

The Book of 1 Kings

Summary of 1 Kings:

History of David's son Solomon ruling as king, and then the kingdom dividing into 2 nations after Solomon's death where we are introduced to the prophet Elijah, who is raised up to confront Israel's idolatry

Outline:

1 Kings easily divides into two sections: *United Kingdom* and *Divided Kingdom*

I. The United Kingdom: The 40 Year Reign of Solomon (1:1-11)

II. The Divided Kingdom: The First 80 Years of the Two Kingdoms (12-22)

Major Themes in 1 Kings:

King of Israel – Solomon is the Son of David (2 Samuel 7)

Wisdom – Solomon asks for and receives wisdom (1 Kings 3)

Temple – Solomon builds the Temple and God dwells there (1 Kings 6-9)

Division – Israel is divided into 2 separate nations (north & south; 1 Kings 11-12)

Prophetic Call of God – God raised up Elijah (1 Kings 17-19)

Parallels between Moses and Elijah:

both part bodies of water (Ex.14; 2 Kgs.2)

both experienced God's glory at Sinai/Horeb (Ex.24; 1 Kgs.19)

both hid in a "crevice" as the glory of God went before them (Ex.33; 1 Kgs.19)

God brought storm, wind, and earthquake to both (Ex.19,20; Deut.4,5; 1 Kgs.19)

both asked God to kill them (Num.11; 1 Kgs.19)

both were wanted killed (Ex.2ff.; 1 Kgs.19)

both were opposed by Israel (Ex.16; 1 Kgs.18)

both called down fire to consume their enemies (Num.16; 2 Kgs.1)

both called Israel to slay the ungodly (Ex.32; 1 Kgs.18)

both built altars at the feet mountains "according to the twelve tribes of Israel" (Ex.24; 1 Kgs.18)

both spoke in their own names (Deut.5; 1 Kgs.17)

both fasted for "forty days and nights" (Ex.34; 1 Kgs.19)

both, after the killing of idolaters, went up a mountain to pray (Ex.32; 1 Kgs.18)

both are fed supernaturally by God (Ex.16; 1 Kgs.17)

both were performing miraculous signs (Ex.7-14; 1 Kgs.17-18)

both are called "servant of God" and "man of God" (Deut.34:5; Josh.1,9,11,14; 1 Kgs.18; 2 Kgs.1)

both had mysterious endings to their lives (Deut.34; 2 Kgs.2)

both anointed successors that receive their "spirits" (Deut.34; 2 Kgs.2)

Christ as Seen in 1 Kings:

The past few weeks we have focused on Christ as:

1) The true and greater **Solomon** (Matthew 12:42)

2) The true and great **Temple** (John 2:13-22)

We could say that on the kingly side of things in 1 Kings that Solomon is a pattern of Jesus. We could also say that on the prophetic side that **Elijah is a pattern of Jesus**. Elijah is much like Moses in the scope of his prophetic ministry. He multiplied food, he raised a child from the dead, he confronted the king, he confronted false prophets, his



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prayer altered the weather, he trained disciples, and he gloriously ascended to heaven. People identified Jesus as Elijah consistently through his ministry. And Elijah even appeared with Moses and Jesus on the Mount of Transfiguration (Matt.17:1-13; Mark 9:2-8; Luke 9:28-36).

Matthew 16:13-14 Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” 14 And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, *others say Elijah*, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.”