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First Kings

1 Kings 1-3

C1 Vss 1-53

David dying and cannot get warm, Abishag took care of him but no sex, Adonijah claims throne, David never disciplined him, Adonijah picks Joab and Abiathar the priest into his confidence, Nathan goes to Bathsheba and she to the king, Nathan also talks with David, David restated his vow to Bathsheba and Solomon, David prepares for Solomon's coronation, all the people followed Solomon to Jerusalem, Adonijah and his guests become fearful,

Commentary: The virile David is shown so weak now, he has no interest in sex. Uprisings in David's household are now routine. However, David has improved at responding. Adonijah attempts to take advantage of the king's condition. He underestimates his father. David prepares for Solomon's coronation. Adonijah and his supporters beg for mercy.

C2 Vss 1-46. David charged Solomon, observe the requirements of The Lord, calls the names of several he wants addressed: Joab, Barzallai, Shimei, David died, Adonijah ask for his father 's concubine, Adonijah killed, Abiathar confined to home, Joab killed, Shimei supposed to stay in Jerusalem breaks vow. He dies,

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Commentary: Solomon's mercy does not stop Adonijah's ambition. Eventually all of the rebels die. They tested Solomon's resolve. Solomon shows his resolve.

C3 Vss 1-28 Solomon loved The Lord, married one of Pharaoh's daughter, request an understanding heart to govern God's people, God provides wisdom and other riches, Solomon makes the baby decision, all the people hear of his decision

Commentary: God rewards Solomon for desiring wisdom to govern God's people. Then God provides the platform of two women in a dispute over a child. The real story is God elevating Solomon in the eyes of the people. While his father was known for his military conquest, Solomon would be the king of wisdom and peace.

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C4-6

C4 1-34 King Solomon now ruled over all of Israel, he had several high officials, 12 district governors, Judah and Israel were as numerous as the sand of the seashore, God gave Solomon great wisdom, he was wiser than anyone else, kings from. Other nations sent representatives to listen to him

Commentary: God always provides distinguishing abilities for his people. The purpose of Solomon's wisdom was to point people to His God.

C5 1-18 Hiram of Tyre sends ambassadors to congratulate Solomon, Solomon requests cedars from Lebanon, Hiram pleased, he will supply cedar, Solomon sends food, they make a peace alliance

Commentary: We see the relationship between Solomon and Gentiles and their role on building the temple . Gentile have always been an objective of God's people Israel. Also notice Hiram is actually starving. He does not simply ask for support. Solomon senses there is a great need and sends food. Often persons with too much pride will not ask for what they really need . We need to be sensitive to this condition.

C6 1-38 During the fourth year of Solomon's reign that he began constructing the temple, this was 480 years after being rescued from Egypt, temple three stories high, God's message to Solomon to keep his decrees, I will never abandon my people, temple finished in 11 year of Solomon's reign

Commentary: There is nearly 1000 years between Abraham and kings. God continues his promise with Abraham through Solomon. This shows believers today how faithful God is to each generation.

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C7-9

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C7 1-51. Solomon also built palace , Solomon asks for Hiram a master craftsman half Israelite, Hiram made all the ornamentation inside the palace, Solomon also made the furnishings for the temple,

Commentary: Not only the external parts but also the internal furnishings of the temple were crafted by a half gentile half Israelite. Again, Gentiles were always a part of God's plan to redeem humanity.

C8 1-66 Solomon summoned all the elders and leaders, a great sacrifice of animals as the ark and articles are transferred to the temple, nothing inside the ark but two stones with the commandments, when priest came out of the holy place a cloud filled the temple, Solomon praised God, recalled God's promise to David, Solomon lifted his hands toward heaven and prayed, listen to my prayer

Commentary: Once the temple is completed, there is nothing more powerful than a God-based leader. Solomon leads the people in dedicating the temple not a priest.

If someone wrongs another. If your people are defeated by their enemies , if there is no rain, if there is famine, if your people go out to fight, if they sin against you, may you hear and answer them whenever they cry out

Commentary: Solomon prays the if prayer. Each if will happen in the life of the people. In this sense the prayer is prophetic. More importantly the temple is a foreshadowing of Jesus. If we turn to Him He'll forgive us and heal us in every way.

When Solomon finished praying he blessed the whole congregation, not one word has failed of all He has promised. Then they offered sacrifices, they celebrated the festival in shelters,

Commentary: Reflecting on God's faithfulness is a must for every believer. No matter what challenges we face, we must remember God's faithfulness.

C9 1-28 Solomon finished the temple and palace, God sets the temple apart as holy. As for Solomon follow with integrity and godliness I will establish your throne forever, but if your descendants abandon me, I will uproot you from this land, it took 20 years to build the temple and his palace, Hiram not pleased with the towns given to him by Solomon.

