

# **P.T. BIBLE SURVEY**

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- ⊙ Who wrote it?
  - Unknown, perhaps Jeremiah

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- ◎ Timing of Events:

- From 971 to 851 B.C.
- From Solomon's reign to Ahaziah's reign
- 1 Kings covers 120 years.

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- Samaria and Jerusalem (Divided Kingdoms)

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- **Part 2 - The Divided Kingdom (Chap. 12-22)**
  - The Division of the Kingdom (Chap. 12-14)
  - The Reigns of two Kings in Judah (Chap. 15)
  - The Reign of five Kings in Israel (Chap. 15,16)
  - The Reign of Ahab in Israel (Chap. 16-22)
  - The Reign of Jehoshaphat in Judah (Chap. 22)
  - The Reign of Ahaziah in Israel (Chap. 22)

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- ◎ Summary in 10 words or less:
  - Israel divides into rival northern and southern nations.

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## ◎ Cast of Characters:

- **God:** endows Solomon with great wisdom
- **Adonijah:** David's son; declares himself king
- **Zadok:** priest who refuses to support Adonijah
- **Joab:** commander of David's army; refuses to support Adonijah
- **Nathan:** a prophet
- **Solomon:** David and Bathsheba's choice for king
- **Queen of Sheba:** visited Solomon to investigate his famed wisdom
- **Elijah:** a great prophet in the reign of King Ahab

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- ◎ Where is the work of Christ?
  - Solomon's wisdom and splendor, known far beyond Israel, points to the wisdom and glory of Christ.
  - In Luke 11:31 Jesus reminded a crowd of people that the Queen of Sheba made a long journey to hear Solomon, but One greater than Solomon is now among them.

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## Verse to Remember

- ⦿ Answer me, O Lord, answer me, that this people may know that You, O Lord, are God, and that You have turned their heart back again. (1 Kings 18:37 NASB)

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## ◉ Interesting Facts:

- Of All the northern and southern kings listed in 1 Kings, only Asa (15:9-24) and Jehoshaphat (22:41-50) do what is right in God's eyes.
- The divided kingdom brought:
  - Two nations
  - Two sets of kings
  - Continual strife and conflict, sometimes resulting in war.
  - Does this sound familiar?



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- What is my take away?
  - Solomon's example provides a strong warning: Even the most blessed person can drift from God and make big mistakes.

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## ◎ Home Study

- Read a chapter daily in 1 Kings this week.
- Study the One Sentence Summary.
- Recite your memory verses daily.