

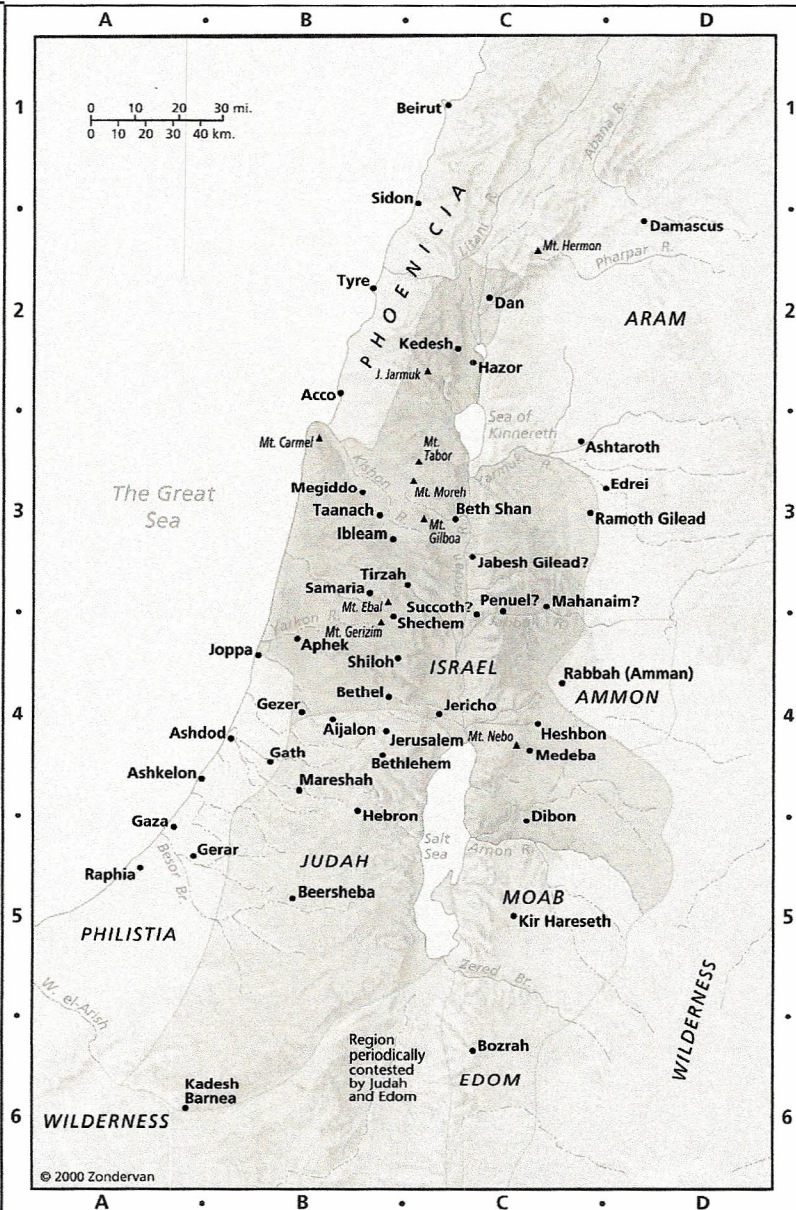
1 & 2 Kings

The reigns of David and Solomon take Israel to the apex of its political influence. Then, after Solomon's death, the kingdom splits in two. The result is separate kings and destinies.

Throughout this era, God speaks via His prophets, some of whom we meet in *1 & 2 Kings* (e.g. Elijah and Elisha). Later, we'll hear from other prophets also active during this time in books bearing their names (e.g. *Isaiah* and *Jeremiah*).

LOOKING FORWARD TO JESUS

Scan the sidebar on the right entitled *Genealogy of Christ* and you'll notice that we encounter a significant portion of Jesus' lineage in *1 & 2 Kings*. Some of His ancestors exhibit Christ-like attributes, others don't. David (faithfulness) and Solomon (wisdom) display Christ-like qualities, but they clearly demonstrate human weakness and sinfulness as well.



Old Testament Timeline

Kingdoms of Israel (North) and Judah (South)

BC	2000-1700	1700	1250	1210	1030
Creation/Fall Adam & Eve Noah	Patriarchs Abraham Isaac Jacob Joseph	Israel in Egypt	The Exodus Moses The Law	Promised Land Joshua Deborah Gideon Sampson	United Kingdom Samuel Saul David Solomon


Exercise

As you read 1 & 2 Kings, mark the tables on the right appropriately:

✓ next to the names of kings who do “right in the eyes of the Lord”

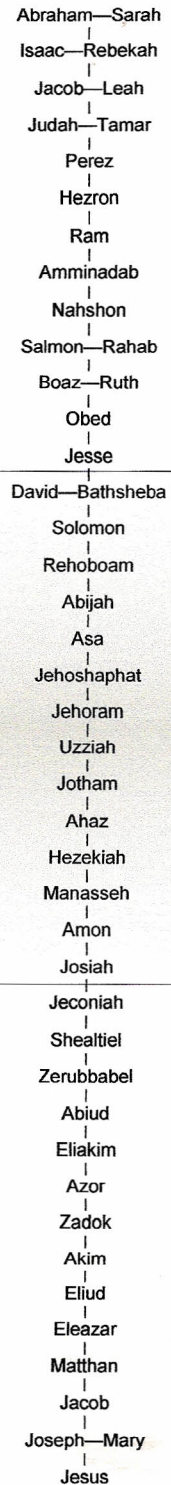
✗ next to the names of those who don’t.

See if any patterns emerge.



<u>Kings of</u>	Good ✓	<u>Kings of</u>	Good ✓
<u>Israel (North)</u>	or Bad ✗	<u>Judah (South)</u>	or Bad ✗
Jeroboam	—	Rehoboam	—
Nadab	—	Abijah	—
Baasha	—	Asa	—
Elah	—	Jehoshaphat	—
Zimri	—	Jehoram	—
Omri	—	Ahaziah	—
Ahab	—	Joash	—
Ahaziah	—	Amaziah	—
Joram	—	Uzziah	—
Jehu	—	Jotham	—
Jehoazaz	—	Ahaz	—
Joash	—	Hezekiah	—
Jeroboam II	—	Manasseh	—
Zechariah	—	Amon	—
Shallum	—	Josiah	—
Menahem	—	Jehoahaz	—
Pekahiah	—	Jehoikim	—
Pekah	—	Jehoiachin	—
Hoshea	—	Zedekiah	—

Genealogy of Christ



PEOPLE

Elijah a brave prophet of God who vigorously opposes idol worship in the Northern Kingdom **Elisha** successor to Elijah, he serves as a prophet of God in the Northern Kingdom **Jezebel** wife of Ahab, she promotes idol worship in the Northern Kingdom and is rewarded with a gruesome death **Queen of Sheba** from a country in southwest Arabia, she tests Solomon’s wisdom and wealth and is duly impressed **Solomon** son of David and Bathsheba, successor to David, becomes wisest and richest man in the world

TERMS

ark of God/ark of the covenant/ark of the Lord a wooden chest containing the Ten Commandments **Asherah poles** wooden images of a Canaanite goddess

930	722	587	538	336	63 BC
Divided Kingdom	Samaria	Jerusalem	Judeans return	Greek	Roman
North: Ahab Elijah Elisha	South: Hezekiah Isaiah Jeremiah	falls to Assyria, scatters	Esther Ezra Nehemiah	rule	rule