Commentary: God agrees with the temple. However, God keeps us mindful that He desires integrity and godliness. Obedience is far more important to Him than religious buildings and activities.

Solomon conscripted the labor force for the temple from the inhabitants who were still in Israel: Amorites, Hivites, Perizzites, Jebusites, he sacrificed three times a year, had a fleet of ships

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Commentary: The pattern of Gentiles playing key roles is apparent throughout Scripture.

1 Kings 10-12

C10 1-29

Queen of Sheba hears of Solomon's fame, she had hard questions, she exclaimed everything I've heard is true, Praise The Lord Your God, because of the Lord's eternal love for Israel He has made you king, Solomon gave the queen anything she asked for,

Each year Solomon received 25 tons of gold, he became richer and wiser than any king on earth,

Commentary: Notice Sheba praises God as a result of witnessing what could be the only source of Solomon's wisdom and whole profile . This is the objective of a God providing resources of every kind for us.

C11 1-40 Solomon loved many foreign women, The Lord had clearly instructed not to marry them, he had 700 wives, 300 concubines. In his old age they turned his heart to worship other gods, The Lord was angry with Solomon, since you have not kept my covenant I will tear the kingdom away from you. I will not take the entire kingdom, then The Lord raised up the Edomites, God also raised up Rezon, he hated Israel in Aram

Commentary: it seems when all else fails , Satan offers sex. Solomon loses his way sadly. It's an all too familiar condition that hunts ministries even today. We continue to see the pattern of consequences.

Not even kings with all of their power and authority can avoid the consequences of sin. Then certainly everyday people have no chance.

We must avoid the pleasure of sin. We cannot get away with sin.

God raises up enemies. This means God takes his cornering and hedge away and allows the enemies to rise up and achieve successes to punish His own people.

Another rebel leader was Jeroboam, a very capable young man, the prophet Ahijah took a new cloak he was wearing and tore into twelve pieces, The Lord God says he will give ten if the tribes to you, Solomon has abandoned me, because of Solomon's sin I will punish the descendants of David though not forever, Solomon tried to kill Jeroboam, he flees to Egypt, he died , his son a Rehoboam became king

Commentary: Not only are there enemies without Israel, but God raises up internal enemies.

The point is that Solomon's days of peace are over. He may have women and riches, but he has forfeited peace.

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C12 1-33. Rehoboam met with all of Israel, Jeroboam returned from Egypt, elders ask Rehoboam to lighten load, Rehoboam rejects their advice, asked advice of the young, tell them you will be more harsh, rehoboam and elders return for decision, Rehoboam spoke harshly , the king paid no attention to the people it was the will of The Lord, the people responded down with the kingdom of David,

Commentary: Here we see how God administrated His discipline. Rehoboam with poor counsel is insensitive to the people. Listening to his contemporaries he makes a poor decision. It fulfills the will of God. This is the meaning of God's providence. That is his will shown through the unfolding of events.

When the people of Israel learned the Jeroboam returned they made him king, Rehoboam prepared to battle but God through Shemaiah told him do not fight against your relatives,

Commentary: Rehoboam is prepared to go to battle. He's instructed not to fight. He was informed of God's desire. There's no need fighting the will of God. People need to accept their discipline (Hebrew 12).

Jeroboam makes Schechem the capital, he placed calf idols between Dan and Bethel, called them the gods who delivered them from Egypt, this became a great sin, at Bethel he himself offered sacrifices

Commentary: Unbelievably, Jeroboam without reservation moves to establish a religion and priesthood in Israel.

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C13-15

C 13 Vss 1-34 a man from Judah went to Bethel, as Jeroboam approached he shouts O altar O altar. Human bones will be burned on you, Jeroboam pointed and said seize the man, the king'd hand became paralyzed, the king cried out and his hand was restored, he begged the man of God to return to the palace to eat with him , the old prophet also offers him food, he refuses, the old lied saying an angel also spoke to him, he changed the man if God's mind,

The man of God is killed by a lion for disobeying

Commentary: it is not long before God begins to deal with Jeroboam. God sends a man to let the king know he is in great trouble with God.

The king attempts to use his authority to have the man of a God seized. His hand is paralyzed. Now the almighty king has to beg the man of God to cry for him.

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Spiritual leaders have greater power than governing officials when they are doing God's will.

The man of God becomes an excellent example of the danger affiliated with listening to persons confessing a word of a God for another. The man of God lost his life listening to someone else. He was being told something against what God told him.

C14 Vss 1-31 Jeroboam's son became sick Abijah, Jeroboam 'a wife goes to Ahijah who told him he would become king to learn the date of his son, the prophet tells her every make descendant of a Jeroboam will die only one will have a proper burial this son, he's the only good thing, enemies will destroy the kingdom immediately,

Commentary: It is amazing how we call on the ones we have betrayed when we are in trouble. Rehoboam dies not understand the danger of betraying a spiritual sacred trust. The same prophet who told him he would become king, yells of his demise.

