Core Seminars—Old Testament
Class 15: 1st & 2nd Kings

Context

- Historical Context
  Compiled during the time of the exile
  To show exile a result of sin; not Yahweh’s unfaithfulness
  Events take place roughly between 970 BC and 560 BC

- Redemptive-Historical Context
  Covenant with David looms large in the background
  What of the promises to Abraham, Israel, and David?

Theme

The King, the covenant representative, sometimes obeys the word of Yahweh and the people are blessed, but sometimes rebels against the word of Yahweh and brings calamity upon the people. Finally, Yahweh’s patience runs out and His people suffer the covenant consequences for their sins. Yet, through it all, Yahweh is still faithful to the promises He made to David.

A Study Outline for 1st and 2nd Kings

I. I Kings 1-11 – The Height of the Kingdom
II. I Kings 12-II Kings 17 – The Division of the Kingdom
III. II Kings 18-25 – The Fall of the Kingdom

All Looks Lost – 2 Kings 25:7

A Little Ray of Hope – 2 Kings 25:27-30

There Must Be Something Greater

Just Like the Fall and Exile from Eden

A Second Exodus Now Needed
David’s Charge to Solomon – 1 Kings 2:1-4

The Zenith of Redemptive-History in the OT – 1 Kings 8:56-61

But Sin Still Remains in the Kingdom – 1 Kings 11:1-14

New Vocabulary
- “Judah”
- “Israel”

The Northern Kingdom: Israel
- “the sins of Jeroboam” – 1 Kings 14:14-16

The Southern Kingdom: Judah
- “for David’s sake” – 1 Kings 15:1-5
- Assyria’s attack on Jerusalem – 2 Kings 18:3-5
- A godly king – 2 Kings 19:16-19

- Two prophets: Elijah and Elisha – 1 Kings 17-2 Kings 13

- Deuteronomy 17:18-20

- The scattering – 2 Kings 17