



**Basic Messages in**

**KINGS**



## Where Does Kings Fit?

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### God's "Story" so far:

- Genesis: Sin • Promise/s • Providence
- Exodus: Bondage -> Deliverance
- Leviticus: Holiness • Priesthood • Worship
- Numbers: Faith falters • Wilderness Wanderings
- Deuteronomy: Reminder • Obey -> Blessed • Disobey -> Cursed • God's hope
- Joshua: Fulfillment • Conquest
- Judges: Sin • Cry to God • God responds • God delivers • Safety • Repeat
- Ruth: Faithfulness • Hope • Providence • Seed line -> David -> Christ
- 1-2 Samuel: Judges -> Kings



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### The Message/s of Kings ...

- **Broad overview:**
  - **1 Kings: Greatness (David & Solomon) -> Decline**
  - **2 Kings: Future kings of Israel/Judah -> Fall of Israel/Judah**
- **David's faithfulness • Solomon's initial faithfulness**
  - **To God's word • To God's worship**
- **Solomon's departures**
  - **From God's word • From God's worship**
- **The kingdom divides -> Israel falls - > Judea falls**



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- Solomon's **departures**
  - **From** God's word • **From** God's worship
  - Reflect a move away **from God**
- The divided kingdom (Judah/South • Israel/North)...
  - A **consequence** of a move away **from God**
- Israel's kings **never moved toward God**
- Judah's kings **occasionally moved toward God**
  - Righteous kings: **Hezekiah** • **Josiah**
  - Semi-righteous kings: **Asa** • **Jehoshaphat** • **Joash**
    - **Amaziah** • **Azariah** • **Jotham**



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- When God was **not** respected as **“the”** king ...
- Human kings fail to:
  - **Respect** God's **will** • God's **word** • God's **worship**
- Human kings, **when good** -> **encourage national faithfulness**
- Human kings, **when bad** -> **encourage national unfaithfulness**
- What God wants **in will** • **in word** • **in worship** ...
  - Must **not** be obeyed **because of** a godly king
  - Must **not** be disobeyed **because of** an ungodly king
  - **Must** be obeyed because God **was/is/will always** be **“the”** king