Meanwhile, Rehoboam reigned 17 years, his mother was an Ammonite, the people did what was evil, in the 5th year Egypt attacked, they took all of the most precious metals. So they were replaced with bronze

Commentary: Meanwhile Judah is also being rocked for disobedience.

C15 Vss 1-34 Abijam ruled over Judah. He was the son of Absalom's daughter, he was not faithful to God, he ruled three years, he fought with Jeroboam, Asa ruled Judah 41 years, he did what was pleasing in the Lord's sight, he banished shrine prostitutes and deposed his grandmother, she had made an obscene Ashteroth pole, he remained fistful his lifetime,

Nadab ruled in Israel after Jeroboam, he continued the sins of Jeroboam, Baasha assassinated Ahijah from the tribe of Issachar, he slaughtered all the descendants of Jeroboam, just as The Lord promised

Baasha reigned 24 years, constantly at war with Asa of Judah,

Commentary: Both nations are juxtaposed from this time forward. There is constant fighting between Israel and Judah.

Asa begins a revival. He even disciplines the Queen mother. Note than when kings are Godly their reigns last longer. Meanwhile as promised, Jeroboam's family is wiped out

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C16 Vss 1-34

Baasha receives word for the prophet Jehu that The Lord is angry with him, he has

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followed Jeroboam, his whole family will be eaten by dogs and vultures

Elah the son of Baasha rules for two years, the commander Zimri murdered him and the whole Baasha clan as The Lord promised

Zimri rules, lasted seven days, when the people at war with the Philistines learned Zimri had killed the king and his relatives they chose the commander Omri as king. The new king attacked Tizrah the capital, Zimri committed suicide,

Some wanted to follow Tibni others Omri, he defeated Tibni, he purchased Samaria. Omri did what was evil he died, worse than all if those before him and made Ahab his son king

Ahab reigned in Samaria 22 years, he did what was evil in the sight of The Lord, he also married Jezebel, he did more to provoke The Lord than anyone before him,

Commentary: While Asa reigns in Judah and launches a revival, in comparison the kings of Israel are being killed.

Notice how their families are also held accountable. This is a leadership principle. The corrupt leaders whole family is held responsible.

C17 Vss 1-24 Elijah told Ahab there will be no dew or rain for several years until I say, The Lord told him to hide and be fed by the ravens, The Lord told him to go live in Zarephath, he told the woman to feed him, she not even enough for her and her son. But he told her to feed him and the two and she would always have jars filled with food, as promised she always had good

Her son died, she thought Elijah caused the death, Elijah brings the boy back to life

Commentary: Apparently he fears for his life after telling Ahab about the rain condition. The man with the most authority cannot stop God's man from the baseline necessities. He's fed by Ravens.

Thereafter he is fed by a poor woman and her son. It's a marvelous principle of providing minimal resources for ministry and being blessed as a result. She gave all she had like the woman who gave all she had that Jesus observed.

Thereafter her son dies. These mixed messages happen in ministry. Where there is a blessing then a horrible event. Elijah cries out to The Lord. And the boy is revived.

C18 Vss 1-46. In the third year of the drought, Obadiah and Ahab seek water, Obadiah meets Elijah, Obadiah fearful to tell Ahab about Elijah, Elijah promises he will be present got Ahab, Elijah tells Ahab he has caused all the problems and to summon all the prophets, and all the people, Elijah has an altar contest to see who is the real God, God

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shows his power and the people cried the Lord is God, they seized the prophets and Elijah had them killed

Elijah tells Ahab a rainstorm is coming. He sends servant to the seashore seven times, the last time the servant views a small hand and tells Elijah, Elijah tells Ahab through the servant to flee to Jezreel. Elijah beats Ahab to Jezreel running.

Commentary: Elijah is prepared to continue his ministry before Ahab. He has even more courage at this point. God builds courage over time. The illustration shows how people need to see truth in their God.

False prophets are doomed whenever God is involved. We see God's mercy as he provides for Ahab's safe travel. This kind of provision is often misunderstood by the leader as approval or acceptance of corrupt behavior.

The prophet exceeds Ahab outrunning him. What a God we serve.

C19-21

C19 Vss 1-21 when Ahab arrives home he tells Jezebell all that happend. She sends death warrant to Elijah, he runs for his life, tell The Lord he's tired take his life, He sleeps and an angel awakes him to baker bread and a jar of water,he traveled forty days and nights to Sinai, The Lord asked him what was he doing there, he explained,

Commentary: Prophets has marvelous accomplishments but they were also killed. Elijah had a great victory against the prophets of Baal, but after every victory there is another challenge. Ministry is so demanding and emotionally draining. He's ready to give up. The Lord is always carrying us but in times such as Elijah faces, he learns it is God's campaign.

