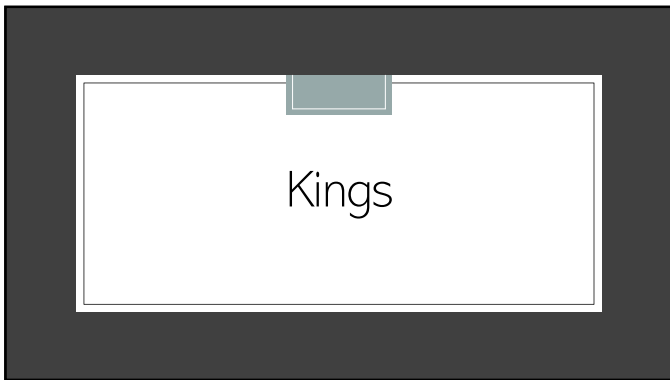
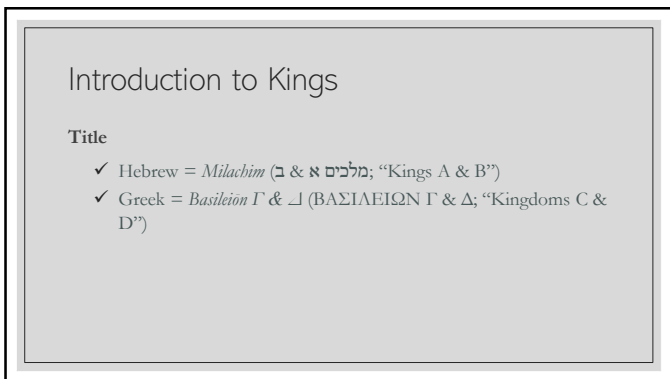


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WHO—Authorship

- ✓ Unknown, but could be Jeremiah, the son of Hilkiah, if Jeremiah lived to 85–86 years old.

WHO—Audience

- ✓ To the generation of Jews who were exiled by Babylon in 586 BC

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WHEN

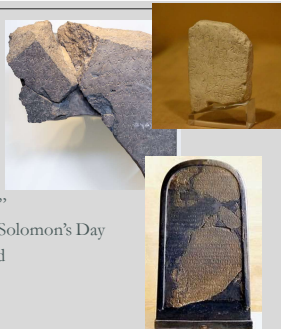
- ✓ Probably written in 561 BC or shortly after upon hearing that Jehoiachin was favored by the king of Babylon.
- ✓ The Dates of the events occur from David's death (970 BC) to the release of Jehoiachin (561 BC)

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WHERE

- ✓ Political Alliances
- ✓ Geographic Advantages
- ✓ Tel Dan Steele—"House of David"
- ✓ Gezer Calendar—Hebrew used in Solomon's Day
- ✓ Meesha Steele—Omri is mentioned
- ✓ The Word of Yahweh



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WHY

To recount the history of the Kingdom of Israel, the zenith of glory under Solomon as a picture of the future Kingdom of the Messiah, but also Solomon's and every future king's failure to have the right heart to restore God's people into a right relationship with Him, thereby providing a rationale for the end of the kingdom and their exile; and yet, to showcase that Yahweh's Word stands the test of time, unshakable and immovable, because He is the true King of Israel and will one day establish His Son on David's throne and His Kingdom over the world.

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HOW—Terminology

- ✓ King (or Kingdom, Kingship, Reign; 1:1, 2 (3x), 3, 4 (2x), 5, 9 (2), 11, 13 (4x), 14, 15 (3x), 16 (2x), 17, 18 (2x), 19, 20 (2x), 21, 22, 23 (3x), 24 (2x), 25 (2x), 27 (2x), 28 (3x), 29, 30, 31 (2x), 32 (2x), 33, 34 (2x), 35, 36 (2x), 37 (2x), 38, 39, 43 (2x), 44 (2x), 45, 46, 47 (3x), 48, 51 (2x), 53, etc.)
- ✓ Word of Yahweh (or Speak; 6:11, 12 (2x); 8:20 (3x), 24 (2x), 25, 26 (2x), 53, 56 (4x); 9:5; 11:10; 12:24 (3x); 13:1, 2, 3, 4, 5; etc.)
- ✓ Heart (2:4, 44; 3:6, 9, 12; 4:29; 8:17, 18 (2x), 23, 38, 39 (2x), 47, 48, 58, 61, 66; 9:3, 4; 10:2, 24; 11:2, 3, 4 (3x), 9; 12:26, 27, 33, etc.)

