

LEADERSHIP - ADDENDUM
THE BOOKS OF THE KINGS OF ISRAEL

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- A. First Samuel:** (covers 115 years) “**Samuel’s Life**” Chapters 1-31
Note: Originally, in the Hebrew text, 1st and 2nd Samuel were a single book; but in the Septuagint, the Greek translation of the Hebrew text, they were called 1st and 2nd Kings. The author and date of composition are unknown, although Samuel probably wrote or contributed to the information in 1 Samuel 1:1-25:1.
1. Samuel’s birth to his death (1 Samuel 1:1-25:1) 1171-1060 BC
 2. Saul’s reign to his death (1 Samuel 11:15-31:13) 1096-1056 BC
- B. Second Samuel:** (covers 39 years) “**David’s Reign as king**” Chapters 1-24
1. David’s lament (2 Samuel 1) 1056 BC
 2. David’s census and punishment (2 Samuel 24) 1017 BC
- C. First Kings:** (covers 126 yrs.) “**Solomon and the divided kingdom**” Chapters 1-22
Note: Originally, in the Hebrew text, 1st and 2nd Kings were one book which continued the historic narrative begun in 1st and 2nd Samuel. The Septuagint divided Kings into two parts, calling them 3rd and 4th Kings. The possible date of these compositions is probably between 560 and 538 BC. Although the author is unknown, Ezra and Ezekiel, Jews of the exile, or possibly Jeremiah who died in Egypt have been considered.
1. Death of David and Solomon’s rule (1 Kings 1:1-11:43) 1015-975 BC
 2. The kings of Judah and Israel: (1 Kings 11:43-22:53) 975-889 BC
 - a. Ending with Ahaziah in Israel 897 BC
 - (1) Elijah the prophet (1 Kings 17:1-21:28) 918-897 BC
 - (2) Elisha the prophet (1 Kings 19:16-19) 899 BC
 - b. Ending with Jehoram in Judah 889 BC
- D. Second Kings:** (covers 309 years) “**The divided kingdoms**” Chapters 1-25
1. The kings of Judah and Israel: 897-588 BC
 - a. Beginning with Ahaziah, King of Israel 897 BC
 - (1) Elijah the prophet (2 Kings 1:3-2:11) 897 BC
 - (2) Elisha the prophet (2 Kings 2:1-13:20) 899-832 BC
 - b. Beginning with Jehoram, King of Judah 889 BC
 2. Ending with Zedekiah, king of Judah 588 BC
- E. First Chronicles:** (covers 2989 years) “**Adam to David**” Chapters 1-29
Note: Originally the Hebrew manuscripts 1st and 2nd Chronicles were one scroll. The first division of the text into two books was in the Septuagint around 200 BC. While the author is not mentioned in the Old Testament, tradition indicates that it was Ezra. The time of writing is about 400 BC.
1. Genealogy from Adam to Saul (covers 2948 years) 4004-1056 BC
 2. Ending with David’s reign over Israel (covers 41 years) 1056-1015 BC

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| F. <u>Second Chronicles:</u> (covers 479 years) “Solomon to Cyrus” | Chapters 1-36 |
| 1. Solomon’s history | 1015-975 BC |
| 2. Ending with the edict of Cyrus | 536 BC |