God told him to stand on the edge of the mountain windstorm, earthquake, and fire all hit but God was not in any of those, me then a small whisper what are you doing here, go back the way you can annoint Hazael to be king of Aram, Nimshi to be king of Israel and Elisha to take your place, Elijah found Elijah

Commentary: An amazing illustration of the elements passing Elijah could represent Satan's management of elements as God allows. This is apparent in Jobs tragedy. But God's guidance is found in a small whisper sometimes.

Refreshened by angels, Elijah is not yet done with his ministry. He has to begin the

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transition by anointing kings and his replacement. And he is told to return the same way he came fleeing in fear. Hod revitalizes and empowers us. We are able to face what we never thought we could handle.

C20 Vss 1-43

Benhadad threatens Israel, Ahab gives resources and family members, Benhadad wants more, Ahab refuses, Ben marched against Israel. A prophet comes to Ahab and informs him that he will be victorious and too attack. They catch the enemy too confident and route them, again they attack in the Spring given the excuse that Israel fights well in the hill country, the prophet went to Ahab and told him about the hill country and The Lord would defeat them again, Israel killed 100,000 Arameans, they surrender, they made a treaty and were set free

Commentary: If there is ever proof that God honors his covenant with Abraham and anyone, this is an example. Threatened by the Arameans, and giving every concession Benhadad wants more. The Lord supports Israel and informs them to attack a much larger military using God's strategy. Satan only flees for a season. Arameans attack again, but are crushed by Israel.

Ahab makes a major mistake and makes a treaty with them.

The Lord instructed one of the group of prophets to day to another man slap me, because the man would not he was killed by a lion as the prophet said die disobedience, the prophet asked another man to hit him and he did, the prophet put a bandage on his eye. He told Ahab a story. Ahab said it was the prophet fault that the prisoner in the story got away, the prophet took off the bandage and told Ahab he and the people would be destroyed for letting an enemy of God escape

Commentary: God desires his spokespersons to really understand. Obedience is always a requirement of The Lord. We are appalled at the man killed by a lion because he would not strike a prophet.

The prophet needed the also to fulfill God's purpose. This is an example of humanism or human righteousness vs God's righteousness to fulfill His purpose.

C21 Vss 1-29

There was a man named Naboth who owned a vineyard in Jezreel next to the king's palace, he would not sell the vineyard to Ahab, the king was sad, Jezebel told him she would take care of it. She sent a word to the people to accuse him of cursing God and the king and to kill him, she told Ahab the vineyard was available and he claimed it.

Commentary: What a sad story of leadership corruption. Jezebel's lie including that Naboth cursed God to incite the people to murder him is high crime. Leaders must watch this tendency of casting darkness upon persons.

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God told Elijah to go to Ahab, the prophet tells him of his doom and his descendants and Jezebel's death, Ahab went into mourning, God delayed all he said against Ahab and did it against his sons

Commentary: God is going to address leadership evil. It could take a lifetime, but it will not go unpunished. But he is yet merciful.

C22-1-53

No war with Aram for three years, during the third year Jehoshaphat visited Ahab, Ahab asked Jehoshaphat if he would join in battle against Aram, he agreed, Ahab summoned his 400 prophets for approval, they approved, Jehoshaphat asked for a prophet of The Lord, Ahab mentioned Micaiah but said he is trouble, they called for Micaiah he was sarcastic then told the prophecy, Israel scattered and Ahab was killed,

Commentary: Ahab's king relative from Judah visits him and joins him in battle. It's an experience where people are seeking the answer they desire as opposed to listening to God

The prophet tells a story of how Ahab would be defeated by placing a lying spirit in the prophets, Zedekiah slapped Micaiah, he's arrested but he added mark my words,

Commentary: Whether it is a parable or literal, the experience underscores the principle of what I call thought agents. Influential spirits don't have to obsess. All they have to do is influence thinking where a possession is in absolute authority not merely suggestive.

The kings led their armies, Ahab disguised himself, Aram's soldiers only to attack the king, Jehoshaphat was targeted but told them he was not king, Ahab was hit inadvertently and died, dogs kicked his blood where prostitutes bathed,

Commentary: Jehoshaphat narrowly escapes being killed. Often our human relationships overwhelm our spiritual relationship with God. It almost cost Jehoshaphat his life. Notice the complete focus of the enemy on the leader Ahab. This is indicative of Satan's operation placing strategic focus on leadership.

Jehoshaphat reigned twenty five years, he did what was pleasing to The Lord but failed to remove the shrines, Ahab's son wanted his men to sail with Jehoshaphat, but he refused.

Commentary: Jehoshaphat was pleasing but did not do the complete revival perhaps due to politics

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