

STUDY THE BIBLE 19 (STB 19)

"OVERVIEW 1&2 Samuel, 1&2 Kings, 1&2 Chronicles"

Samuel, Saul, David, Solomon, ten Northern tribes (Israel), two Southern tribes (Judah)

YOU CAN GET LOST IN THESE 6 BOOKS WITH THE 'SEEMING CONFUSION' OF THE REPETITION OF PEOPLE AND EVENTS.

But there are three reasons why God repeats things

- 1. We need repetition:** *"For God speaketh once, yea twice, yet man perceiveth it not."* (Job 33:14)
- 2. For God's glory:** *"It is the glory of God to conceal a thing: but the honour of kings is to search out a matter."* (Proverbs 25:2). Indeed, it is our honour to study and search.
- 3. Study:** *"Study to shew thyself approved unto God ..."* (2 Timothy 2:15)

THE FOLLOWING CHART MAKES IT CLEAR.

	Samuel	Saul	David	Solomon	10 Northern Tribes 19 kings	2 South Tribes JUDAH 19 kings
1Samuel 31 chapters	Samuel ch1-8	Saul ch9-31	David ch16-31			
2Samuel 24 chapters			David ch1-24			
1Kings 22 chapters				Solomon ch1-11	7 kings ch12-22 Elijah 1Ki 17-2Ki 2	4 kings Rehoboam- Jehoshaphat ch12-22
2Kings 25 chapters					12 kings ch3-17 Ahaziah-Hoshea Elisha ch2-13 Captive Assyria	15 kings ch3-25 Jehoram-Zedekiah Captive Babylon
1Chronicles 29 chapters			Genealogies ch1-9 Saul ch10 David ch11-29			
2Chronicles 36 chapters				Solomon ch1-9		19 kings ch10-36 Captivity Babylon

SOME VERY INTERESTING FACTS AND FIGURES

- 1&2 Chronicles** are a **summary** of first **12 books** of the Bible from Genesis to 2 Kings
- 1&2 Kings** describe the Northern and Southern kings
1&2 Chronicles describe the **Southern kings only**
- 2 Samuel** and **1 Chronicles** are similar in content
2 Kings and **2 Chronicles** are similar in content
- 1Kings** opens with the Hebrew nation in **glory** with Solomon 970BC
2Kings closes with the nation in ruin with **captivity** to Babylon 598 BC

5. **1&2 Chronicles** are exclusively about David, Solomon and Southern tribes (Judah). Why? This was the godly line of David. The Northern tribes, with **nine** dynasties of violence, had built two altars, thereby refusing the altar at Jerusalem.

6. **Northern Kingdom** had **9 family dynasties** of 19 kings, had an average reign of **11yrs** with 8 of these kings (underlined) being assassinated. **1.** Jeroboam, Nadab **2.** Basha, Elah **3.** Zimri (lasted 1 week) **4.** Omri **5.** Jehu, Jehoahaz, Joash, Jeroboam II, Zechariah **6.** Shallum (lasted 1 month) **7.** Manahem, Pekahiah **8.** Pekah **9.** Hoshea

7. **The Southern Kingdom** had only the **one family** dynasty of David, with 19 kings, who had an average reign of **16 years**. King Ahab, a Northern king, and his wife Jezebel, had daughter called **Athaliah**, who married a Southern king, Jehoram, and they had a son called king **Ahaziah**. This is the reason **Ahaziah** is **not** included in the godly line of Jesus Christ (Matthew 1:7-11). Only **14** generations, Solomon to the captivity in Babylon, are mentioned, with another **five** kings also being **excluded** - Joash, Amaziah, Jehoahaz, Jehoiakim, Zedekiah.

8. **All** of the **19 kings of the Northern** kingdom rejected the altar at Jerusalem, as their religion was **CALF worship**, which started under Jeroboam I, who built two altars at Dan (North) and Bethel (South). **No king** tried to bring the people back to God. **Some** served Baal.

9. **Elijah & Elisha** for over 75 years (875-800BC) were God's prophets to save the **Northern** Kingdom during its middle period of 6 kings - Ahab, Ahaziah, Joram, Jehu, Jehoahaz, Joash.

10. Amazing **prophecy**. Josiah named 300 years before birth 1Ki 13:2, 2Ki 23:13-19

11. **1 Kings 12** tells of the **apostasy of Solomon** with pagan wives, and his sacrifice of babies into fire. Luxury and ceaseless rounds of pleasure will destroy even the best of men.

12. The prophet **Samuel was the connecting link** between the Judges and the start of Saul's reign in 1050BC

13. The **Northern Kingdom for 210 years - 930 to 721BC**

1. The first **50 yrs** - war with Judah and Syria
2. The next **40 yrs** - prosperous under Omri who established Samaria
3. The next **40 yrs** - brought very low under Jehu & Jehoahaz
4. The next **50 yrs** - reached greatest extent and prosperity under Jeroboam II
5. The last **30 yrs** - anarchy, ruin and captivity

14. The **Southern Kingdom for 325 years - 930 to 606BC**

1. The first **80 yrs** was prosperous & growing in power
2. The next **50 yrs** was disaster & introduction of Baalism through Athaliah marrying
3. The next **50 yrs** under Uzziah reached greatest extent
4. The next **15 yrs** under Ahaz was tributary to Assyria
5. The next **30 yrs** under Hezekiah regained independence
6. The Last **100 yrs** generally a servant of Assyria

15. The **relationship** between the Northern (**Israel**) and Southern (**Judah**) kingdoms:

1. The first **80 years** had continuous war between the two kingdoms
2. The next **80 years** had relative peace between them both
3. The last **50 years** had intermittent war right to the end, with the North going into captivity