kings 17:24. In the three stories of chapter 17 God is at work in very powerful ways. How do we see the Lord God at work and in what ways do we see the affirmation of His Word through the prophet Elijah? _____

1 Kings 18

70. 1 Kings 18:1–19. Who are the persons in this passage and what they doing? _____

When do the events in the text take place? _____

71. 1 Kings 18:20–24 What challenge did Elijah issue to the people who gathered on Mount Carmel? _____

Elijah asked the people to settle in their minds who was God? Why was this an important question to settle? _____

How far back did the practice of idolatry go in Israel? _____

Who were the opponents of Elijah and how many were there? _____

72. Read Psalm 115:1–9. What do you learn about idols in these verses? _____

In verses 26–29 the prophets of Baal cried out all day with no results. What does this tell us about the practice of idol worship today and what are some idols people worship? _____

73. Read Exodus 29:38–44. 1 Kings 18:36 states that it was at the evening sacrifice that Elijah prayed to God. 1 Kings 18:36–37. What were the words of the prayer of Elijah? _____

How did God confirm the prayer request of Elijah? _____

How did the people respond? _____

Verses 41–46. What was the second confirmation Elijah’s prayer? _____

1 Kings 19

74. Who are the characters in chapter 19 and what were they doing? _____

Review the locations mentioned in the chapter in a Bible atlas or online Bible maps. What do you learn about these locations? _____

75. Why did Elijah leave Samaria and why do you believe he had so much fear in his heart? _____

76. I Kings 19:19–21. Who was Elisha and what do we learn about him in these verses? _____

1 Kings 20

77. 1 Kings 20. King Beh-hadad of Aram (modern Syria) laid siege to Samaria and demanded all of the silver, gold, wives and children of the king of Israel. He consented. What do you see as the central conflict in this story? _____

What is the role of the prophets in the narrative? _____

How did the Israelites gain the victory? _____

What do we learn about God in this chapter? _____

What do we learn about human nature in this chapter? _____

78. I Kings 20:35–43. Why was the word of the prophet a word of judgement for Ahab? _____

1 Kings 21

79. Read Deuteronomy 25:5–10 and Leviticus 25:23. What was the cause and what was at the center of conflict in chapter 21? _____

80. Why did Ahab want to acquire the land of Naboth? _____

81. Write a brief summary of the narrative in 1 Kings 21:1–10. _____

82. What was Ahab’s reaction to Naboth’s refusal and how did Jezebel respond to Ahab’s sadness? _____

What does Jezebel’s response suggest about the use and abuse of royal authority?

What role did the nobles and elders of the city play in this devilish plot? _____

In verses 12–14 the plot of Jezebel is completed. Who were the other unwitting victims in the plot? _____

83. 1 Kings 21:17–29. How did God respond to the murder of Naboth? _____

What does God’s response suggest to us about righteousness and justice? _____

In verse 20 how did Elijah characterize Ahab? _____

What does verse 21 suggest about the judgement of God upon the house of Ahab?

What does verse 22 give as the reason for the harsh judgement upon Ahab? _____

What would be the punishment meted out to Jezebel and future generations of Ahab’s descendants? _____

84. 1 Kings 21:25–26. How is Ahab described? _____

85.1 Kings 21:27–29. How did Ahab respond when he heard the words of Elijah?

Read James 4:6–8. In verse 29 God speaks to Elijah and tells him to look at how Ahab has humbled himself in the face of the impending doom. What does Ahab’s response say about him as a person and the heart of God in dealing with people? _____

1 Kings 22

86. Write a list of all of the persons and places mentioned in the chapter. _____

What do we learn about the people in the chapter? _____

87. Three years passed between chapter 20 and 22. What was the motivation behind Ahab's desire to go back to war with the king of Aram? _____

Who did he enlist to help him? _____

88. I Kings 22:5–12. What was the request of Jehoshaphat? _____

Why do you believe Jehoshaphat made his particular request? _____

Why do believe Jehoshaphat was unwilling to accept the word of the four hundred men who were prophets? _____

Too whom did Ahab turn and what was his attitude toward him? _____

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What is a principal lesson here about receiving a word from anyone who claims to be a prophet? _____

89. 1 Kings 22:13–18. The prophet Micaiah is summoned to give the king a word from the Lord. What is the initial word given by Micaiah to the king? _____

What do you believe is the meaning of the words in verse 17 (compare with Matthew 9:36 and Mark 6:34)? _____

What does this image of scattered sheep mean for Ahab? _____

90. 1 Kings 22:19–28. What do you believe is the meaning of the vision told by Micaiah concerning the Lord God sending a deceiving spirit? _____

91. 1 Kings 22:29–40. What were the circumstances surrounding the death of Ahab? _____

Why do you believe Ahab put on a disguise? _____

Where was Ahab buried and what were the final words spoken about him? _____

92. 1 Kings 22:41–44. Write a list of the things we are told about Jehoshaphat and his reign as king over Judah. _____

93. In verse 48 Jehoshaphat has ships that he intended to send to Ophir for gold, but they were broke. What is the irony of statement? (Recall Solomon’s navy) _____

94. Ahaziah reigned for just two years. What are the final words written about him?
