

Give Us A King



A Harmony of Samuel, Kings, and Chronicles

Part 2

1-2 Kings and 2 Chronicles

Survey of 1 Kings

United Kingdom 1:1 – 11:43			Divided Kingdom 12:1 – 22:53		
Establishment of Solomon	Rise of Solomon	Decline of Solomon	Division of the Kingdom	Reign of Various Kings	Reign of Ahab Elijah
Solomon			8 Kings (Israel) / 4 Kings (Judah)		
Kingdom in Tranquility			Kingdom in Turmoil		
Jerusalem Capital of United Kingdom			Samaria: Capital of Israel Jerusalem: Capital of Judah		
c. 40 years			c. 78 years		

Where Are We Among the Kings?

The Southern Kings of Judah	The Northern Kings of Israel
1. Rehoboam (930 - 913 B.C.)	1. Jeroboam (930 - 909 B.C.)
2. Abijam/Abijah (913 - 910 B.C.)	2. Nadab (909 - 908 B.C.)
3. Asa (910-869 B.C.)	3. Baasha (908 - 886 B.C.)
	4. Elah (886 - 885 B.C.)
	5. Zimri (885 B.C.)
	6. Omri (885 - 874 B.C.)
	7. Ahab (874 - 853 B.C.)

Ahab and Elijah (1 Kings 17-22)

Elijah the Prophet of Good	Ahab the King of Evil
1. Elijah at Zarephath (Chap. 17)	1. Ahab and Ben-Hadad (Chap. 20)
2. Elijah at Mt. Carmel (Chap. 18)	2. Ahab and Nabal (Chap. 21)
3. Elijah flees to Horeb (Chap. 19)	3. Ahab and Jehoshaphat (Chap. 22)

Kings of Aram-Damascus

King (Years)	Text
Rezon, son of Eliada (mid-10th century)	“Adversary” to Solomon (1 Kgs 11:23-35)
Ben-hadad I, (late 10th-early 9th century)	Accepted tribute from Asa, king of Judah, and attacked Baasha, king of Israel (1 Kgs 15:18-20)
Ben-hadad II/Hadad-idir (mid-9th century)	Affairs with Omride Israel (1 Kgs 20; 22:31; 2 Kgs 6:24; 8:7-9); lead a coalition of twelve kings against Shalmaneser III at Qarqar in 853 and again in 849, 848, and 845 (Kurkh Stele - COS 2.261-262; Black Obelisk - COS 2.269-270)
Hazael (c.843-800)	Assassinated Ben-hadad II/Hadad-idir and usurped the throne; fought and prevailed against Israel (Jehu and Jehoahaz), Judah (Joash), and Philistine Gath (1 Kgs 19:15-17; 2 Kgs 8:8-15, 28-29; 9:14-15; 10:32; 12:17-18; 13:3, 22-25; 2 Chr 22:5-6; Amos 1:4; Tel Dan Stele - COS 2.161-162); fought against Shalmaneser III who lead campaigns against him in 841 and 838 (Black Obelisk - COS 2.269-270; Eponym Chronicle 838-837 - Millard 1994; Jehu’s Submission - COS 2.267-268; Arslan Tash Booty Inscription, Eretria/Samos Booty Inscriptions, Nimrud Booty Inscription - COS 2.162-163; cf. Zakkur Stele - COS 2.155)
Ben-hadad III/Bir-hadad (c. 800-796)	Oppressed Israel during the reign of Jehoahaz and Jehoash (2 Kgs 13:3, 24-25 Amos 1:4), but was defeated by Jehoash (2 Kgs 13:24-25) and Adad-Nirari III who fought against Aram-Damascus in north Syria in 805 and besieged Damascus itself in 796 (2 Kgs 13:5; Stone Tablet from Calah, Tell el-Rimah Stele, Saba’a Inscription - COS 274-277; Eponym Chronicle 805 - Millard 1994); besieged Zakkur of Hamath/Luash in his capital (Tell Afis), but was (probably) repulsed by Adad-Nirari III c. 805 (Zakkur Stele - COS 2.155)
Hadianu (773)	Paid tribute to Shalmaneser IV who marched against Damascus (Pazarcik Stele - COS 2.283-284; Eponym Chronicle 773 - Millard 1994)
Rezin (c. 740-732)	Paid tribute to Tiglath-Pileser III in c, 740 and 738 (Iran Stele; Annal Fragment - COS 2.285-287); joined Hiram II of Tyre and Pekah of Israel in rebelling against Israel and attached Ahaz of Judah (with Pekah) before being killed by Tiglath-Pileser III who destroyed Damascus and exiled its populace after a two-year siege (2 Kgs 15:37; 16:5-9; Isa 7:1-8; 8:6; 9:11; Summary Inscription No. 4, 7, 9, 13, Defeat of Damascus Annal Fragment, Conquest of Galilee Annal Fragments - COS 2.286-292)





