

Christian Formation – Winter Term 2017

Studies in 1 and 2 Kings – History of Israel after David

While Kings David and Solomon are familiar territory, often the subsequent 300 years of history are a bit of a muddle. Join us as we make our way from Solomon through the split in the Israelite monarchy, the failures of kings and people to keep God's covenant, the exile of the northern kingdom, and the eventual fall of the southern Davidic dynasty. This will certainly engage us for the entire year – perhaps beyond!

Very Tentative Schedule [in case you would like to be reading ahead]

15 January – Review – and why is historical reliability important?

22 January – Elijah at Mount Horeb – three tasks [1 Kings 19]

29 January – Ahab's additional exploits – Naboth's vineyard; battles with Aram [1 Kings 20-21]

5 February – Ahab and Jehoshaphat – the prophet Micaiah [1 Kings 22]

12 February – transfer of Spirit from Elijah to Elisha [2 Kings 1-2]

19 February – Elisha: politics (Moab and Aram) and restoration [2 Kings 3-5]

26 February – Elisha: more politics [2 Kings 6-8]

5 March - Another dynastic transition; Jehu and his purge [2 Kings 9-10]