

1 Kings 11-17

God's Word Never Fails

1 & 2 Kings primary purpose is to record the covenant failure of the Hebrew *united* and *divided* monarchies. The narrative balances the notion of *God's sovereignty* alongside *human freedom* and reveals God was justified in exiling his people for the kings' failure to uphold the ideas of the Davidic Covenant (2 Sam. 7:12-16).

The power and fulfillment of the prophetic word is a frequent theme in Kings. For an audience that had witnessed what appeared to be the failure of God's promises, the writer was concerned to reassure them that the Lord's word remained powerful and true. Thus, destruction and exile for Israel was a result of God's faithfulness to act on his promises by judging the nation for its sins.

God's speaks to Solomon about his kingdom being divided (11:9-13).

Israel and Judah Split

God raises up adversaries to fulfill his word (Hadad, Rezon, Jeroboam) (11:14-26).

Ahijah declares **God's word** to Jeroboam concerning Israel (11:29-40).

God establishes his word as Rehoboam becomes King of Judah (12:1-4,13-17).

Shemiah declares **God's word** to Rehoboam concerning the division (12:22-24).

Kings of Israel: Jeroboam → Nadab ---→ Baasha → Elah → Zimri... → Omri

Kings of Judah: Rehoboam → Abijah ←-----Asa-----→

Israel

The sin of Jeroboam (12:25-33).

A man of God declares **God's word** against Jeroboam's altar (13:1-10).

A lying prophet declares **God's word** against the man of God (13:11-32).

The sin of Jeroboam (13:33-34).

Ahijah declares **God's word** on Jeroboam's family (14:1-18).

Judah:

The sin of Rehoboam and Judah (14:21-26).

Abijah is not like David (15:1-6).

Asa is like David (15:8-16).

Israel:

Nadab walked in the ways of Jeroboam (15:25-26)

God's word is fulfilled as Baasha destroys the house of Jeroboam (15:28-30).

Baasha walks in the way of Jeroboam (15:32-34).

Jehu declares **God's word** against Baasha's family (16:1-7).

Elah becomes King (16:8).

Zimri kills Baasha **fulfilling God's word** (16:10-13).

Zimri walks in the way of Jeroboam (16:16-19).

Omri walks in the way of Jeroboam (16:23-26).

Ahab *does even worse* – marrying Jezebel and building a house and altar for Baal (16:29-33).

Jericho is built by Hiel at the cost of his firstborn & youngest son, **fulfilling God's word** (16:34).

God's word gives Elijah direction and assurance of provision (17:2-7).

God's word gives Elijah direction and assurance of provision (17:8-9).

God's word gives a Widow direction and assurance of provision (17:10-16).

God's word through Elijah to the Widow is verified (17:17-24).

Psalm 19

Psalm 119