

1 Kings 15:25 - 16:34
Israel's Evil Kings
Lesson 11

During the time of Israel's divided kingdom, the two kingdoms were very different in both their monarchs and their relationship with YHWH, the Lord their God. The kingdom of Judah represented the continued promise God made to His servant David. The Bible deals with the kings of Judah according to what kind of heart they had compared to their "*father*," David. The northern kingdom of Israel, for the most part, did not follow the Lord so the Bible's focus on each of these kings is whether he could escape God's judgment for disobedience and whether or not his son would succeed him.

Nadab - King of Israel - Chapter 15

1. As a king, how did Jeroboam's son, Nadab, fare? (vs. 25, 26)

2. How did he die? (vs. 27, 28)

Fill in **The Kings of Israel & Judah Chart** on Nadab.

Baasha - king of Israel

3. From 1 Kings 15:29, what was the first thing king Baasha did when he began his reign?
 - Why? (vs. 30 & 1 Kings 12:26-33)

4. What additional information is given regarding Baasha and his reign? (vs. 33, 34)

5. God used the prophet Jehu (Hanani's son) to bring a message to Baasha. What was the message? (1 Kings 16:1-4)

6. With Jehu's words, what should have been clear to Baasha? (Deuteronomy 28:15, 16)

7. How was Baasha's death recorded? (1 Kings 16:5, 6)

Fill in **The Kings of Israel & Judah Chart** on Baasha.

Elah - King of Israel - Chapter 16

8. Who was the king of Judah when Elah became king of Israel? (vs. 8a)

9. Who's son was Elah, from where did he reign and for how long? (vs. 8b)

10. Describe what happened to Elah. (vs. 9, 10)

11. What did Zimri do to Elah's family and friends and why? (vs. 11-14)

Fill in **The Kings of Israel & Judah Chart** on Elah.

Zimri - King of Israel

12. Who was reigning king in Judah? (vs. 15a)

13. How long did Zimri reign? (vs.15b)

14. Why wasn't the army available to protect King Elah? (vs. 15c)

15. What did they do when they heard the news that Zimri had murdered King Elah?
(vs. 16, 17)

16. How did Zimri's reign end? (vs. 18)

17. What was the Lord's assessment of Zimri? (vs. 19, 20)

Fill in **The Kings of Israel & Judah Chart** on Zimri.

Omri - King of Israel

18. Omri's reign was not without difficulty. Though he had been chosen by the army of Israel, how united was Israel over his "election" as king? (vs. 21, 22) Explain.

19. Who was reigning king in Judah? (vs. 23a)

20. How long did Omri reign? (vs. 23b)

21. What event was highlighted during his reign? (vs. 24)

22. How did God view his reign? (vs. 25, 26)

23. Who succeeded him? (vs.28)

Fill in **The Kings of Israel & Judah Chart** on Omri.

Ahab - King of Israel

24. Asa was still king in Judah when Israel had its fifth coronation of a new king. Up to this point, the writer of Kings had pointed out that all Israel's kings walked in the ways of Jeroboam. What did that mean? (1 Kings 12:28-30)

25. How was Ahab compared to King Jeroboam? (vs. 29-33)

26. One final bit of information was briefly mentioned as having occurred during Ahab's time. From 1 Kings 16:34:
- Who was involved?

 - What was the event?

 - What was the cost?
27. Going back to the book of Joshua and the time when Israel first entered the Promised Land, what command had God given to Joshua regarding the city of Jericho? (Joshua 6:17)
28. What did that mean physically for the city? (Joshua 6:24)
29. At that time, Joshua pronounced a solemn oath. What did he say? (Joshua 6:26)