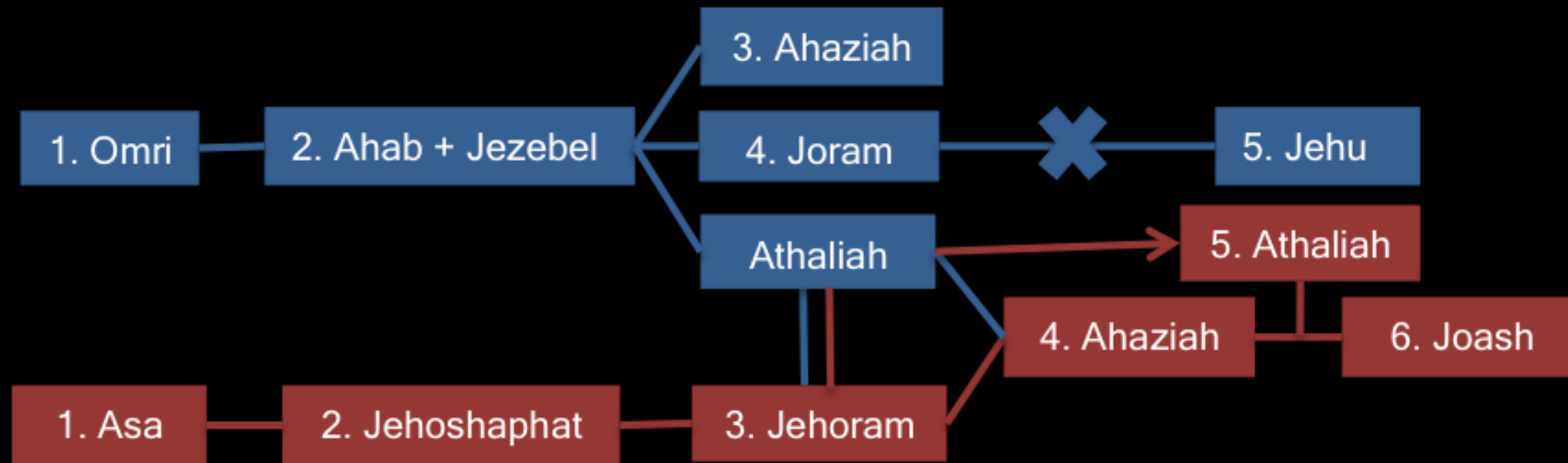
Men of God and Their Message

Prophet	Audience	Message	Reference
Unnamed prophet	Ahab	The Lord will deliver the Syrians into your hand	1 Kings 20:13-14
Unnamed prophets	Ahab	Ben-Hadad will fight you again	1 Kings 20:22
Unnamed prophet	Ahab	The Lord will deliver the Syrians into your hand	1 Kings 20:28

Men of God and Their Message

Prophet	Audience	Message	Reference
Micaiah	Ahab / Jehoshaphat	Go up and prosper / I saw Israel scattered as sheep with no shepherd (Ahab will die)	1 Kings 22:13-28 2 Chronicles 18:12-27

