



## Study Questions

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Speaker: Pastor Dave

Series: Kings

Topic: A Kingdom Divided

Texts: 1 Kings 12-14

1. Has anyone ever studied the book of Kings before? What do you remember about it? What did you get out of this book? What do you think is the purpose of Kings?
2. Take a look at this chart from Chuck Swindoll on the book of Kings together and make observations.

### FIRST KINGS

	<b>Solomon</b> "In all his glory" (Luke 12:27)	<b>Decline and Demise</b>	<b>Disruption</b> "A kingdom divided against itself" (Mark 3:24)	
POLITICALLY David succeeded by Solomon	Crowned and inaugurated (1-2) Married and exalted (3-4) Temple erected and dedicated (5-8) Warned and blessed (9-10)		Internal conflict and hostility (12-14) Civil war and idolatry (15-16) Ahab and Elijah (17-22) "He served Baal and worshiped him and provoked the LORD God of Israel to anger, according to all that his father had done" (22:53).	POLITICALLY King after king
NATIONALLY Kingdom united				NATIONALLY Kingdom divided
ECONOMICALLY Solid and secure				ECONOMICALLY Unstable
SPIRITUALLY Shaky	CHAPTERS 1-10	CHAPTER 11	CHAPTERS 12-22	SPIRITUALLY Empty
<b>Time</b>	40 years		80 years	
<b>Kingdom</b>	United and strong		Divided and weak	
<b>People</b>	Solomon		Jeroboam to Ahaziah Rehoboam to Jehoshaphat	
<b>Identity</b>	"All Israel . . . sons of Israel"		North: Israel; Samaria; Ephraim South: Judah; Jerusalem	
<b>Theme</b>	Spiritual and moral decay lead to destruction.			
<b>Key Verses</b>	9:3-9; 11:11-13			
<b>Christ in 1 Kings</b>	Solomon's wisdom, which foreshadows Him who "became to us wisdom from God" (1 Corinthians 1:30); the prophetic ministry and miracles of Elijah			

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3. The first section of the message was about King Rehoboam, the son of Solomon, how would you describe his folly? How is this a relevant temptation for leaders and all of us?
4. Rehoboam's sin impacted not just him, but generations to come, we sometimes fail to see how our choices impact others, how can that be a warning for all of us?
5. Why is servant leadership such a powerful principle? Where have you seen examples of this?

6. The second section of the message was about King Jeroboam, how would you describe his sin? How is this a relevant temptation for people today? How can we guard against this?
7. Jeroboam did not have a personal relationship with God but saw religion as something to be manipulated and used, how do you see this play out today?
8. Each of the kings were judged based on their willingness to honor God by following his law and covenant. How does this principle still apply today, even under the new covenant?
9. The final movement was about a word of the prophet Shemiah, who told King Rehoboam that "this is my doing." How does this doctrine of God's sovereignty bring us comfort in the midst of division and tragedy?
10. Ultimately all of the kings disappoint us, why do we look to human leaders as our hope? What does this teach us about ourselves as human beings? How does Jesus Christ fit into the picture of these kings?