

1 Kings

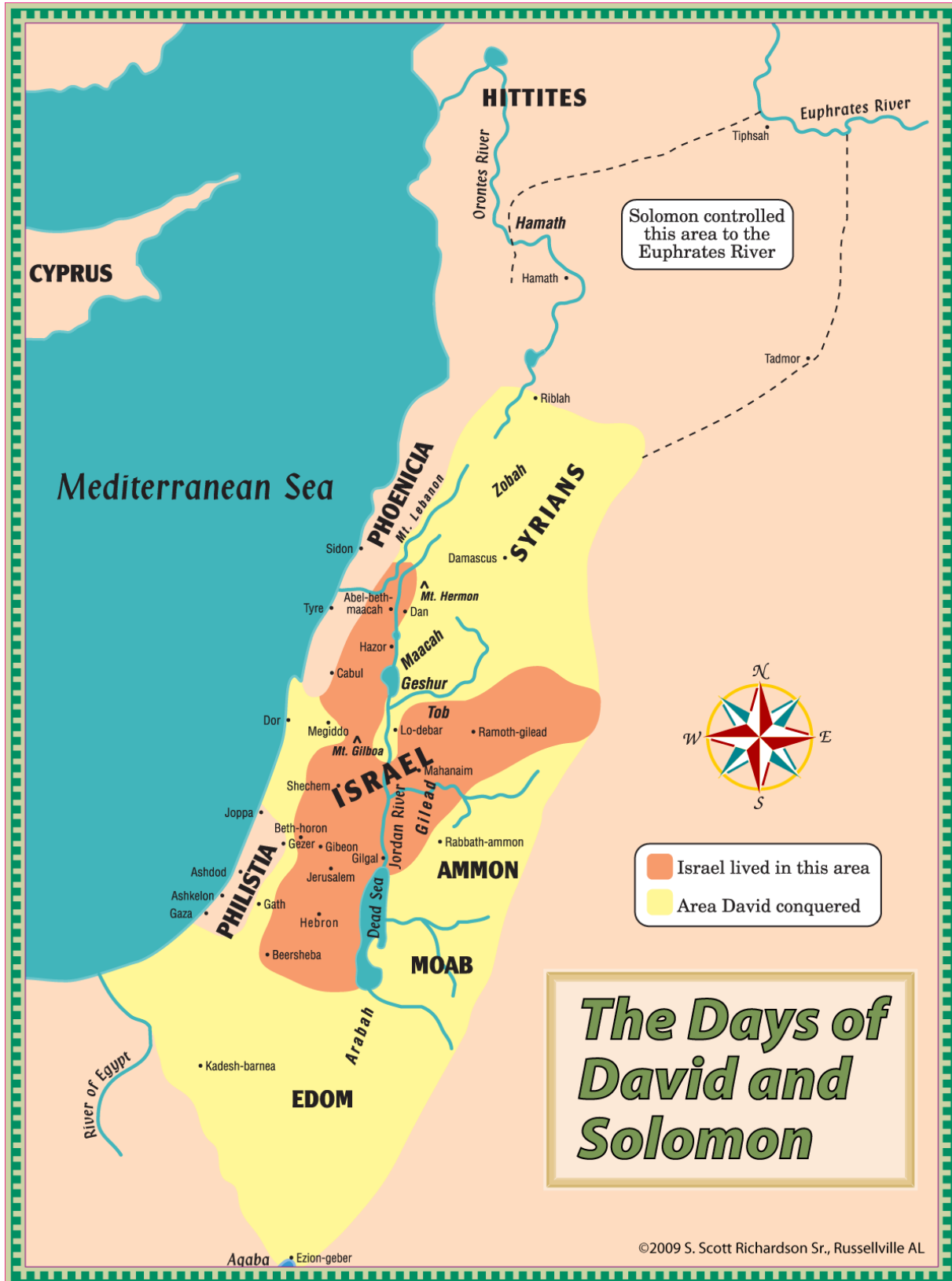
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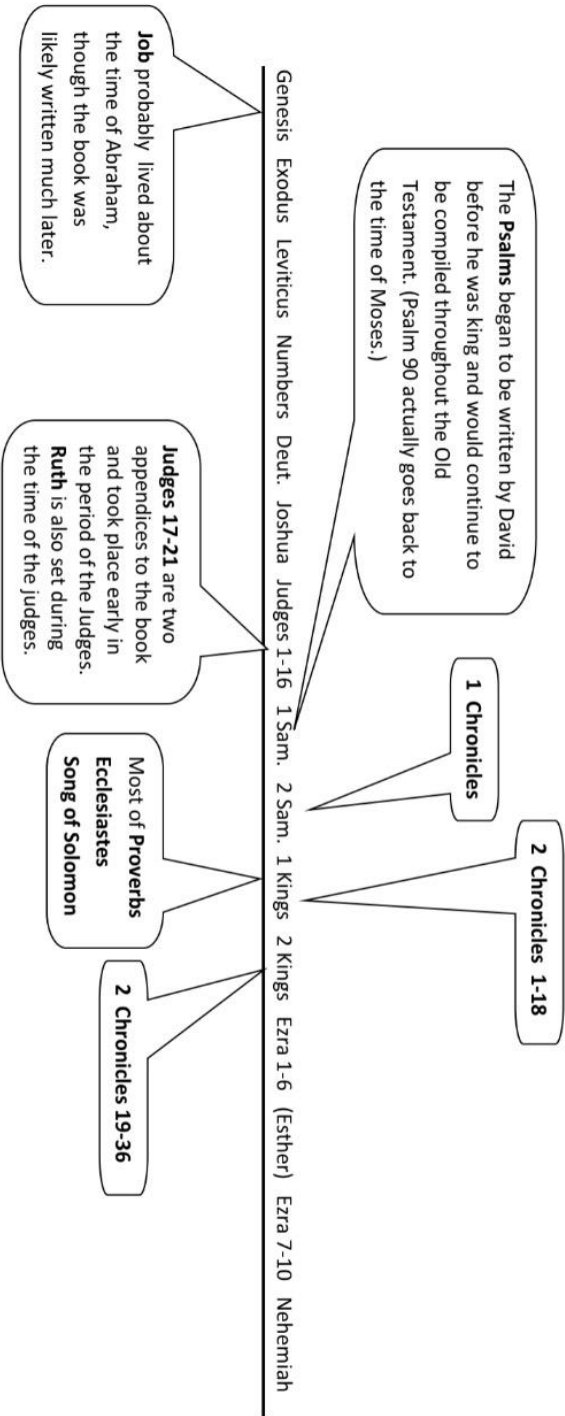
The United Kingdom



