# **OT7 Divided Kingdom: 1 Kings 12-2 Kings**

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**Purpose**: To trace the history of the kings of Judah and Israel from the end of David’s life to the Babylonian captivity. 1 and 2 Kings were originally a single book, but the books were divided to make them easier to use. The history is selective and demonstrates for a captive people the need to walk with the Lord.



**Idea**: Division and destruction follow disobedience.

**Development:**

**1 Kings, The United Kingdom (Reign of Solomon) 1:1-11:43.**

**1 Kings, The Divided Kingdom (Reign of Kings) 12:1-22:53.**

1. The Rupture in the Kingdom, 1 Kings 12:1–24
2. The Reign of Jeroboam in Israel (931–910), 1 Kings 12:25–14:20
3. The Reign of Rehoboam in Judah (931–913; 2 Chron. 10:1–12:16), 1 Kings 14:21–31
4. The Reign of Abijam (Abijah) in Judah (913–911; 2 Chron. 13:1–22), 1 Kings 15:1–8
5. The Reign of **Asa** in Judah (911–870; 2 Chron. 14:1–16:14), 1 Kings 15:9–24
6. The Reign of Nadab in Israel (910–909), 1 Kings 15:25–31
7. The Reign of Baasha in Israel (909–886), 1 Kings 15:32–16:7
8. The Reign of Elah in Israel (886–885), 1 Kings 16:8–14
9. The Reign of Zimri in Israel (885), 1 Kings 16:15–20
10. The Reign of Omri in Israel (885–874), 1 Kings 16:21–28
11. The Reign of Ahab in Israel (874–853), 1 Kings 16:29–22:40
12. The Reign of **Jehoshaphat** in Judah (873–848; 2 Chron. 17:1–20:37), 1 Kings 22:41–50
13. The Reign of Ahaziah in Israel (853), 1 Kings 22:51–53

**2 Kings, The Destruction of the Northern Kingdom 1:1-17:41**

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3. The Reign of Joram (Jehoram) in Judah (848–841; 2 Chron. 21:1–20), 2 Kings 8:16–24
4. The Reign of Ahaziah in Judah (841; 2 Chron. 22:1–9), 2 Kings 8:25–29
5. The Reign of Jehu in Israel (841–814), 2 Kings 9:1–10:36
6. The Reign of Athaliah in Judah (841–835; 2 Chron. 22:10–23:15), 2 Kings 11:1–16
7. The Reign of **Jehoash (Joash)** in Judah (835–796; 2 Chron. 23:16–24:27), 2 Kings 11:17–12:21
8. The Reign of Jehoahaz in Israel (814–798), 2 Kings 13:1–9
9. The Reign of Jehoash (Joash) in Israel (798–782), 2 Kings 13:10–25
10. The Reign of Amaziah in Judah (796–767; 2 Chron. 25:1–28), 2 Kings 14:1–22
11. The Reign of Jeroboam II in Israel (794–753), 2 Kings 14:23–29
12. The Reign of **Azariah (Uzziah)** in Judah (790–739; 2 Chron. 26:1–23), 2 Kings 15:1–7
13. The Reign of Zechariah in Israel (753), 2 Kings 15:8–12
14. The Reign of Shallum in Israel (752), 2 Kings 15:13–15
15. The Reign of Menahem in Israel (752–742), 2 Kings 15:16–22
16. The Reign of Pekahiah in Israel (742–740), 2 Kings 15:23–26
17. The Reign of Pekah in Israel (752–732), 2 Kings 15:27–31
18. The Reign of **Jotham** in Judah (750–731; 2 Chron. 27:1–9), 2 Kings 15:32–38
19. The Reign of Ahaz in Judah (731–715; 2 Chron. 28:1–27), 2 Kings 16:1–20
20. The Reign of Hoshea in Israel (732–722), 2 Kings 17:1–41

 **II. The Surviving Kingdom of Judah, 18:1–25:30**

1. The Reign of **Hezekiah** (715–686; 2 Chron. 29:1–32:33), 2 Kings 18:1–20:21
2. The Reign of Manasseh (695–642; 2 Chron. 33:1–20), 2 Kings 21:1–18
3. The Reign of Amon (642–640; 2 Chron. 33:21–25), 2 Kings 21:19–26
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9. Gedaliah, the Puppet Governor (586), 2 Kings 25:22–26
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**Key Passage Exegesis**

* A fully developed cult, 1 Kings 12.
* Corrupt clergy, 1 Kings 13.
* Zimri’s seven day reign, 1 Kings 16.
* Ahab and Jezebel’s reign of evil, 1 Kings 17-22.
* The lying spirit, 1 Kings 22:21-23.
* God is able to protect His own people (fire from heaven), 2 Kings 1.
* Shunammite’s son’s resuscitation, 2 Kings 4.
* Naaman’s conversion, 2 Kings 5 (note verse 28-19).
* God’s unseen armies, 2 Kings 6:17.
* Jehu’s political, not spiritual, coup d'état, 2 Kings 9-10.
* Jeroboam II is hardly mentioned, 2 Kings 14:23–29.
* The destruction of Israel and the resettling of Israel, 2 Kings 17.
* Hezekiah’s deliverance from Assyria, 2 Kings 19.
* Good king Josiah, 2 Kings 22-23.
* A change in Babylonian policy, 2 Kings 15:27-30.

