

Kings

The Main Question

Where is God? Has God given up his people and his promise?

Overview

1. The Story of Solomon(1 Kings 1:1-11)
2. The Kingdom Divided (1 Kings 12 - 2 Kings 25:26)
 - a. The Story of the Prophets: Elijah and Elisha (1 Kings 16:29 - 2 Kings 10:36)
3. There is Still Hope (2 Kings 25:27-30)

1. The Story of Solomon

1st red flag - 1 Kings 3:1

2nd red flag - 1 Kings 7

3rd red flag - 1 Kings 11:1-8

2. The Kingdom Divided

1. The Northern Kingdom, also called Israel, ruled first by Jeroboam
 - a. 722 BC - destruction and exile
2. The Southern Kingdom, also called Judah, ruled first by Rehoboam, the son of Solomon, grandson of David
 - a. 586 BC - destruction and exile
 - b. Hezekiah - Praised for his trust in God
 - c. Josiah - Praised for his obedience to God

Main Purpose of the Book

To show that God's exile of his people was a just punishment since they broke the Law.

3. The Story of the Prophets: Elijah and Elisha

1. The narratives of Elijah and Elisha comes against the backdrop of the worst and most powerful Kings in Israel's history.
2. The miracles in both Elijah and Elisha's lives should not be read casually but as strong attacks against false gods, namely Baal, and their false worship.

4. There is Still Hope

The final paragraph answers our question:

God has, miraculously, not given up on his people or his promise.

Where is Jesus?

1. Jesus Christ is the Son of David, the real King
2. Jesus Christ is the Lion of the Tribe of Judah
3. Jesus Christ is the True Prophet, Priest, and King