

# I KINGS

## AT-A-GLANCE



O.T. BOOK #11



AUTHOR: UNKNOWN  
however, the stories were written or put together in Babylon, during the Great Exile



WRITTEN: 550 BC

Covering the time period of 975-850 BC

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Old Testament: 39 Books

New Testament: 27 Books

**CLAIMS TO FAME:** Contains the stories of the prophet Elijah, one of the most important prophets, who appeared at the Transfiguration with Jesus and Moses in Matthew 17.

### FAMOUS STORIES INCLUDED:

- Solomon decides which woman is the real mother of the baby.
- Solomon builds the Temple.
- Elijah confounds the prophets of the false god Baal and gets hundreds of them killed.

### MOST FAMOUS VERSES:

And observe what the LORD your God requires: Walk in obedience to him, and keep his decrees and commands, his laws and regulations, as written in the Law of Moses. Do this so that you may prosper in all you do and wherever you go. **1 Kings 2:3**

Now Elijah the Tishbite, from Tishbe in Gilead, said to Ahab, "As the LORD, the God of Israel, lives, whom I serve, there will be neither dew nor rain in the next few years except at my word." **1 Kings 17:1**

## Important Points about the Book:

- 1 Kings continues the stories that began in 1 Samuel and continued in 2 Samuel. 1 Kings covers the reign of David's son, King Solomon, known as the wisest and wealthiest man alive.
- The death of King Solomon occurs in Chapter 11.
- In Chapter 12, Solomon's son Rehoboam causes an uproar when he increases taxes instead of decreasing them, according to the request of the people via the elders. The kingdom splits into two and remains two kingdoms until the Babylonian invasion and exile, beginning in 586 BC
- The story of Elijah and the prophets of Baal is in 1 Kings 18. However most of 1 Kings after the split in the kingdom are snippets of each of the kings. They include the kings of Israel and the kings of Judah. Each snippet says whether that king did good or evil in the eyes of the Lord. Most did evil!