OUTLINE OF 1 KINGS

1A THE REIGN OF KING SOLOMON chap 1-11

- 1B The coronation of Solomon chap 1:1-2:12
 - 1C David's decline and Solomon's anointing chap 1
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- 2B The rise of Solomon chap 2:13-4:34
 - 1C The purging of usurpers chap 2:13-46
 - 2C The prayer for wisdom chap 3
 - 3C The power and wealth and wisdom he possessed chap 4
- 3B The Temple of Solomon chap 5-9:9
 - 1C The provision for the Temple chap 5
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- 4B The fame of Solomon chap 9:10-10:29
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2A THE DIVISION OF THE KINGDOM chap 12-22

1B The conflict between the northern and the southern kingdom chap 12

Rehoboam led the southern kingdom with two tribes whose capital was at Jerusalem, while Jeroboam led the northern kingdom with ten tribes whose capital was at Samaria.

2B The concurrent lines of Kings chap 13-22

The Northern kingdom of Israel had no good Kings – they were all evil, and various dynasties arose and fell.

The Southern Kingdom had some good and some bad kings, and all the kings were descendants of David.

The major prophet Elijah first appears in chapter 17, and dominates the remainder of the book.

THEME: The apex, division, and decline of the kingdom

Key verse: 1Kings 18:21 And Elijah came unto all of the people, and said, How long halt ye between two opinions? if the Lord be God, follow Him: but if Baal, then follow him.