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## Why teach 1-2 Kings?

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"For whatever was written in earlier times was written for our instruction, so that through perseverance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope."

(Romans 15:4)

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2. To see the Bible's unfolding story

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## The Bible's Story

- the Bible is ultimately one book with one Author revealing one, unfolding story
  - not merely a collection of sayings, topics, stories or books
  - it is a historical, progressive revelation from creation to new creation

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  - ❖ Jesus Christ is the climax and central figure of the story (cf. Luke 24:44)

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## The Bible's Story

*Now He said to them, "These are My words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things which are written about Me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled."*

(Luke 24:44)

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**The Bible's Story**

1. What is the story about?

*God's glory in the establishment of His kingdom in and through Jesus Christ*

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**The Bible's Story**

2. What is the kingdom of God?

*God's people in God's place under God's rule and blessing (in His presence)*

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Creation – Fall – Redemption – New Creation

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**The Bible's Story**

3: How does God establish His kingdom?

*By salvation (mercy) through judgment, ultimately in Jesus Christ*

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Through the death, resurrection and reign of King Jesus

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**The Bible's Story**

4: Where is 1-2 Kings in the story?

*1-2 Kings: Longing for a Better King!*

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