



## THE BIBLE IN VERSE

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### I KINGS

#### CHAPTERS 1 TO 22

##### Chapter 1

David is aged and stricken and prone;  
Son Adonijah would garner the throne.  
Solomon then is anointed as king;  
Streets with the shouting and music do ring.

##### Chapter 2

King David dies and is buried with care.  
Then Adonijah is joined to him there.  
Joab then quickly is slain for his deed.  
Shimei next as the king has decreed.

##### Chapter 3

Solomon dreams and the Lord ventures near,  
Bringing him words that are gracious to hear.  
Women then come with a baby involved;  
Sword is brought forth and the problem is solved.

##### Chapter 4

Solomon reigns over all of the land,  
Having great armies within his command,  
Horses and chariots, servants and gold,  
Three thousand proverbs and wisdom untold.

##### Chapter 5

Hiram and Solomon join in a league.  
One will give timber, the other give feed.  
Hiram sends lumber and men for the task;  
Solomon, wheat and the stuff he does ask.

##### Chapter 6

Solomon raises the house of the Lord.  
God sends a message of blessing outpoured.  
House is resplendent with beauty unmatched.  
Seven full years to erect are dispatched.

##### Chapter 7

Builds now a mansion in which he may dwell.  
Wife, Pharaoh's daughter, receives one as well.  
Here is a story of beauty untold,  
Workings in stone and in brass and in gold.

##### Chapter 8

Temple is readied; the Glory is there.  
Solomon offers a beautiful prayer,  
Offers up oxen and sheep by the score.  
People rejoice for the bountiful store.

##### Chapter 9

God brings a promise of cursing or ease.  
Solomon's gift to his friend does not please.  
Solomon builds a great navy of ships,  
Taxes the land and his building equips.

##### Chapter 10

Solomon's guest is now Sheba's fair queen.  
She is dumbfounded by things that are seen.  
Here in Jerusalem vessels are gold.  
Silver is common, not fit to behold.

### **Chapter 11**

Solomon falls to his manifold drives,  
Taking a full seven hundred as wives.  
God is against him and leaves him distressed.  
Solomon dies and is lowered to rest.

### **Chapter 12**

King Rehoboam gets tough on the throne.  
Kingdom is split and his tribe is alone.  
Ten tribes retain Jeroboam as king.  
He then sets up the idolatrous thing.

### **Chapter 13**

Man of God speaks and the altar is cursed,  
Answers the king with a speech well rehearsed.  
Then he is tested; he wanders astray;  
Slain by a lion as he rides in the way.

### **Chapter 14**

King Jeroboam sends wife for a word.  
Death of his son is most promptly assured.  
King then succumbs as a sinner abhorred.  
Judah has also deserted the Lord.

### **Chapter 15**

Judah's Abijah does that which is wrong.  
Asa then follows is righteous and strong,  
Hires the Syrian host with a prize,  
Then is diseased in his feet when he dies.

### **Chapter 16**

Jehu pronounces the end of a strain.  
Zimri and Omri in Israel reign.  
Ahab is worst of the whole sordid tale,  
Marrying Jezebel, worshiping Baal.

### **Chapter 17**

Now does Elijah pronounce a sore blight,  
Fed by the ravens both morning and night,  
Then by the widow is given his bread,  
Raises the widow's young son from the dead.

### **Chapter 18**

Prophet returns unto Ahab's domain,  
Prays to the Lord for abundance of rain;  
Calls down the fire of God from on high.  
Sacrifice burns and the false prophets die.

### **Chapter 19**

Angel of God bakes Elijah two cakes,  
Giving him strength for the journey he makes.  
God is disclosed in a still little voice.  
Prophet Elisha is now made a choice.

### **Chapter 20**

Ahab makes war at the prophet's command.  
Syrian host is destroyed at his hand.  
Loser, Ben-hadad, is freed from the strife.  
Ahab the victor, must pay with his life.

### **Chapter 21**

Naboth refuses what Ahab has willed.  
Jezebel ruthlessly orders him killed.  
Ahab is found by Elijah and cursed.  
Ahab repents and is spared from the worst..

### **Chapter 22**

Ahab, Jehoshaphat, join in a fight.  
Ahab is slain and his armies take flight.  
Ahab is seen an idolatrous fool.  
Dogs lick his blood at Samaria's pool.