



The Story of God's People

A Wasted Life From Egypt to Exile

1st & 2nd Kings trace the rulers of Israel's divided kingdom. Israel in the north and Judah in the south

The Northern Kingdom Had No Godly Kings.

This led to the first Exile. They never returned as a people. Finally, in the ninth year of King Hoshea's reign, Samaria fell, and the people of Israel were exiled to Assyria. ...7 This disaster came upon the people of Israel because they worshiped other gods. They sinned against the Lord their God, who had brought them safely out of Egypt and had rescued them from the power of Pharaoh, the king of Egypt. ...18 Because the Lord was very angry with Israel, he swept them away from his presence. Only the tribe of Judah remained in the land. 2 Kings 17:6-18

What's the point of the kingdoms to us today?

They are an example to us of the kingdom in our own lives. Don't you realize that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who lives in you and was given to you by God? 1 Corinthians 6:19

"God is Spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth, for such the Father seeks to worship him" ...23 The Father is looking for those who will worship him that way. John 4:24,23

In your kingdom your will is king and nothing can take place in your kingdom except as it passes by the authority of your will.

The purpose of the prophets: ...13 Again and again the Lord had sent his prophets and seers to warn both Israel and Judah...14 But the Israelites would not listen. 2 Kings 17:13,14

God's Warning to the Southern Kingdom through Solomon:

"... if you walk before me in integrity ..., and do all I command ...5 I will establish your royal throne over Israel forever, ...6 "But if you or your sons turn away from me and do not observe the commands and decrees I have given you and go off to serve other gods and worship them, 7 then I will cut off Israel from the land I have given them and will reject this temple I have consecrated for my Name. " 1 Kings 9:4-7

The Downfall of the Southern Kingdom Began With Solomon:

(Solomon)also built similar living quarters for Pharaoh's daughter, whom he had married. 1 Kings 7:8

Besides Pharaoh's daughter, he married (other foreign) women... 2 The Lord had clearly instructed,... 'You must not marry them, because they will turn your hearts to their gods.' Yet Solomon insisted on loving them anyway. 1 Kings 11:1,2

Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. Galatians 6:7

Godly kings however restore the Southern Kingdom's blessing:

Asa, Jehoshaphat, Joash, Hezekiah, Josiah.

But in the end the other kings of Judah failed to listen to God:

The Lord, the God of their ancestors, repeatedly sent his prophets to warn them, ...16 But the people mocked these messengers of God and despised their words. 2 Chronicles 36:15

The Exile of the Southern Kingdom of Judah:

So the Lord brought the king of Babylon against them. ...20 The few who survived were taken as exiles to Babylon, and they became servants to the king and his sons until the kingdom of Persia came to power. 2 Chronicles 36:17,20

A Warning to us: If someone claims, "I know God," but doesn't obey God's commandments, that person is a liar and is not living in the truth. 1 John 2:4

And now, dear children, continue in him, so that when he appears we may be confident and unashamed before him at his coming. 1 John 2:28