

# 1 KINGS

**AUTHOR:**

Early Jewish tradition claimed that the prophet Jeremiah wrote the books of 1 & 2 Kings. However, recent scholars find this improbable. There is no clearly defined author of the book 1 Kings.

**DATE:**

By examining the last statements within 2 Kings one can conclude that the author of 1 & 2 Kings lived and wrote during the period of Israel's exile (586 - 539 BC)

**AUDIENCE:**

This book was written to continue the telling of the History of the Hebrew people.

**CONTEXT:**

The nation of Israel has split. The once great nation is now two: Israel to the North and Judah to the South. Israel split geographically and spiritually.

**PURPOSE:**

1 Kings was written to compare and contrast the lives of those who choose to live for God and those who refuse to live for him through the history of the kings of Israel and Judah.

