

Outline: The Books of 1 & 2 Kings

- I.** The Death of King David (1-2)
- II.** Solomon's Glorious Reign (3-11)
 - A.** Solomon Prays for Wisdom (3-4)
 - B.** The Construction of the Temple (5-8)
 - C.** The Fame of Solomon (9-10)
 - D.** The Death of Solomon (11)
- III.** The Division of the Kingdom (1 Kings 12 – 2 Kings 16)
- IV.** Assyria Captures Israel (2 Kings 17)
- V.** The Decline and Captivity of Judah by Babylon (2 Kings 18-25)

Discussion Questions: 1 & 2 Kings

1. Why did God grant Solomon wealth in addition to the wisdom that he prayed for?
2. What were Solomon's struggles, and how did his sin impact the division of the kingdom?
3. How did Jeroboam's sinning with the golden calves affect Israel (1 Kings 12)?
4. What can we learn about God's character from the conflict between Elijah and the prophets of Baal (1 Kings 18)?

5. What spiritual leadership lessons can be learned from the life of Elijah?
6. What can we learn about respecting spiritual leaders from the narrative included in 2 Kings chapter one?
7. What can we learn from Hezekiah's prayer (2 Kings 19)?