

[Answers to tough questions in 1, 2 Kings](#)

1. How are the six books—1 and 2 Samuel, 1 and 2 Kings, and 1 and 2 Chronicles—related to one another in recording the history of the kingdom of Israel?

First and 2 Samuel and 1 and 2 Kings provide a chronological account of the kingdom of Israel in its original and divided state. First and 2 Chronicles serve as a special review of the line of David (the kings of Judah).

Those who add up the numbers given for the lengths of reign in these books are sometimes surprised that the math produces inconsistencies. Extra-biblical sources also provide some dating that creates problems when correlated with the text. Two important factors help explain the apparent inconsistencies in these records: (1) a number of cases had co-regencies (fathers and sons sharing the throne) in which each king's years were listed without accounting for the overlap; (2) neither the calendars nor the official reckoning of years was always the same in both kingdoms.

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