

**THE EPIC TELLING FOR THE 2018 FESTIVAL GATHERING  
I KINGS 1-11**

#	VERSES	DESCRIPTION	TELLER
1	1:1-4	Abishag selected to comfort David as his potency wanes.	
2	1:5-10	Adoniah's coup begins.	
3	1:11-21	Nathan and Bathsheba strategize.	
4	1:22-27	Nathan confirms Bathsheba's report to David.	
5	1:28-37	David commands that Solomon be anointed as king.	
6	1:38-53*	Solomon is anointed king to Adonijah's dismay.	
7	2:1-12	The dying David charges Solomon with conflicting advice.	
8	2:13-25	Bathsheba's request to grant Abishag to Adonijah results in his condemnation.	
9	2:26-35*	Beniah is commanded to kill Joab.	
10	2:36-46*	Beniah is commanded to kill Shimei.	
11	3:1-15	Solomon dreams a conversation with the Lord.	
12	3:16-28*	Solomon settles a maternity dispute.	
13	4:1-7, 20-21	Solomon's reign is expansive and successful.	
14	4:22-25	Peace and prosperity mark Solomon's reign.	
15	4:26-34	The wisdom of Solomon is extraordinary.	
16	5:1-12*	Solomon contracts for cedar with the king of Tyre.	
17	5:13-18	Solomon uses forced labor for his building project.	
18	6:1-10	The temple's construction is detailed.	
19	6:11-22	Solomon puts the finishing touches on the temple.	
20	6:23-32	The temple's inner sanctuary is described.	

21	6:33-38	The building of the temple is completed.	
22	7:1-12	Solomon builds a palace for himself.	
23	7:13-14, 40-51	Solomon and Hiram furnish the temple.	
24	8:1-13*	The Ark of the Covenant is brought to the temple.	
25	8:14-21	Solomon addresses all the assembly of Israel.	
26	8:22-53*	Solomon prays to the Lord to dedicate the temple.	
27	8:54-61	Solomon blesses and exhorts the people.	
28	8:62-66	Sacrifices are offered as part of the dedication.	
29	9:1-9	The Lord makes a promise and declares a warning.	
30	9:10-28	Hiram, dissatisfied, maintains ties with Solomon.	
31	10:1-13	The queen of Sheba praises Solomon's wisdom.	
32	10:14-22	From his great wealth Solomon lavishes gifts upon the queen.	
33	10:23-29	Solomon's wealth increases.	
34	11:1-8	Solomon's political marriages entail honoring foreign gods.	
35	11:9-13	The Lord is angry with Solomon.	
36	11:14-22	Hadad the Edomite is raised up against Solomon.	
37	11:23-25	The threats to Solomon increase.	
38	11:26-40*	The prophet Ahijah foretells the kingdom's disintegration.	
39	11:41-43	An epilogue summarizing Solomon's reign.	

\*Longer passages which are most appropriate for experienced tellers.