

# 1 Kings

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**1. Titles:**

- A. "The Third Book of the Kings" -- Septuagint Title
- B. The Book of The Monarchy
- C. The Book of The Disruption

**2. Author:**

Ascribed by tradition (the Talmud) to Jeremiah, who possibly incorporated records made by Nathan and Gad (1 Chr. 29:29)

**3. Date:**

- A. Covers approximately 120 years, from the death of David to the death of Jehoshaphat.
- B. Probably written between 600 and 580 B.C.

**4. Key Words:**

- A. King ('s, s) - 310
- B. House - 173
- C. Prophet (s) - 50

**Key Phrases:**

- A. "Word of the Lord" - 33
- B. "as his father David" - 9
- C. "the sins (or way) of Jeroboam - 8

**5. Key Verses: 22:10,19**

**6. Purpose:**

- A. To give the history of the establishment and glory of the united kingdom.
- B. To give the history of the disruption of the kingdom into two houses, two kingdoms and two dynasties with their declines.

**7. Message:**

- A. God's Throne is above all earthly thrones.
- B. Kings succeed or fail according to their relationship to the heavenly throne and their response to the Word of the lord through the ministry of the prophets.

**8. Outline:**

- I. The Kingdom United ..... Ch. 1-11 One House-One King
  - A. The Establishment of the Kingdom ..... Ch. 1-2
  - B. The Glory of the Kingdom ..... Ch. 3-11
- II. The Kingdom Divided ..... Ch. 12-22 Two Houses-Two Kings
  - A. The Disruption of the Kingdom ..... Ch. 12
  - B. The Decline of the Kingdom ..... Ch. 13-22

**9. Summary:**

The book of 1 Kings covers the glorious reign of Solomon, the dividing of the kingdom after his death, and the history of the divided kingdom through the reigns of Ahab in the north (Israel) and Jehoshaphat in the south (Judah). All the kings of Israel and Judah lined up under two "standard men", David the godly king and Jeroboam the ungodly king.

**10. Christ Seen:**

Christ is seen as the King of Peace and Glory, the Wisdom of God (1 Cor. 1:30), the builder of God's Temple (Eph. 2:20-22), the "Greater Than Solomon" (Mt. 12:42) and The Prophet of God -- the Word made flesh (Jn. 1:14). His Throne is above all thrones: King of Kings and Lord of Lords (Rev. 19:16).