

1 Kings: Solomon

United Monarchy: Saul, David, Solomon 1000BC

Transition of power

Adonijah's bid for throne--Enrogel

- David's failure as a father (I Kgs. 1:6)

Nathan & Bathsheba plot (1:11ff)

Bathsheba's son: Solomon (1:31, 33)

Solomon's absence from the narrative: others speak for and about him 1:19, 26, 32, 38, he only seems to speak in "official-ese" contexts

Solomon's beginnings

David's advice: law of Moses, Davidic covenantal "if" 2:2ff

David's hit list (1 Kgs 2)

- Joab (2:5, 28ff),
- Shimei (2:8, 37ff),
- Adonijah [Abishag] (1:52; 2:17ff)

Solomon already wise before dream (2:6, 9)

Solomon at Gibeon

Dream at Gibeon: 3:4f

- Solomon's humility—child? (3:7)—how old is Solomon?—already has a 1 year old son by an Ammonitess (contra 11:1f)
- Wealth -- why?—ironic reading, Marxist reading and difficulty with wealth, destruction of the heroic/achievement
- Long life – why? (3:14)

Solomon's wisdom victory: 2 women & a baby (3:24)

Solomon's wisdom

Proverbs man -- (4:30ff) comparison cross cultures?

Pharaoh's daughter 3:1; 7:8; 9:24; 11:1; Prov. wisdom=woman (VW), no temple, no Exodus, Proverbs 22 –Amenemope, wisdom builds her house (9:1ff);

Temple construction: (ch. 5-6) –Hiram's help—floating cedars of Lebanon, ships

Solomon's dedication prayer (8:27)

- on great achievements (pride or worship)

Solomon's fame: queen of Sheba (10:1, 6)

Solomon's folly

Solomon's folly: Pharaoh's daughter (3:1) + wives/concubines (11:1)
–married before king to Ammonites??-Rehoboam 41 (1 Kgs 14:21).

Is it possible to turn away? (11:4, 9), temple builder
Is Eccles. The answer—he turns back?

On wisdom and folly: reading Solomon narrative
1 Cor. 1:27; 8:1 knowledge puffs up

Kingdom torn: 11:11f—but for David's sake

- North: Jeroboam—ten tribes (Israel/Ephraim)
- South: Rehoboam—Judah

Kings: the Divided Monarchy

Israel/Ephraim: 931-722 BC → Assyria [Nineveh]

Judah: 931- 586 BC → [Babylon]

