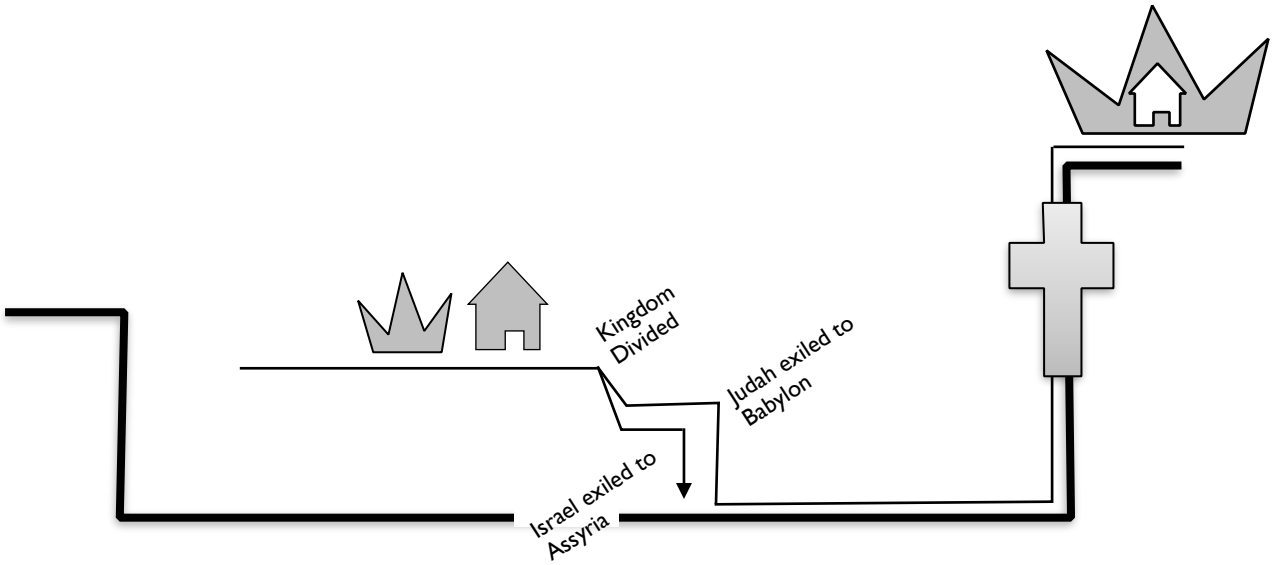
Review of 1 Kings

Central Focus 2014

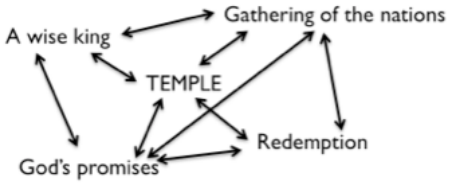


The Glory of King and Temple

Solomon was a *wise* king. God-given wisdom differs from the 'intellect' that our society prizes. It is:

- moral
- practical
- servant-hearted
- highly valued

The wise king built a glorious temple



The temple was a communication channel between heaven and earth. God's forgiveness could be sought there.

Jesus is now king and temple

How do these early chapters of 1 Kings help you to appreciate Jesus more? In particular as you meditate on a) his wisdom b) his glory c) the access to heaven that he gives us

The Tragedy of a King's Disobedience

The sin of Solomon

The sin of Jeroboam, son of Nebat (and his successors)

The sins of Ahab and Jezebel

ASIDE: Is God's judgment harsh?
- see Luke 10:12
- see Luke 17:26-30

Do these chapters function as a corrective to us? Have we become soft on sin and squeamish about God's judgement?

How do these chapters give us cause to praise the greater Son of David, who never wandered like Solomon or Jerorboam or Ahab?

The certainty of the prophetic word

"The kingdom will be torn away" - Divine Sovereignty and Human Responsibility

The mini-prophecy confirms the big prophecy

	First prophecy	Second prophecy	Immediate fulfilment
'A man of God ... from Judah' (13:1)	A descendant of David called Josiah will burn Jeroboam's fake priests on their fake altar (13:2)	'The altar shall be torn down and ashes poured out' (13:3)	'The altar was torn down and the ashes poured out from the altar' (13:5)
'An old prophet ... from Bethel' (13:11)	The disobedient prophet from Judah will not be buried in his father's tomb (13:21-22)	Restatement of God's judgement against the altar at Bethel (13:32)	The disobedient prophet from Judah is killed by a lion on his way home (13:24)
Ahijah (14:2)	God will destroy the entire house of Jeroboam (14:10-11)	The moment Jeroboam's wife enters the city, his son will die (14:12)	When Jeroboam's wife arrives home, his son dies (14:17).

The widow of Zarephath's conclusion (17:24)

How has 1 Kings helped you trust God's words for the future? What promises has he already kept? How should that strengthen our confidence in those promises that still lie in the future?