

## **The Book of KINGS KINGSHIP AND COVENANT**

Cliff Notes - The obedience of David,  
The disobedience of Saul  
The obedience and wisdom of Solomon

Solomon united people toward one focus. He dies kingdom splits  
Northern – ten tribes  
Southern – two tribes

### **1. The success of the Kingdom was based on the obedience to the covenant.**

**Solomon** – 3:6 You have shown great lovingkindness to Your servant David my father, according as he walked before You in truth and righteousness and uprightness of heart toward You; and you have reserved for Him this great lovingkindness that you have given him a son to sit on this throne . 9 give your servant an understanding heart to judge your people to discern between good and evil. 10, It was a pleasing in the sight of the Lord that Solomon had asked this thing.

3:12 I have given you a wise and discerning hearts so that there has been no one like you before you, nor shall one like you arise after you.

4:29 Now God gave Solomon wisdom and and great discernment and breadth of mind, like the sand of the seashore.

**Asa**- 15:11, He did was right in the sight of the Lord, like David his father

**Jehoshaphat** - 22:43 He walked in all the way of Asa his father; he did not turn aside from it, doing right in the sight of the Lord

**Hezekiah** – 18;3 He did right in the sight of the Lord 18:5 He trusted in the Lord, 18:6 He clung to the Lord, He did not depart from following him, but kept His commandments

**Josiah**- 22:2 He did right in the sight of the Lord and walked in all the way of his father David and did not turn to the right or to the left.

### **2. The downfall of the Northern Kingdom was disobedience.**

Ahab 16:30 He did evil in the sight of the Lord

33 He did more to provoke the God of Israel

### **3. God sent prophets, with the word of the Lord in their mouth, reminding them of God's vision.**

Elijah – the word of the Lord was in his mouth 17:24, 36-46

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## Small Group Questions

1. There was such a contrast between the heart of Solomon, and the Kings that followed and the disobedience of the Kings in the Northern Kingdom. As listed above, I Kings 22:2, we see Josiah “did right in the sight of the Lord, and did not turn to the left or to the right”. A few of you share a choice recently that you had, even if it was small, to “follow God according to His way”, or to veer off into your own way. Share about the Lord’s blessing as you followed Him. Remember, sometimes the blessing comes later! David ran from Saul for years, before he was king.
2. As mentioned, God sent prophets repeatedly, to remind the people of God’s ways and covenant. Have you ever experienced a moment where God reminded you, through someone else’s truthful words, about his faithfulness and love when you felt like giving up?  
Kings describes the prophet as one who “know that they are a man of God and the word of the Lord, in their mouth, is truth.” Share with the group.
3. One of my favorite sections in I Kings is 18:36-46, where God used Elijah and his prayers to speak to the people about the hope of rain! After looking for rain and climbing up the mountain 7 times, God sends a little cloud, the “size of a man’s hand” (44) to give them hope of what is to come. It’s a small sign but an indicator of BIG HOPE!  
Share about an area you need God to give you a small cloud of hope.  
Spend some time praying for each other and asking God to impart hope through each of you like he did through the prophets. Be communicators of God’s vision!