



1 and 2 Kings originally formed one book. The two books begin with King David, and end with the King of Babylon; with the temple built, and then the temple burnt; with David's first successor, and then with David's last successor. They start with glory - Solomon's; they end with shame - Jehoiachin's. They cover a period of 400 years. 1 Kings is divided into two halves: the first eleven chapters deal with 40 years of the United Kingdom; the second eleven chapters deal with 80 years of the Divided Kingdom.

2 Kings continues with the great prophetic period and commences with the ministries of Elijah and Elisha. When God takes one workman to heaven (ch.2) he still has another to carry on his work.



### STUDY GUIDES & VIDEOS

Can be downloaded and watched on the Newcraigs Website



The study guides will be most helpful if you work through them slowly with an open Bible, looking up all the references. Grab some friends and do it together!

### Useful information:

Newcraigs Church are grateful for the resources of The Bible Project. The full program can be obtained from [thebibleproject.org](http://thebibleproject.org). We have made the monthly readings and videos alongside the study guides available at our website [newcraigs.co.uk/the-bible-project](http://newcraigs.co.uk/the-bible-project).

	Date	Readings	Psalm	Video
<b>M</b>	1/5	1 Sam 28-31	86	
<b>T</b>	2/5	2 Sam 1-3	87	2 Samuel
<b>W</b>	3/5	2 Sam 4-8	88	The Messiah
<b>T</b>	4/5	2 Sam 9-12	89	
<b>F</b>	5/5	2 Sam 13-15	90	
<b>M</b>	8/5	2 Sam 16-18	91	
<b>T</b>	9/5	2 Sam 19-21	92	
<b>W</b>	10/5	2 Sam 22-24	93	
<b>T</b>	11/5	1 Kgs 1-3	94	1 & 2 Kings
<b>F</b>	12/5	1 Kgs 4-7	95	
<b>M</b>	15/5	1 Kgs 8-10	96	
<b>T</b>	16/5	1 Kgs 11-13	97	
<b>W</b>	17/5	1 Kgs 14-16	98	
<b>T</b>	18/5	1 Kgs 17-19	99	
<b>F</b>	19/5	1 Kgs 20-22	100	
<b>M</b>	22/5	2 Kgs 1-3	101	
<b>T</b>	23/5	2 Kgs 4-7	102	
<b>W</b>	24/5	2 Kgs 8 -11	103	
<b>T</b>	25/5	2 Kgs 12-14	104	
<b>F</b>	26/5	2 Kgs 15-17	105	
<b>M</b>	29/5	2 Kgs 18-19	106	
<b>T</b>	30/5	2 kgs 20-22	107	
<b>W</b>	31/5	2 Kgs 23-25	108	



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## THE READ SCRIPTURE PLAN

This plan takes you through the Old Testament in one year. The Old Testament Scriptures are divided up into thirteen “chapters” and organized in semi-chronological order. You’ll read two or three chapters a day, and sometimes skim through larger portions that contain genealogies, census information, etc.

## PSALMS of PRAYER

One Psalm is listed each day for you to slowly pray through, making its words your own. By the end you’ll have prayed through the book of Psalms 2.5 times.

## VIDEOS

Each day you come to a new biblical book there will be a short animated video provided by ‘The Bible Project’ and available on our website [www.newcraigs.co.uk](http://www.newcraigs.co.uk). Each one is all about that book’s design and message and what to look for as you read.

You can also sign up to have those videos emailed to your inbox direct from [thebibleproject.com](http://thebibleproject.com). In addition to videos regarding books of the Bible, you will find theme videos relating to several topics that appear throughout Scripture.

Study guides and more information from [thebibleproject.com](http://thebibleproject.com). We also have our online bookstore at [newcraigs.co.uk/book-shop](http://newcraigs.co.uk/book-shop).



1 Samuel dealt with the last of the Judges - Samuel and introduced us to the first of the Kings, Saul.

1 Samuel is the first of three pairs of books which together deal with the whole history of the Monarchy—a period of about 500 years. The Monarchy is divided into three periods:

- A) A United Kingdom for 120 years.
- B) A Divided Kingdom resulting in civil war. The Kingdom of Israel was in the North, and the Kingdom of Judah was in the South. They had intermittent war and peace for 250 years, until Israel was conquered and taken into captivity by Assyria.
- C) A Single Kingdom of Judah which continued for over another century before being conquered and taken into captivity by Babylon.

After years in captivity, some Jews returned to their land, but a further 500 years passed before the birth of the Saviour, the heavenly King of kings whose reign will never come to an end.

**Ch. 1-8 ELI & SAMUEL**  
**Ch.9-15 SAMUEL & SAUL**  
**Ch.16-31 SAUL & DAVID**

2 Samuel continues with the story of David—the King of God’s choice. David is the greatest of Israel’s Old Testament kings. More space is devoted in the Bible to him than any other person, except Christ.

Christ as Prophet is foreshadowed by Moses; Christ as Priest by Aaron; Christ as King by David.

2 Samuel deals with how David came to the throne (7 years king over Judah, before 33 years king over all the nation of Israel). Then it recounts how he reigned on the throne; fled from the throne during his son Absalom’s rebellion, and finally returned to the throne.

**Ch. 1-10 DAVID’S TRIUMPHS**

**Ch. 11-12 DAVID’S SINS**

**Ch. 13-24 DAVID’S TROUBLES**

The early chapters of the book record the consolidation of the kingdom. David united it; made Jerusalem the theocratic centre; placed the Ark there (symbolising the presence of God); and made the kingdom secure by overcoming all enemies.

Chapter 7 is a key chapter. God makes a significant covenant with David. There is a temporal and eternal fulfillment to these promises. Some parts are obviously fulfilled in his son Solomon, but it is also the beginning of a series of prophecies indicating Christ would come “of David”. By race Christ was “of Adam”, by nation “of Abraham”, by tribe “of Judah”, by family “of David”, and by specific birth “of a virgin” (Is. 7:14).

The Bible shows us a God of forgiveness but nowhere glosses over sin. 1 Samuel indicates David resorted to lies and deceit on occasions. 2 Samuel shows his mistakes. Although sin carries its consequences, (David’s adultery and murder, the tragedies of Tamar and Amnon, Absalom and civil war, all flowed from David’s sin) - God’s grace and power to overrule is shown in both of David’s greatest sins. (Read Psalm 51 again.)