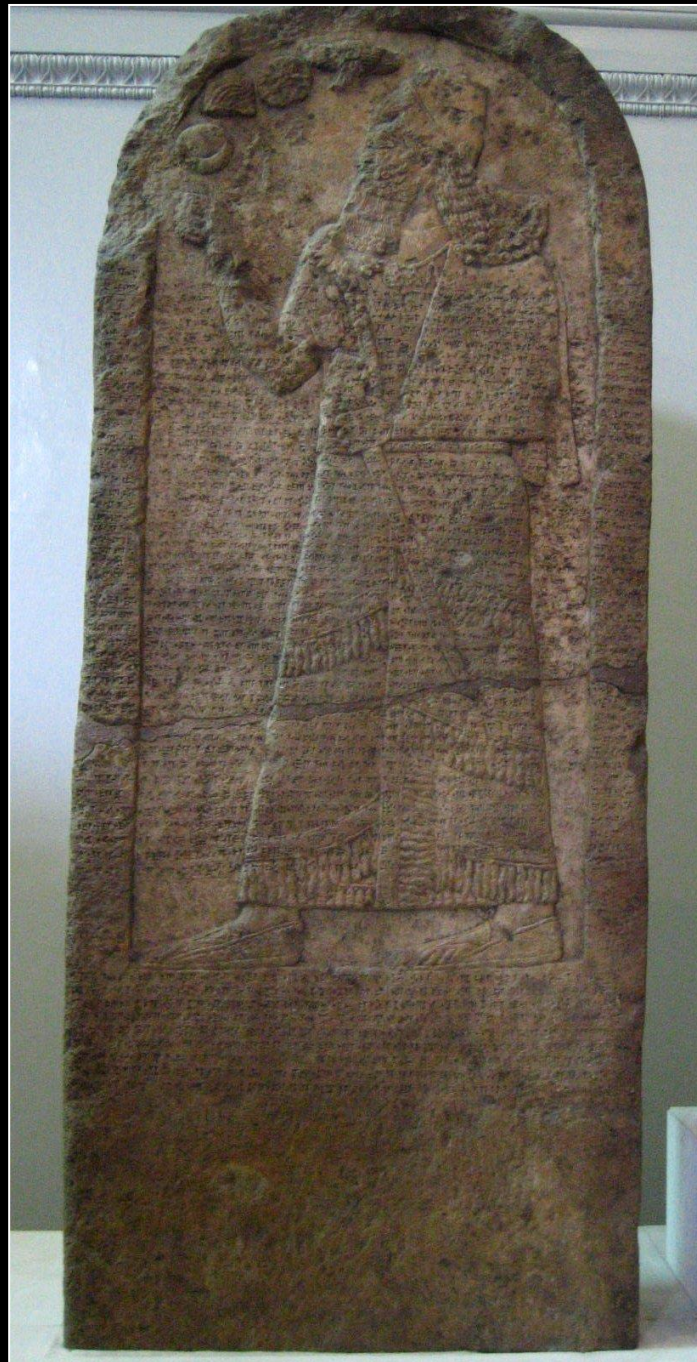
Because he humbled himself before me, I will not bring the evil in his days, but in his son's days



The 1861
Kurkh (Turkey) Monolith
of Shalmaneser III
(858-824 B.C.)
British Museum

Battle of Qarqar
853 B.C.

“2,000 chariots,
10,000 soldiers of
Ahab the Israelite...”



All that he did, and the house of ivory that he built



Ivory furniture inlay, from Samaria, 9th–8th centuries BC

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Applications for Today

1. Don't boast that you are going to be successful in something before you have an opportunity to attempt it (1 K. 20:11; Prov. 27:1).
2. When the Lord makes a promise to you, he will keep it (1 K. 20:13; 20:28; 2 Pet. 3:9). Don't keep being wicked like Ahab when the Lord is good to you.
3. God demonstrates again and again that he is Lord over all and in control of all (1 K. 20:13; Isa. 49:23).

Applications for Today

4. The Lord is not a localized and limited God like some think (1 K. 20:23, 28; Job 36:22; Psa. 147:5).
5. Obedience to the Lord's commands are necessary even if they don't make sense to us (1 K. 20:35-36; Mt. 28:20).
6. Make sure that what you want is what you are supposed to have in the first place (1 K. 21:1-4; Mic. 2:2; Rom. 13:9; Jas. 4:2).

Applications for Today

7. Help your spouse to do what is right, not to do what is wrong (1 K. 21:5-10; Prov. 19:14).
8. If you want to do what is wrong, you can always find someone to help you do it (1 K. 21:10; Rom. 1:30; 2 Tim. 3:13).

Applications for Today

9. Don't believe everything you hear. Just because people make allegations against another person doesn't mean that those allegations are true (1 K. 21:10, 13; Psa. 27:12; Mt. 26:60; Acts 6:13).
10. The Lord will judge the wicked for their sins (1 K. 21:17-26; 2 Pet. 2:9).

Applications for Today

11. Wicked people consider truth-tellers their enemy (1 K. 21:20; Gal. 4:16).
12. Tell the truth and hear the truth, no matter what the cost (1 K. 22:5-23; 2 Chron. 18:4-22; Prov. 23:23).
13. Be willing to suffer for the truth (1 K. 22:24-28; 2 Chron. 18:23-27; 1 Pet. 3:14).

Applications for Today

14. Wicked and wealthy people do not escape death or God's judgment (1 K. 22:39; Lk. 16:19-31).