

Series: Major Bible Events

Title: The Kings

Text: (1 Kings 12 - 2 Kings 16)

(Prov 14:34) *Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people.*

Entering a significant 400 yr period in the Middle East
Time of Political upheaval & Military Campaigns.
Syria, Assyria, Babylon, Egypt, Palestine were involved.

Israel: the center of bible history
suffered through Internal warfare & a Struggle to survive.

I. The Two Kingdoms: (1 Kings 12)

II. The Evil of the Wicked Kings: (2 Kings 17:13-14)

A. King Jeroboam: (1 Kings 12:16-33)

1. Created False centers Worship: (Vs 25-30)
2. Made Priests of the lowest of the people: (Vs 31)
 - a) Bought off.
 - b) These had no interest in the truth.
 - c) would not oppose His heresies:

B. King Omri: (1 Kings 16:25)

C. King Ahab: (1 Kings 16:30-33)

D. King Manasseh: (2 Kings 21:1-18)

E. King Amon: (2 Kings 21:19-26)

III. The Good of the Righteous Kings:

The Promise of Perpetuity: (1 Kings 9:4-5)

A. King Asa: (1 Kings 15:11-15)

1. Cast out the Sodomites: (Vs 12a)
2. Removed the Idols: (Vs 12b)
3. Dethroned his mother, an Idolatress: (Vs 13)

B. King Jehoshaphat: (1 Kings 22:41-50)

C. King Hezekiah: (2 Kings 18:1-6)

1. Crusaded Against Paganism:

D. King Josiah: (2 Kings 23:21-25)

1. Repaired the Temple: (2 Kings 22:1-7)
2. Found a copy of the Word of God: (2 Ki 22:8-20)
 - a) Read it
 - b) Repented
3. Cleansed Jerusalem of Idols: (2 Kings 23:5)
4. Led the nation to Repentance & Renewal: (2 Kings 23:21-25)

IV. The Causes of the Downfall: (2 Kings 17:9-18)

A. The sins of this period:

1. Forsook the Worship of the Lord: (Vs 9-12)
2. Ignored the Prophets of the Lord: (Vs 13-14)
3. Violated the Commandments of God: (Vs 15-16)
4. Adopted their neighbors Pagan Customs: (16-17)

B. The Judgment of this period:

1. The King was de-throned: (2 Ki 24:1-12; 17-20)
2. The People were Deported: (2 Kings 24:13-16)
3. The City was Destroyed: (2 Kings 25:1-12)
4. The Temple Disgraced: (2 Kings 25:13-17)
5. The Land was left Desolate: (2 Kings 25:18-30)

V. Mega-themes: