

## FIRST BOOK OF KINGS

| CH  | BROAD SUMMARY OF CONTENT                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | J/I | POSSIBLE SOURCE                                                                                                               | EDITORIAL NOTES/COMMENTS                                                                                                 |
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| 1   | Transition of Kingship from David to Solomon. Adonijah's attempt to assume kingship b/4 David's death. Natan the Prophet's intervention with Bat-Sheva's help. David declares Solomon's legitimacy to throne and Solomon proclaimed king.                                                                                                                                                                                                      | UM  | Court narrative. Book of Nathan's prophetic activities                                                                        | None.                                                                                                                    |
| 2.  | David's last will and testament to Solomon. David's death and burial. David's regnal years. Solomon carries out his father's wishes.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | UM  | Court narrative. Royal biography. Judah kinglist.                                                                             | Solomon's reign is secure.                                                                                               |
| 3.  | Solomon's marries Pharaoh's daughter, and they reside in the City of David. Solomon's request for a wise and understanding heart to lead the people justly. King's wisdom evidenced by the case of the two prostitutes.                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | UM  | Court narrative. Record of king's judicial decisions.                                                                         | Until building of Temple, people worshipped at the bamot. Solomon loved G-d. People saw that he possessed divine wisdom. |
| 4.  | Listing of Solomon's officials and royal governors who administered the territories of the United Monarchy.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | UM  | Royal administrative lists and archives.                                                                                      | People were numerous and content.                                                                                        |
| 5.  | Geographic extent of Solomon's kingdom. Listing of tribute he received. Extent of his horse stalls and horsemen. Monthly economic administration. Solomon's great wisdom known internationally. Correspondence and treaty between Solomon and Hiram of Tyre. Imposition of corvée on population for wood and stones in preparation for building activities.                                                                                    |     | Royal economic administrative records. Collections of Solomon's proverbs and songs. Royal correspondence and treaty archives. | People dwelt in safety. Solomon was wisest of al men.                                                                    |
| 6.  | Detailed account of building the Temple, which took 7 years to complete.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | UM  | Royal/temple archives                                                                                                         | None                                                                                                                     |
| 7.  | Detailed account of building Solomon's palace and palace for his wife, daughter of Pharaoh which took 13 years. Commission of Hiram the Tyrian coppersmith who executed all the metal work in the temple and palace. Solomon brought all of David's donations in to the temple treasury.                                                                                                                                                       |     | Temple and Palace economic and administrative archives                                                                        | None                                                                                                                     |
| 8.  | Detailed account of celebration of bringing of Ark into Temple, consecration of Temple including king's blessing of the people, and Solomon's offerings and prayer.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | UM  | Temple/archives, royal collection of Solomonic prayers.                                                                       | It was a great assemblage and all the people rejoiced.                                                                   |
| 9.  | Second appearance of G-d to Solomon. Divine treaty with House of David is conditionally based on the kings' following in G-d's way. Solomon repaid King Hiram with 20 towns in Galilee. Solomon's fortified his cities. Imposed corvée on Israelites and enslaved non-Israelite people. Kept Temple in good repair and officiated at temple 3x per year. Built a fleet of ships at Etzion Gever with Hiram's aid and obtained gold from Ophir. |     | Royal economic and administrative records. Temple records. Royal correspondence.                                              | None                                                                                                                     |
| 10. | Queen of Sheba's visit, her amazement with his wisdom, her large gifts to him of gold, spices and precious stones. Great wealth of Solomon and fame.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |     | Economic inventories, administrative records.                                                                                 | Solomon's throne was unsurpassed and he excelled all kings in wisdom and wealth.                                         |
| 11. | Unfavorable assessment of Solomon. Many foreign wives were bad influence on him. G-d decreed that his kingdom would be divided. Foreign adversaries to Solomon arose. Prophet Ahiya informed Jereboam that he shall be king of Israel. Jereboam fled to Egypt.                                                                                                                                                                                 |     | Non-royal court sources. Perhaps prophetic source. Records of defeats he suffered in wars.                                    | Other events recorded in Annals of Solomon. Burial and succession by son, Rehoboam.                                      |
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