

1—Establishing the Kingdom

“The Keys to the Kingdom”

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1. The Deuteronomistic History (Martin Noth, 1943)

- A. Joshua—2 Kings one book
- B. Based on the theology and themes of Deuteronomy
- C. End of the book gives us the completion date (586 BC)

D. 2 Kings 23:26-27

Nevertheless, the Lord did not turn away from the heat of his fierce anger, which burned against Judah because of all that Manasseh had done to arouse his anger. So the Lord said, “I will remove Judah also from my presence as I removed Israel, and I will reject Jerusalem, the city I chose, and this temple, about which I said, ‘My Name shall be there.’” (Deut 12:11)

2. The Layers of the Book of Kings

Northern (E)	Southern (J)	Deuteronomic (D)	Priestly (P)
Kingdom of Israel	Kingdom of Judah	Exile in Babylon	Return from Exile
9 th century BC	8 th century BC	7 th century BC	6 th century BC
Choose your own king	Only God chooses	God deposes kings	No need for a king
	Covenant of David—unconditional	Covenant of Law—conditional	Covenant of Abraham—children
House of Saul	House of David “The Lord’s Anointed”	Both are rejected	Given to the people
Only bad kings	Hezekiah new David	Josiah new Moses	
	David/Solomon awesome	David/Solomon flawed	
Sacrifice anywhere	Sacrifice in Jerusalem	Sacrifice of obedience	Restoring sacrifice
Eliad Priesthood	Zadokite Priesthood	No Priesthood	Levitical Priesthood
Foreigners judged	Northerners judged	Southerners judged	Whole world judged

Keys from chapters 1 and 2

- 3. It is not up to us to establish our own kingdom (1:5)
 - A. It does not matter how many people agree with you (1:7)
 - B. It does not matter how religious we make it (1:9)
 - C. Spirit-led people will always recognize an imposter (1:11)

- 4. It is the Lord who appoints us where he wants us (1:30)
 - A. When the Lord anoints no person can deny it (1:34)
 - B. (Easter egg—“Judah and Israel” 1:35)

- C. Passing on the Throne of David (1:37)
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- 5. If you do not take care of business it will take care of you (2:1)
 - A. If we let injustice stand, we share the guilt (2:5;31)
 - B. We need to appreciate the loyalty of friends (2:7)
 - C. We need to set healthy boundaries (2:8;43)
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- 6. We must not covet what God has not given us (2:17)
 - A. It is the Lord who establishes us, not us (2:24;46)