



HIS-STORY: Volume I: The Old Testament Story

Chapter 6: The Kings of Israel & Judah (1-2 Kings)

1. Review

1. Moses & the Exodus
2. Joshua & the Conquest of Canaan
3. The Period of Judges
4. The Beginning of Monarchy: Samuel, Saul & David

2. Solomon: Opportunities and Failure

1. Solomon's successes
2. Solomon's failures

3. The Divided Kingdom

1. Civil war against Rehoboam, Solomon's son (1 Kings 12)
2. Two Kingdoms: Israel and Judah
3. Kings: God's vice-regent
 - Judged against David
 - Typical Description
 - Standards of Obedience

4. Prophets: Covenant Enforcers

- The Elijah narrative (1 Kings 17–2 Kings 2)
- The Elisha narrative (2 Kings 2–8)





Study/Discussion Questions:

1. Southern kingdoms? What did Solomon do wrong? What did his son Rehoboam do wrong?
2. What were the measures of a bad king in Israel? What were the measures of a good king? Are there parallels to these things in our lives?
3. What role did the prophets play in relation to the king? Do you have people in your life who help to hold you accountable? Why is it important to cultivate such relationships?