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HOW—Themes

- ✓ Solomon and the Kingdom (1 Kings 1–11)
- ✓ Lion-Donkey Episode (1 Kings 13)
- ✓ Widow's Son Episode (1 Kings 17)
- ✓ Mt. Carmel Episode (1 Kings 18)
- ✓ Mt. Horeb Episode (1 Kings 19)
- ✓ Jehoshaphat's and Ahab's Alliance in Battle (1 Kings 22)
- ✓ Elijah and the Chariot (2 Kings 2)

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HOW—Literary Structure

- ✓ Solomon (1 Kings 1:1 – 11:43)
- ✓ Jeroboam—Israel (12:1 – 14:20)
- ✓ Rehoboam—Judah (14:21–31)
- ✓ Abijah—Judah (15:1–8)
- ✓ Asa—Judah (15:9–24)
- ✓ Nadab—Israel (15:25–32)
- ✓ Baasha—Israel (15:33 – 16:7)
- ✓ Elah—Israel (16:8–14)
- ✓ Zimri—Israel (16:15–22)
- ✓ Omri—Israel (16:23–28)
- ✓ Ahab—Israel (16:29 – 22:40)
- ✓ Jehoshaphat—Judah (22:41–50)
- ✓ Ahaziah—Israel (1 Kings 22:51 – 2 Kings 1:18)
- ✓ **Elijah in Chariot (2:1–25)**
- ✓ Joram (Israel) & Joram (Judah) (3:1 – 8:15; 8:16–24)
- ✓ Ahaziah (Judah) & Jehu (Israel) (8:25 – 10:36)
- ✓ Joash—Judah (11:1 – 12:21)
- ✓ Jehoahaz—Israel (13:1–9)
- ✓ Joash—Israel (13:10–25)
- ✓ Amaziah—Judah (14:1–22)
- ✓ Jeroboam—Israel (14:23–29)
- ✓ Azariah (Uzziah)—Judah (15:1–7)

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HOW—Literary Structure

- ✓ Zechariah—Israel (15:8–12)
- ✓ Shallum—Israel (15:13–16)
- ✓ Menachem—Israel (15:17–22)
- ✓ Pekahiah—Israel (15:23–26)
- ✓ Pekah—Israel (15:27–31)
- ✓ Jotham—Judah (15:32–38)
- ✓ Ahaz—Judah (16:1–20)
- ✓ Hoshea—Israel (17:1–41)
- ✓ Hezekiah—Judah (18:1 – 20:21)
- ✓ Manasseh—Judah (21:1–18)
- ✓ Amon—Judah (21:19–26)
- ✓ Josiah—Judah (22:1 – 23:30)
- ✓ Jehoahaz & Jehoikim—Judah (23:31 – 24:7)
- ✓ Jehoiachin—Judah (24:8 – 25:30)

“Now the rest of the words (matters) of ...” is the grammatical cue that delineates each of these kingly divisions. It is the clear sub-marker that demarcates sections and carries the narrative forward.

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HOW—Literary Structure

- ✓ The Rise of the Kingdom (Jerusalem-focus; 1 Kings 1:1 – 11:43)
 - ✓ The Disparities of the Split Kingdoms (Israel and Judah; 12:1 – 2 Kings 1:18)
 - ✓ God’s Kingdom as a Chariot Throne (2:1–25)
 - ✓ The Similarities of the Split Kingdoms (Israel and Judah; 3:1 – 17:41)
- ✓ The Fall of the Kingdom (Jerusalem-focus; 18:1 – 25:30)

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