

KINGS



St. Rose Community Church EQUIP

The Main Question

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

- Genesis 1-11 - God creates the world and then re-creates the world after the flood
- Genesis 12-50 - God creates for himself a people after the line of Abraham. He promises a people, land, and his very presence
- Exodus - God saves HIS people out slavery in Egypt, calls them to travel to the promised land and gives them the law
- Leviticus - God sets his people apart by further diving into the law

- Numbers - God *prepares* his people to enter into the promised land
- Deuteronomy - God re- establishes his law and covenant with the people before they enter into the land
- Joshua - God FINALLY brings the people in and they conquer the land!
- Judges - God gives the people judges for them to keep the Promised land they had conquered
- 1 and 2 Samuel - God gives his people a King in Saul and then he gives them the most faithful King in Israelite history in King David...

Now King David was old and advanced in years. And although they covered him with clothes, he could not get warm.

Therefore his servants said to him, “Let a young woman be sought for my lord the king, and let her wait on the king and be in his service. Let her lie in your arms, that my lord the king may be warm.” So they sought for a beautiful young woman throughout all the territory of Israel, and found Abishag the Shunammite, and brought her to the king. The young woman was very beautiful, and she was of service to the king and attended to him, but the king knew her not.

1 Kings 1:1-4

Then David slept with his fathers and was buried in the city of David. And the time that David reigned over Israel was forty years. He reigned seven years in Hebron and thirty-three years in Jerusalem. So Solomon sat on the throne of David his father, and his kingdom was firmly established.

- 1 Kings 2:10-12

1. The Story of Solomon (1 Kings 1 - 11)

When David's time to die drew near, he commanded Solomon his son, saying, "I am about to go the way of all the earth. Be strong, and show yourself a man, and keep the charge of the Lord your God, walking in his ways and keeping his statutes, his commandments, his rules, and his testimonies, as it is written in the Law of Moses, that you may prosper in all that you do and wherever you turn,

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that the Lord may establish his word that he spoke concerning me, saying, 'If your sons pay close attention to their way, to walk before me in faithfulness with all their heart and with all their soul, you shall not lack a man on the throne of Israel.'

- 1 Kings 2:2-4

1. The Story of Solomon (1 Kings 1 - 11)

Solomon made a marriage alliance with Pharaoh king of Egypt. He took Pharaoh's daughter and brought her into the city of David until he had finished building his own house and the house of the Lord and the wall around Jerusalem.

1 Kings 3:1

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Behold, I now do according to your word. Behold, I give you a wise and discerning mind, so that none like you has been before you and none like you shall arise after you.

1 Kings 3:12

2. The Kingdom Divided (1 Kings 12 - 2 Kings 25:26)

Northern Kingdom - also called Israel, first by Jeroboam

Southern Kingdom - also called Judah, first ruled by Rehoboam, the son of Solomon, grandson of David

2. The Kingdom Divided - 1 Kings 12:31-33

He also made temples on high places and appointed priests from among all the people, who were not of the Levites. And Jeroboam appointed a feast on the fifteenth day of the eighth month like the feast that was in Judah, and he offered sacrifices on the altar. So he did in Bethel, sacrificing to the calves that he made. And he placed in Bethel the priests of the high places that he had made. He went up to the altar that he had made in Bethel on the fifteenth day in the eighth month, in the month that he had devised from his own heart. And he instituted a feast for the people of Israel and went up to the altar to make offerings.

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722 BC - Assyrian Empire destroys the nation and puts them into exile from the land

2. The Kingdom Divided - 2 Kings 17:6-7

In the ninth year of Hoshea, the king of Assyria captured Samaria, and he carried the Israelites away to Assyria and placed them in Halah, and on the Habor, the river of Gozan, and in the cities of the Medes. And this occurred because the people of Israel had sinned against the Lord their God, who had brought them up out of the land of Egypt from under the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt, and had feared other gods

2. The Kingdom Divided - 2 Kings 12:2-3

In the seventh year of Jehu, Jehoash[a] began to reign, and he reigned forty years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Zibiah of Beersheba. 2 And Jehoash did what was right in the eyes of the Lord all his days, because Jehoiada the priest instructed him. 3

Nevertheless, the high places were not taken away; the people continued to sacrifice and make offerings on the high places.

2. The Kingdom Divided - 2 Kings 12:2-3

Southern Kingdom - also called Judah, first ruled

- Hezekiah - Praised for his trust in God (2 Kings 18:3-7)
- Josiah - Praised for his obedience to God (2 Kings 22-23)
- 586 BC - Full and final destruction of Judah, the people are exiled from the land

MAIN PURPOSE

*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 Kings 16:29 - 2 Kings 10:36)

1. The narratives of Elijah and Elisha come against the backdrop of the WORST and most POWERFUL kings that Israel had.
2. The miracles in both Elijah and Elisha's stories are not casual, but they should be seen as strong attacks against the false gods, namely Baal, and false worship

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And in the thirty-seventh year of the exile of Jehoiachin king of Judah, in the twelfth month, on the twenty-seventh day of the month, Evil-merodach king of Babylon, in the year that he began to reign, graciously freed[b] Jehoiachin king of Judah from prison. And he spoke kindly to him and gave him a seat above the seats of the kings who were with him in Babylon. So Jehoiachin put off his prison garments. And every day of his life he dined regularly at the king's table, and for his allowance, a regular allowance was given him by the king, according to his daily needs, as long as he lived. - 2 Kings 25:27-30

4. There is Still Hope!

The final paragraph answers our question:

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