The Divided Kingdom



Old Testament Chronology



Approximate Correlation of the Literary Prophets to the Historical Books

Joel (uncertain) Jonah (2 Kings 14) Amos (2 Kings 14) Hosea (2 Kings 14-17) Isaiah and Micah (2 Kings 15-20) Jeremiah and Lamentations (2 Kings 22-25) Nahum (2 Kings 22, 23)	Zephaniah (2 Kings 22, 23) Habakkuk (2 Kings 23) Ezekiel (2 Kings 24, 25 and the period before Ezra) Obadiah (2 Kings 25 seems most likely) Daniel (2 Kings 24, 25 and the period before Ezra) Haggai and Zechariah (Ezra 5, 6) Malachi (Nehemiah)
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Lesson One: Background of 1 Kings

1. 1 Kings begins ca. 970 B.C. with King David on his deathbed and takes us to the time of Ahab and Jehoshaphat ca. 852 B.C.
2. 2 Chron. 1-18 covers this same period of history and will provide helpful supplemental material for this study.
3. The books *Give Us a King* and *Till There Was No Remedy* by Bob and Sandra Waldron are extremely helpful in studying this period of Bible history.
4. Seventeen Periods of the Bible Story

Before the Flood

The Flood

Scattering of the People

The Patriarchs

Exodus from Egypt

Wandering in the Wilderness

Invasion and Conquest of Canaan

The Judges

*United Kingdom

*Divided Kingdom

Judah Alone

Babylonian Captivity

Return and Rebuilding

Years of Silence

Life of Christ

Early Church

Letters to Christians

5. Why had Israel originally asked for a king? 1 Samuel 8
6. Why didn't one of Saul's descendants become king after him?
7. What was David's hometown? What tribe was he from?
8. The first 7 ½ years of David's reign, his capital was _____.
9. Who was the oldest son of David? Who killed him?
10. How did Abasalom die?
11. Why wasn't David allowed to build the temple?
12. When did David purchase the land on which the temple was to be built?