The Split--1 Kgs 12

Rehoboam's mistake: young versus old

- On advice receiving & learning to listen (12:6ff); Adoniram 12:18

Northern Kingdom = Israel

- All bad kings

Southern Kingdom = Judah—David's descendants

- Mostly bad: except Uzziah, Hezekiah, Josiah

Kings of Israel 931-722 BC

Jeroboam --> Nadab

- Baasha --> Elah
- Zimri

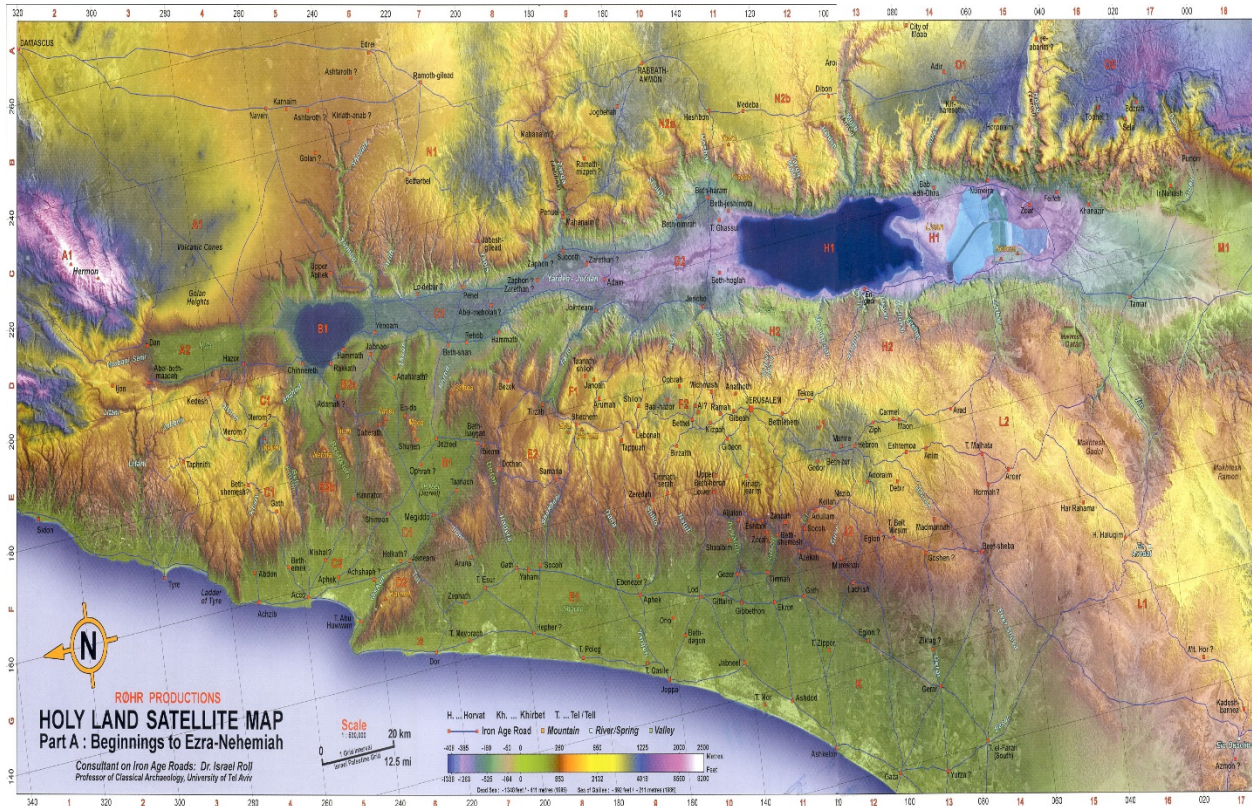
Omri → **Ahab** → Ahaziah → Joram

Jehu → Jehoahaz → Jehoash → **Jeroboam II**

Shallum/Menahem/Pekahiah/Pekah
Hoshea → Assyria [Nineveh] 722BC
(Shalmaneser V/ Sargon II)

Jeroboam (931-910 BC) 1 Kgs 12-14

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Epithet: taught Israel to sin

Man of God out of Judah

Spectacular prophecy: 1 Kgs. 13:2 Josiah

- Critical response: Prophecy post event
- Short range confirmation (altar split)

Short range verifying long range prophecy

- Son dies 14:12 fulfilling short prophecy guarantees long—line will end

Ahab (874-853 BC) 1 Kgs 16:29ff

Omri (Ahab's father) moved capital to Samaria, Mesha & Moabite stone (830 BC) mentions him as do Tiglath-pileser's annals in Assyria (732 BC) "house of Omri"

Son, Ahab marries Jezebel and Baal worship grows in Israel

King's denial cycle

- God's judgment
- Prophets blamed/killed/beat up//false prophets tell what king wants to hear
- No desire to repent or face God's judgment

Elijah the troubler of Israel (I Kgs 18:17f)

- Projection: my problem projected onto others

Elijah Prophets of Baal

On Mt. Carmel--storms

Elijah's call for a decision (18:21)

Baal: rain god (Ugarit)

Is sarcasm ever appropriate?

- 18:27 yes

Why did they cut themselves?

Greatest victory of his life

Jezebel's power over Elijah

Her threat 19:2

His (Elijah's) flight I Kgs 19:3

On a godly man (19:5)

- Depression? On highs and lows
- Wishing for death?
- Existential aloneness 19:10f

Elijah's 3 anointings to do: Hazael, Jehu, Elishah

Naboth's vineyard (I Kgs 21:1-16)

Do good guys always win? -story line

Religious evil (21:10, 24-25)

God's judgment (21:19)

Ahab repents (1 Kgs 21:27-29)

Grace Notes

Dates to know

- Abraham: 2000 BC
- David 1000 BC
- Israel Deported/scattered to Assyria 722 BC
- Judah Deported to Babylon 586 BC
- Return and End of OT (Ezra/Nehemiah/Malachi) 400 BC