

S 1 2		JOURNEY: 1 Kings/2 Chronicles	
Key Idea	Key Passage	Key Themes	Key People
Distraction	"...if you walk before me in integrity of heart and uprightness, as David your father did, and do all I command and observe my decrees and laws, I will establish your royal throne over Israel forever..." (1 Kings 9:4-5)	Solomon's wealth and wisdom The Temple Solomon's idolatry Elijah's ministry	Solomon Elijah Rehoboam Jeroboam Ahad/Jezebel

1. Historical Context

a. Timeline

- 1050 B.C. Saul's Monarchy
- 1010 B.C. David's Monarchy
- 970 B.C. Solomon's Monarchy
- 930 B.C. Divided Monarchy
- 722 B.C. Fall of Israel
- 586 B.C. Fall of Judah

b. The wisdom of Solomon

- 3:1-15 – Solomon asks for wisdom (v. 9)
- 3:16-28 – Solomon resolves a dispute

c. Greatest accomplishment: the building of the Temple (chs. 5-8)

d. The extent and wealth of Solomon's kingdom (ch. 10)

e. Solomon's downfall

- 700 royal wives
- Distracted by his wives

2. The Davidic Covenant fulfill through Solomon (ch. 9)

a. The Promise (9:1-3)

- 9:2 – "consecrated this temple"
- 9:3 – "my eyes and my heart always be there"

b. The conditions (9:4-5)

- 9:4 – "integrity and uprightness, as David..."
- 9:5 – "establish your royal throne"

c. The consequences (11:11)

- 9:6 – if not obey, follow other gods
- 9:7 – "cut off Israel, reject temple"
- 9:8-9 – implications for the exile

3. Life Application: Distraction

- a. Solomon allowed the idolatry of his wives to become a distraction from his own obedience
- Altars, etc.

Group Discussion:

- What competes with our commitment to discipleship today?
- How can we guard against distraction and compromise in our daily lives?

- b. Conditionality: God promised blessing or consequences

Group Discussion:

- In what ways do we expect God to bless us despite the tendency to compromise our faith?

4. The Divided Monarchy (chs. 12-22)

- a. Israel (northern kingdom)

- b. Judah (southern kingdom)

- c. Rehoboam (Judah) and Jeroboam (Israel)

- d. Structure for reporting

- S -Synchronization
- A - Age
- L - Length of reign
- A -Assessment
- R - Reference to other sources
- Y – Youth (son who succeeded to throne)

- e. The prophet Elijah (ch. 17)

- Ahab and Jezebel (16:29-33)
 - 16:30 – “more evil...than any of those before him”
- Fed by ravens
- The widow at Zarephath; healing of her son
- Elijah and the prophets of Baal on Mt. Carmel (ch. 18)
- Elijah and the still, small voice (ch. 19)

5. Prayer time

- What has God been saying to you tonight?

Next Week's Lesson
2 Kings (and 2 Chronicles)
Focus on 2 Kings 17