Lesson Two: Solomon Becomes King. 1 Kings 1, 2 (1 Chron. 29:22b-30)

1. How old was David when he died?
2. Why was Abishag brought to David near the end of his life?
3. What prominent men aligned themselves with Adonijah?
4. Who was invited to Adonijah's feast near En Rogel? Who was not invited?
5. How did Nathan persuade the aged king to make it clear that Solomon was to be the next king?
6. Where was Solomon taken for the anointing?
7. How did the people of Jerusalem react to the anointing of Solomon?
8. What was Adonijah doing when he received word that David had intervened to make Solomon king?
9. Where did Adonijah flee for refuge?
10. What did Solomon say when he heard about his brother's plea for mercy?
11. David urged Solomon to do what things if he wanted to prosper?
12. How was Solomon to deal with...
 - a. Joab?
 - b. The sons of Barzillai? (Who were they?)
 - c. Shimei?
13. Why did Solomon have Adonijah put to death?
14. Why did King Solomon spare the life of Abiathar?
15. Joab was executed because he had killed _____ and _____.
16. What act of disobedience cost Shimei his life?

Lesson Three: The Wisdom of Solomon. 1 Kings 3, 4 (2 Chron. 1)

1. Solomon made a treaty with _____ and married his daughter.
2. Why was Solomon at Gibeon when the Lord appeared to him?
3. How did the king describe himself and his abilities in 3:7?
4. What three things did the Lord mention that Solomon could have requested but didn't?
5. Which of these three did the Lord make conditional upon Solomon's obedience?
6. How did Solomon display his wisdom when two harlots came to him?
7. What were the twelve governors required to provide for Solomon? Cf. 1 Sam. 8.
8. Solomon's reign was said to have extended from the _____ to the land of the _____.
9. How much food was required each day in the court of the king?
10. Locate Dan and Beersheba on the map. What was meant by the expression from Dan to Beersheba?
11. How many proverbs did Solomon speak?
12. How many songs did he compose?

Lesson Four: Building the Temple. 1 Kings 5-7 (1 Chron. 28, 29; 2 Chron. 2-4)

1. Take note of 1 Chron. 28, 29 and the part David played in preparing materials for the temple.
2. Hiram, king of _____, assisted Solomon by supplying _____ and _____ logs.
3. The temple was begun in the _____ year of Solomon's reign, which was how many years after the exodus from Egypt?
4. List the dimensions of both the temple and the tabernacle built at Sinai.
5. The inside walls were of _____ wood and the floors were planked with _____.
6. Solomon had two cherubim made of _____ wood and then overlaid them with _____.
7. How long did it take to build the temple?
8. List the other buildings of Solomon mentioned in 1 Kings 7.
9. Who was the chief craftsman for the building of the temple?
10. What was the significance of the names Jachin and Boaz?
11. How large was the sea of cast metal and what did it stand on?
12. Describe the ornamentation on the ten carts of bronze.
13. How many gold lampstands did the temple have?

Lesson Five: Dedication of the Temple; The LORD Appears to Solomon. 1 Kings 8, 9 (2 Chron. 5-8)

1. Note: The month of Ethanim would correspond to our September or October.
2. Who carried the ark of the covenant into the temple?
3. What was in the ark? What was missing?
4. The priests had to stop their service because the _____ of the Lord filled the _____ of the Lord.
5. David was promised that one of his descendants would always be on the throne if they did what?
6. What did Solomon say about the temple containing the Lord?
7. Solomon asked God to hear the prayers offered toward the temple. What man was noted for praying toward Jerusalem?
8. “When they _____ against You (for there is no who does not _____)....
9. Describe Solomon’s physical posture during the prayer of dedication.
10. Why did the king have to consecrate the middle of the court in front of the temple?
11. How long did the feast of dedication last?
12. What could cause the Lord to cut off Israel from its land?
13. How many cities in Galilee did Solomon give Hiram? What was Hiram’s assessment of these cities?
14. How did Solomon come to have possession of Gezer?
15. What was done with the remnants of the various Canaanite nations still left in Israel?
16. Solomon had a fleet of ships that sailed from _____ .

