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VERSE TO MEMORIZE:

“And the Lord said unto him, I have heard thy prayer and thy supplication, that thou hast made before me: I have hallowed this house, which thou hast built, to put my name there for ever; and mine eyes and mine heart shall be there perpetually.”
I KINGS 9:3

INTRODUCTION TO THE BOOKS OF THE BIBLE

Lesson 10: BOOKS OF 1 & 2 KINGS

TITLE: Originally one book, 1 and 2 Kings are appropriately titled from their subject matter which traces the history of the kings of Israel and Judah from Solomon to the Babylonian captivity. First Kings concludes abruptly with the beginning of the reign of Ahaziah in 853.

AUTHORSHIP: Whoever the author or compiler of this book was, he used historical resources (11:41;14:19, 29). He likely was one of the exiles who lived in Babylon, perhaps an unknown one, or Ezra or Ezekiel or Jeremiah (though someone other than Jeremiah would have had to write the last chapter of 2 Kings, since Jeremiah apparently died in Egypt, not Babylon—Jeremiah 43:6-7).

DATE OF 1 KINGS: ca. 550 B.C.

KEY WORDS & THEMES: Important passages in 1 Kings include the description of Solomon's great wisdom (chaps.3-4), the dedication of Solomon's Temple (chap. 8), the visit of the queen of Sheba (chap. 10), and the ministry of Elijah (particularly his confrontation with the priests of Baal on Mount Carmel, chap. 18).

KEY VERSES: Chapter 9:4, 5

HISTORICAL SETTING: The once great nation of Israel turned into a land divided, not only physically but also spiritually.

OUTLINE OF 1 KINGS:

A. The United Kingdom, 1:1-11:43

1. The Accession of Solomon (2 Chron. 1:1-17), 1:1-3:1
2. The Wisdom of Solomon, 3:2-4:34
3. The Temple of Solomon, 5:1-8:66, (2 Chron. 2:1-7:22).
4. The Fame of Solomon, 9:1-10:29, (2 Chron. 8:1-9:28)
5. The Downfall of Solomon, 11:1-43

B. The Divided Kingdom, 12:1-22:53

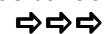
1. The Rupture in the Kingdom, 12:1-24
2. The Reign of Jeroboam in Israel (931-910), 12:25-14:20
3. The Reign of Rehoboam in Judah, (931-913), 14:21-31, (2 Chron. 10:1-12:16)
4. The Reign of Abijah (Abijah) in Judah (931-911), 15:1-8, (2 Chron. 13:1-22).
5. The Reign of Asa in Judah (911-870), 15:9-24,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

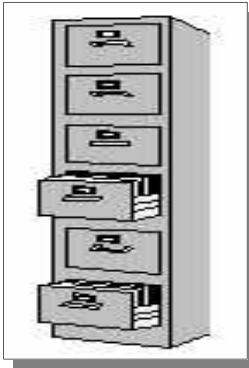
**STRAIGHT FROM THE
PASTOR'S HEART
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PRACTICAL APPLICATION:

Solomon was a botanist, zoologist, architect, poet and philosopher. He was the wisest king in the history of Israel, but his wives led to the introduction of false gods and false worship in Israel. It is good for us to have wisdom, but that is not enough. The highest goal in life is to obey the Lord. Patient obedience to God should characterize our lives.

When the Northern Kingdom of Israel was being led by wicked kings, God raised up a prophet to proclaim his messages. Elijah single-handedly challenged the priesthood of the state religion and had them removed in one day. Through the dividing of the kingdom and the sending of Elijah, God dealt with people's sin in powerful ways. Sin in our lives is graciously forgiven by our God. However, the sin of an unrepentant person will be handled harshly. We must turn from sin and turn to God to be saved from judgment.—end





The BMA ARCHIVES

Dr. Benny M. Abante, Jr.'s
PREACHING MATERIALS

TITLE: Originally one book, 1 and 2 Kings are appropriately titled from their subject matter which traces the history of the kings of Israel and Judah from Solomon to the Babylonian captivity.

AUTHORSHIP: Unknown. Possibly or a group of Prophets.

DATE OF 2 KINGS: ca. 550 B.C.

KEY WORDS & THEMES: 2 Kings traces the decline and captivity of both Israel and Judah. Israel endured a succession of evil kings reigning during a 130-year period until the Assyrian captivity. Briefly told is the history of Judah, culminating in the Babylonian captivity. The book also records the miracle-filled ministry of Elisha. Well-known passages include the raising of the Shunammite's son (chap.4), the healing of Naaman, the Syrian leper (chap. 5), the death of Jezebel (chap.9), the revivals under Hezekiah (chap. 18), and under Josiah (chap.23). During this period Amos and Hosea prophesied in Israel, and Obadiah, Joel, Isaiah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zepheniah, and Jeremiah in Judah.

