

## Study Guide





LifeLight

# LifeLight Expands

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Exodus, Pt. 1	Selected Psalms	Luke, Pt. 1	Ephesians/ 1 & 2 Thessalonians
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Wilderness Wanderings	Ecclesiastes/ Song of Solomon	John, Pt. 1	Hebrews
Joshua	Isaiah, Pt. 1	John, Pt. 2	James/Jude
Judges	Isaiah, Pt. 2	Acts, Pt. 1	1 & 2 Peter
Ruth/Esther	Daniel	Acts, Pt. 2	1, 2, 3 John
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## LifeLight Foundations

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## LifeLight Release Schedule

### 2013 RELEASES

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### 2014 RELEASES

LifeLight—Nahum/Habakkuk/Zephaniah	January
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### 2015 RELEASES

LifeLight—Jeremiah/Lamentations	January
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# Promise and Disappointment

## 1 Kings 1–11

*Distribute before session 1 for use in session 1.  
Use enrichment magazine pp. 2.*

### Resources for Worship

Use these resources for your daily study at home and at the week's assembly.

### Hymn

Lord, open now my heart to hear,  
And through Your Word to me draw near;  
Let me Your Word e'er pure retain;  
Let me Your child and heir remain.

To God the Father, God the Son,  
And God the Spirit, Three in One,  
Shall glory, praise, and honor be  
Now and throughout eternity.

(LSB 908: 1, 3)

### Prayer

Heavenly Father, the history of Israel is a history of Your faithful promises. These Books of 1 and 2 Kings were written for our blessing and benefit; that through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. Open our eyes that we may see wonderful things in Your Word. Open our minds that we may understand the Scriptures. Give us Your Holy Spirit that we may trust the promises You have given us through Christ Jesus, Your crucified and resurrected Son. Amen.

### Digging Deep

#### My Personal Study for Week 1

#### Day 1 • Read 1 Kings 1–2

1. According to the guest list in 1 Kings 1:6–10, was Adonijah aware that he was not his father's choice for king?

2. Adonijah took action to claim the throne. What action was taken for the throne to go to Solomon, according to 1 Kings 1:13, 17, 30?

3. Compare Solomon's actions in 1 Kings 1:49–53 with his actions in 2:23–25. Was Solomon justified in taking Adonijah's life?

4. Review how Solomon acted toward those who opposed him. What do these acts reveal about his leadership?

8. Read the description of Solomon's kingdom in 1 Kings 4:20–34. What details heighten for you the Messiahlike overtones of Solomon's reign? Compare with Revelation 22:1–5.

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### **Day 2 • Read 1 Kings 2:46–5:18**

5. Summarized in 1 Kings 2:46 is the establishment of Solomon on the throne. In what way do the next verses (3:1–2) foreshadow both burdens and blessings during Solomon's reign?

9. In what way might 1 Kings 5 lead Solomon to think that he was the ultimate fulfillment of Israel's history? Compare with 2 Samuel 7:1–17.

6. Where did Solomon go and what did he do immediately after his dream in 1 Kings 3:5–15?

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### **Day 3 • Read 1 Kings 6–7**

10. What promise does God speak to Solomon in 1 Kings 6:12–13? Compare with 2 Samuel 7:11–16.

7. How does the description of Solomon's kingdom in 1 Kings 4:21 compare to God's promise to Abraham in Genesis 15:18–21?

# The Dark Division

## 1 Kings 12:1–16:20

*Distribute before session 2 for use in session 2.  
Use enrichment magazine pp. 5.*

### Resources for Worship

Use these resources for your daily study at home and at the week's assembly.

### Hymn

I lay my sins on Jesus,  
The spotless Lamb of God;  
He bears them all and frees us  
From the accursèd load.  
I bring my guilt to Jesus  
To wash my crimson stains  
Clean in His blood most precious  
Till not a spot remains.

I lay my wants on Jesus;  
All fullness dwells in Him;  
He heals all my diseases;  
My soul He does redeem.

I lay my griefs on Jesus,  
My burdens and my cares;  
He from them all releases;  
He all my sorrows shares.

I rest my soul on Jesus,  
This weary soul of mine;  
His right hand me embraces;  
I on His breast recline.

I love the name of Jesus,  
Immanuel, Christ, the Lord;  
Like fragrance on the breezes  
His name abroad is poured.  
(LSB 606)

### Prayer

God of all grace and compassion, who is ever abounding in love, look upon us with Your mercy. Show to us the same patience You showed to Your people in earlier times. Bear with us, for the sake of Jesus! Stir our hearts and minds through Your Word that we may not fall away but, rather, that we remain faithful to You who has always remained faithful to us. Amen.

### Digging Deep

#### My Personal Study for Week 2

#### Day 1 • Read 1 Kings 12

1. Does Rehoboam's rejection of the advice of "the old men, who had stood before Solomon his father" (1 Kings 12:6) reveal him to be a king who serves or a king who expects to be served? Compare with 1 Samuel 8:4–18.

2. According to 1 Kings 12:15, who was the additional influence on Rehoboam's action?

3. Why do you suppose the poem/chant recorded in 1 Kings 12:16 was repeated from 2 Samuel 20:1?

4. Why is it significant that the tribe of Judah remained faithful to Rehoboam (1 Kings 12:20)? Compare with 11:32 and Genesis 49:8–10.

8. Why did the man of God refuse to go home with Jeroboam (1 Kings 13:7–10)?

5. According to 1 Kings 12:25–33, why did Jeroboam set up competing altars?

9. How was the man of God deceived (1 Kings 13:11–19)? What was the result?

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**Day 2 • Read 1 Kings 13**

6. How does 1 Kings 12:26–27 help to explain why Jeroboam tried to silence the preaching of the man of God in 13:4?

10. **Challenge question.** How does the answer to the previous question compare with St. Paul's warning to us in Galatians 1:6–9?

7. Why did the man of God perform a sign to accompany his preaching in 1 Kings 13:3, 5?

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**Day 3 • Read 1 Kings 14**

11. Why might Jeroboam have instructed his wife to disguise herself for the prophet at Shiloh? What divine result came out of this act of deception?