



A SERMON SERIES ABOUT
KINGS AND CALLINGS

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GOD'S PEOPLE DIVIDED

A DIVIDED KINGDOM: THE KINGS OF ISRAEL

BEGINNING WITH THE WORD

1 Kings 11:29-36

- Jeroboam-one of Solomon's servants becomes king
- A common refrain –"for the sake of my servant David"
- Northern Kingdom(Israel)-10 tribes
- Southern kingdom(Judah)-2 tribes(includes Benjamin)



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Familiar warnings

Deut 28:63-64

- God blesses obedience but issues warnings about disobedience



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Jeroboam was a disaster

1 Kings 13:33-34

- He was unfaithful to God and desecrated the temple. He led Israel into idol worship.

1Kings 14:4-10

- He was also deceiver among many other things



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Israel's Kings

- For 200 years(931BC to 722BC), Israel had 20 kings, and all of them were disastrous.
- God sent prophets to warn and steer them with limited success
- Ahijah, Jehu, Micaiah, Elijah, Elisha, Amos, Hosea, Jonah and Micah were those prophets



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Effects of leadership

- The poor leadership of Israel's kings led to dire consequences for the people of Israel. Ultimately, they were given over to the Assyrians to be held in captivity.
- Conversely, godly leadership led to some inspiring events, as in the case of the prophet Elijah.
- 1 Kings 18:15-24-the epic battle
- 1 Kings 19:39 –incredible response from the people



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Next week- the Prophets in the northern Kingdom (Israel)