KEY VERSES: 17:13-14

HISTORICAL SETTING:

The once united nation of Israel has been divided into two kingdoms, Israel and Judah for over a century.

OUTLINE OF 2 KINGS:

- A. The Divided Kingdom, 1:1-17:41**
- 1. The Reign of Ahaziah in Israel (853-852), 1:1-18
- 2. The Reign of Jehoram (Joram) in Israel (852-841), 2:1-8:15
- 3. The Reign of Jehoram (Joram) in Judah (848-841; 2 Chron. 21:1-20), 8:16-24
- 4. The Reign of Ahaziah in Judah (841 2 Chron. 22:1-9), 8:25-29
- 5. The Reign of Jehu in Israel (841-814), 9:1-10:36
- 6. The Reign of Athaliah in Judah *841-835; 2Chron. 22:10-23:15), 11:1-16
- 7. The Reign of Jehoash (Joash) in Israel (798-782), 13:10-25
- 8. The Reign of Amaziah in Judah (796-767;2 Chron. 25:1-28), 14:1-22
- 9. The Reign of Jeroboam II in Israel (794-753), 14:23-29
- 10. The Reign of Azariah (Uzziah) in Judah (790-739;

**NOTHING SHALL OUR MOUTH SPEAK
BUT THE BLESSING OF THE WORD
AND THE GLORY OF GOD.**



**THROUGH THE BIBLE
IN A YEAR**

CHAPTERS TO READ THIS WEEK:

- MARCH 8 JOSHUA 1-3**
- MARCH 9 JOSHUA 4-7**
- MARCH 10 JOSHUA 8-11**
- MARCH 11 JOSHUA 12-15**
- MARCH 12 JOSHUA 16-19**
- MARCH 13 JOSHUA 20-24**
- MARCH 14 JUDGES 1-3**

To memorize one (1) verse in every chapter, tokens shall be awarded to those who can recite all memory verses after every book.

- 11. The Reign of Zachariah in Israel (753), 15:8-12
- 12. The Reign of Shallum in Israel (752), 15:13-15
- 13. The Reign of Menahem in Israel (752-742), 15:16-22
- 14. The Reign of Pekahiah in Israel (742-740), 15:23-26
- 15. The Reign of Pekah in Israel (752-732), 15:27-31
- 16. The Reign of Jotham in Judah (750-731; 2 Chron. 27:1-9), 15:32-38
- 17. The Reign of Ahaz in Judah (731-715; 2 Chron. 28:1-27), 16:1-20
- 18. The Reign of Hoshea in Israel (732-722), 17:1-41

B. The Surviving Kingdom of Judah, 18:1-25:30

- 1. The Reign of Hezekiah (715-686; 2 Chron.29:1-32:33), 18:1-20:21
- 2. The Reign of Manasseh (695-642; 2 Chron. 33:1-20), 21:1-18
- 3. The Reign of Amon (642-640; 2 Chron.33:1-20), 21:19-26
- 4. The Reign of Josiah (640-609; 2 Chron. 34:1-35:27), 22:1-23:30
- 5. The Reign of Jehoahaz (609; 2 Chron. 36:1-4), 23:31-33
- 6. The Reign of Jehoiakim (Eliakim; 609-597; 2 Chron. 36:5-8), 23:34-24:7
- 7. The Reign of Jehoicachin (597; 2 Chron. 36:9-10), 24:8-16
- 8. The Reign of Zedekiah (Mattaniah; 597-586; 2 Chron. 36:11-21). 24:17-25:21

PRACTICAL APPLICATION:

After King Solomon's reign, Israel lasted 209 years before the Assyrians destroyed it; Judah lasted 345 years before the Babylonians took Jerusalem. After repeated warnings to his people, God used these evil nations as instruments for his justice. The consequence of rejecting God's commands and purpose for our lives are severe, He will not ignore unbelief or rebellion. We must believe in him and accept Christ's sacrificial death on our behalf or we will be judged also.—**THE RYRIE STUDY BIBLE/RAINBOW STUDY BIBLE/NEW LIFE APPLICATION BIBLE/BMA'S MESSAGES 03/08/09**

*One day, all of us will give an account
for all our actions!*