Lesson Six: Queen of Sheba; Solomon's Apostasy. 1 Kings 10, 11 (2 Chron. 9)

1. Why did the queen of Sheba come to Jerusalem and what did she bring with her?
2. The queen concluded regarding the wisdom of Solomon, "The _____ was not told me."
3. What did she have to say about the king's servants?
4. How much gold came to Solomon on a yearly basis?
5. Describe the great throne Solomon had built for himself.
6. Why didn't he drink from silver vessels?
7. Solomon was importing horses from _____ and exporting them to _____.
8. Read Deut. 17:14-20 and then list the numbers of ways Solomon violated those teachings.
9. How many wives and concubines did Solomon have?
10. Why did the Lord become angry with him?
11. Why did the Lord not take the kingdom from Solomon during his lifetime?
12. Who were Hadad and Rezon?
13. How did Ahijah the prophet demonstrate to Jeroboam that he was going to reign over ten tribes of Israel?
14. What was Jeroboam promised if he obeyed the law of the Lord?
15. How long did Solomon reign?
16. Who followed him as king?

Lesson Seven: The Kingdom Divides. 1 Kings 12-14 (2 Chron. 10-12)

1. Where did Rehoboam go for his coronation as king?
2. What request did Jeroboam and the assembly make of Rehoboam?
3. What advice did the elders give Rehoboam?
4. Advice the young men gave?
5. Whose advice did the choose to follow?
6. What happened to Adoram? (While the NKJV says he was over the revenue, others render it as being in charge of the forced labor.)
7. Why didn't Rehoboam fight to bring the rebellious tribes back into the fold?
8. What was Jeroboam's concern about his subjects worshiping at the temple?
9. Locate Dan and Bethel on a map.
 - a. What did the name Bethel signify?
 - b. When did Israel first practice image worship at Dan?
10. Jeroboam appointed priests from whom?
11. According to 2 Chron. 11, what did many of the priests and Levites in Israel do at this time?
12. Where was Jeroboam when the man of God came to Bethel?
13. What was the message of this man of God?
14. What happened to Jeroboam when he ordered the arrest of God's prophet?
15. Why did the man of God refuse to go to the king's house?
16. How did the old prophet learn about what had happened at Bethel?
17. What lie did the old prophet tell? What true prophecy did he deliver?
18. Who buried the man of God and where?
19. Why did Jeroboam send his wife to Abijah the prophet?
20. Jeroboam's wife was told that _____ and _____ would eat the bodies of his descendants.
21. When did his child die?
22. How long did Jeroboam reign? Who followed him as king?
23. Who was Rehoboam's mother?
24. What nation attacked Judah in the fifth year of his reign?
25. How long did he reign?

Lesson Eight: From Abijam to Omri. 1 Kings 15:1—16:28 (2 Chron. 13-16)

1. Abijam (Abijah in 2 Chron.) was said to have walked in the sins of what man?
2. 2 Chron. 13 tells of a great battle he won against Jeroboam.
3. Who was Maachah and what did Asa do to her?
4. What great mistake did Asa make when Baasha, king of Israel, attacked him?
5. What health problem did he experience in his old age?
6. How long did Nadab reign over Israel? What happened to him and his descendants?
7. The prophet _____ warned Baasha that his house would be like the house of _____.
8. What was Elah doing when Zimri killed him?
9. How did Zimri die?
10. After the death of Zimri, who vied with Omri for the throne of Israel?
11. Omri made _____ his capital.
12. How did Omri compare the kings before him?

