

THE DIVIDED KINGDOM

1 Kings Series: Chapters 12-22





"IF THE LORD IS GOD, FOLLOW HIM!"

1 KINGS 18

A close-up photograph of a chessboard with alternating light and dark squares. In the foreground, two light-colored wooden chess pieces, a king and a queen, are positioned side-by-side. Behind them, several dark-colored wooden chess pieces are visible, slightly out of focus. A solid black horizontal banner is superimposed across the middle of the image, containing white text.

1 KINGS 18:1-18

A close-up photograph of a chessboard with alternating light and dark squares. In the center, two orange chess pieces, a king and a queen, are positioned side-by-side. The king has a cross on its crown, and the queen has a more ornate, rounded crown. In the background, several dark brown chess pieces are visible, slightly out of focus. In the foreground, several light-colored chess pieces are also visible, also slightly out of focus. A black rectangular box with white text is superimposed over the center of the image.

FOLLOWING JESUS...
DON'T BE SURPRISED BY THE HATRED OF THE WORLD

²AND THEY BEGAN TO ACCUSE HIM, SAYING, “WE FOUND THIS MAN MISLEADING OUR NATION AND FORBIDDING US TO GIVE TRIBUTE TO CAESAR, AND SAYING THAT HE HIMSELF IS CHRIST, A KING.”

LUKE 23:2,5 (ESV)

**⁵BUT THEY WERE URGENT, SAYING, “HE STIRS UP THE
PEOPLE, TEACHING THROUGHOUT ALL JUDEA, FROM
GALILEE EVEN TO THIS PLACE.”**

LUKE 23:2,5 (ESV)

**⁵FOR WE HAVE FOUND THIS MAN A PLAGUE, ONE WHO STIRS
UP RIOTS AMONG ALL THE JEWS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD
AND IS A RINGLEADER OF THE SECT OF THE NAZARENES.**

ACTS 24:5 (ESV)

**¹⁸“IF THE WORLD HATES YOU, KNOW THAT IT HAS HATED
ME BEFORE IT HATED YOU.**

JOHN 15:18-19 (ESV)

¹⁹IF YOU WERE OF THE WORLD, THE WORLD WOULD LOVE YOU AS ITS OWN; BUT BECAUSE YOU ARE NOT OF THE WORLD, BUT I CHOSE YOU OUT OF THE WORLD, THEREFORE THE WORLD HATES YOU.

JOHN 15:18-19 (ESV)



FOLLOWING JESUS...
WE LIVE A LIFESTYLE OF REPENTANCE
& ACCEPTING RESPONSIBILITY

¹⁷THEN DAVID SPOKE TO THE LORD WHEN HE SAW THE ANGEL WHO WAS STRIKING THE PEOPLE, AND SAID, “BEHOLD, I HAVE SINNED, AND I HAVE DONE WICKEDLY. BUT THESE SHEEP, WHAT HAVE THEY DONE? PLEASE LET YOUR HAND BE AGAINST ME AND AGAINST MY FATHER’S HOUSE.”

2 SAMUEL 24:17 (ESV)

**²⁹IF YOUR RIGHT EYE CAUSES YOU TO SIN, TEAR IT OUT AND
THROW IT AWAY. FOR IT IS BETTER THAT YOU LOSE ONE OF YOUR
MEMBERS THAN THAT YOUR WHOLE BODY BE THROWN INTO HELL.
MATTHEW 5:29-30 (ESV)**

**³⁰AND IF YOUR RIGHT HAND CAUSES YOU TO SIN, CUT IT OFF
AND THROW IT AWAY. FOR IT IS BETTER THAT YOU LOSE ONE OF
YOUR MEMBERS THAN THAT YOUR WHOLE BODY GO INTO HELL.**

MATTHEW 5:29-30 (ESV)

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1 KINGS 18:19-40



FOLLOWING JESUS...
YOU CAN'T SIT ON THE FENCE:
YOU ARE EITHER FOLLOWING JESUS OR YOU AREN'T

**²⁶THEN MOSES STOOD IN THE GATE OF THE CAMP AND
SAID, “WHO IS ON THE LORD’S SIDE? COME TO ME.”
AND ALL THE SONS OF LEVI GATHERED AROUND HIM.**

EXODUS 32:26 (ESV)

¹⁵AND IF IT IS EVIL IN YOUR EYES TO SERVE THE LORD, CHOOSE THIS DAY WHOM YOU WILL SERVE, WHETHER THE GODS YOUR FATHERS SERVED IN THE REGION BEYOND THE RIVER, OR THE GODS OF THE AMORITES IN WHOSE LAND YOU DWELL. BUT AS FOR ME AND MY HOUSE, WE WILL SERVE THE LORD.”

JOSHUA 24:15 (ESV)

**³⁰WHOEVER IS NOT WITH ME IS AGAINST ME, AND
WHOEVER DOES NOT GATHER WITH ME SCATTERS.
MATTHEW 12:30 (ESV)**

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1 KINGS 18:41-46

A close-up photograph of a chessboard. In the foreground, two light-colored wooden pawns are visible, one slightly behind the other. In the background, a row of dark-colored wooden pawns is lined up. The chessboard has a checkered pattern of light and dark squares. Overlaid on the center of the image is a black rectangular box containing white text.

FOLLOWING JESUS...
FOLLOWERS OF JESUS LEARN THE PROMISES
OF GOD AND PERSISTENTLY PRAY THE PROMISES



FOLLOWING JESUS...
REMEMBER GOD CHOOSES ALL KINDS OF PEOPLE TO FOLLOW
HIM AND HE USES THEM IN ALL KINDS OF WAYS.

**¹⁶THEREFORE, CONFESS YOUR SINS TO ONE ANOTHER AND PRAY
FOR ONE ANOTHER, THAT YOU MAY BE HEALED. THE PRAYER OF
A RIGHTEOUS PERSON HAS GREAT POWER AS IT IS WORKING.**

JAMES 5:16-17 (ESV)

**¹⁷ELIJAH WAS A MAN WITH A NATURE LIKE OURS, AND HE
PRAYED FERVENTLY THAT IT MIGHT NOT RAIN, AND FOR THREE
YEARS AND SIX MONTHS IT DID NOT RAIN ON THE EARTH.**

JAMES 5:16-17 (ESV)



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