

1 & 2 KINGS

The Dramatic Rise and Fall of Israel in God's Kingdom Program

“Are You a Kingdom Building Victim or Victor?”

INTRO: *God was sovereignly overseeing the events recorded in this section of 1 Kings. Despite what each inherited, the kings of Israel and Judah experienced God's grace in ascension to power and bore the responsible privilege of building God's Kingdom. Unfortunately, few did. Are we?*

I. Poor _____ by one generation of Kingdom builders can *negatively* impact the _____ (14:1-16:28). *With few exceptions, the text presents a “pathetic parade of princes” who were responsible for the decline of Israel's Kingdom.*

II. Kingdom builders may feel _____ from the consequences of poor _____ made by the previous _____. *Inheriting a bad situation can (but not always) do this. This can lead to excuses like **blame-shifting**.*

III. Don't despair; Kingdom builders are not _____ stymied from the consequences of poor _____ made by previous _____. *Remember this:*

A. God's _____ has placed you _____ *you are* and _____ *you are*. *You have been sovereignly placed HERE and PRESENT now for a divine reason!*

B. Be _____ for what _____ do, not what *previous* generations have _____. *You may inherit bad consequences (life is unfair) but what you do with what you have is ALL YOU!*