Lesson Nine: Ahab and Elijah. 1 Kings 16:29—18:46

1. What did Ahab do to take Israel deeper into apostasy than the kings before him?
2. Who was the father of Jezebel?
3. What prophecy of Joshua was fulfilled in the time of Ahab?
4. What was the first recorded prophecy/pronouncement of Elijah?
5. Who brought food to Elijah when he was hiding by the Brook Cherith?
6. Elijah was sent to a widow in _____, a town that belonged to _____.
7. How did this widow demonstrate her faith in the Lord?
8. When her son died, the widow thought Elijah had come to bring back to remembrance her _____.
9. How long did the drought last?
10. What were Ahab and Obadiah doing when Elijah came to them?
11. What great act of faith and courage had Obadiah performed?
12. Where had Ahab sent men in search of Elijah?
13. What did Obadiah think would happen if went to get Ahab in order to bring him to Elijah?
14. Ahab called Elijah the _____ of Israel.
15. How many prophets was Ahab to bring to Mt. Carmel?
16. What did the people say when Elijah asked them to choose between Baal and the Lord?
17. Describe the preparation of the two altars and sacrifices.
18. When Elijah mocked the prophets of Baal, what did he suggest their god might be doing?
19. Why did Elijah have water poured on the altar of the Lord?
20. He referred to the Lord as the God of _____, _____, and _____.
21. What was the cry of the people when the fire consumed the sacrifice and the altar?
22. What was done to the prophets of Baal?
23. What did Elijah do while Ahab was eating?
24. As Ahab went to Jezreel, what did Elijah do?

Lesson Ten: Elijah at Horeb; Ahab's "Victory." 1 Kings 19, 20

1. Why did Jezebel threaten the life of Elijah?
2. Where did Elijah leave his servant?
3. What was Elijah's prayer?
4. How long did Elijah "go in the strength" of the food provided by the angel?
5. When asked why he was at Horeb, Elijah responded that the people had...
 - a. Forsaken _____.
 - b. Torn down _____.
 - c. Killed _____.
6. The Lord was not in the _____, _____, or _____, but spoke to Elijah in a _____.
7. What three men was Elijah told to anoint to carry on the Lord's work?
8. Though things were bad, there were still _____ in Israel who did not worship Baal.
9. With what did Elisha prepare a meal before leaving his family to follow Elijah?
10. How many kings did Ben-Hadad have in league with him?
11. What did Ben-Hadad demand that Ahab give him?
12. How did Ahab respond when Ben-Hadad promised to level Samaria?
13. Why did Ahab place the young leaders of the provinces in charge of the army?
14. What were Ben-Hadad and his men doing when Israel attacked?
15. The Syrians decided they had lost because they thought the Lord was a god of the _____, but they could win if they got Israel to fight on the _____.
16. How Ben-Hadad's servants dress when they went to plead for mercy?
17. For failing to obey the voice of the Lord, a man was killed by a _____.
18. Ahab was told he would be destroyed for failing to do what?

Lesson Eleven: Murder of Naboth; Death of Ahab. 1 Kings 21, 22 (2 Chron. 18, 19)

1. Naboth had a vineyard in the city of _____ and Ahab wanted it for a _____.
2. What did Ahab do when Naboth refused to sell him his vineyard?
3. Describe Jezebel's plot to have Naboth killed.
4. Elijah promised Ahab that _____ would lick his blood.
5. Ahab asked, "Have you found me, O my _____?"
6. The Lord promised to make the house of Ahab like the houses of what two men?
7. Where would the dogs eat Jezebel?
8. What caused Ahab to be more wicked than those before him?
9. Why did the Lord relent and not bring the calamity on Ahab's house until after he was dead?
10. Ahab wanted Jehoshaphat to help him retake the city of _____.
11. How many prophets did Ahab produce when Jehoshaphat wanted to inquire of the Lord?
12. Why didn't Ahab want to bring Micaiah out?
13. Who used horns of iron to act out his false prophecy?
14. What did Micaiah tell the messengers when they urged him to speak words of encouragement to Ahab?
15. What was Micaiah's first response to Ahab? What was his second message?
16. The Lord had put a _____ in the mouths of the prophets so that _____ would fall.
17. What did Zedekiah ask Micaiah?
18. How was Ahab killed?
19. How did Jehoshaphat and Ahab seal their alliance? Cf. 2 Chron. 18:1.
20. Jehu the prophet rebuked the good king Jehoshaphat because he was too willing to help the _____. 2 Chron. 19:1-3
21. Who became king of Israel after Ahab?