

Upon whom you follow, you depend ...

1. Solomon—United Israel and Built the Temple, but Failed God. 1 Kings 1-11, 2 Chron. 1-9

- a. Solomon became king, rose to glory, (1 Kings 1-4), and constructed the Temple (5-6).
- b. The Ark returned and Covenant retold (8-9). Solomon disobeyed and Israel declined (11).
- c. The Temple finished (2 Chron. 1-7). Solomon knew God’s plan but failed and died (7-9).

“And as for you, if you will walk before me, as David your father walked, with integrity of heart and uprightness, doing according to all that I have commanded you, and keeping my statutes and my rules, then I will establish your royal throne over Israel forever, as I promised David your father, saying, ‘You shall not lack a man on the throne of Israel,’”... “Therefore the Lord said to Solomon, ‘Since this has been your practice and you have not kept my covenant and my statutes that I have commanded you, I will surely tear the kingdom from you and will give it to your servant,’” ... “if my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land,” 1 Kings 9:4-5 ... 11:11 ... 2 Chron. 7:14

2. Divided Kingdom—North Israel Declined, Exiled by 722 B.C. 1 Kings 12-2 Kings 17

- a. Solomon’s son Rehoboam threatened his “yoke on Israel,” and the North revolted.
- b. King Jeroboam, and 18 successors, all “did evil in God’s sight,” and idolatry followed.
- c. God sent Prophet Elijah and others to warn His people, but Israel sinned and fell to exile.

“The people of Israel walked in all the sins that Jeroboam did. They did not depart from them, until the Lord removed Israel out of his sight, as he had spoken by all his servants the prophets. So Israel was exiled from their own land to Assyria until this day,” 2 Kings 17:22-23

3. Southern Kingdom of Judah—Declined, Exiled in 586 B.C. 2 Kings 18-25, 2 Chron. 10-36

- a. Eight of Judah’s 20 kings followed God like David, but 12 “did evil in God’s sight.”
- b. God sent Obadiah, Joel, Isaiah, Micah, Jeremiah, etc., with warnings to Judah.
- c. After Israel was exiled Hezekiah and 7 others reigned over Judah until exile to Babylon.

“The Lord, the God of their fathers, sent persistently to them by his messengers, because he had compassion on his people and on his dwelling place. But they kept mocking the messengers of God, despising his words and scoffing at his prophets, until the wrath of the Lord rose against his people, until there was no remedy,”... “And the Lord said, “I will remove Judah also out of my sight, as I have removed Israel, and I will cast off this city that I have chosen, Jerusalem, and the house of which I said, My name shall be there,” 2 Chron. 36:15-16 ... 2 Kings 23:27

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