

LESSONS THIS QUARTER

- 1) 05 Dec..... 1Kings 1-4..... What Money Can't Buy
- 2) 12 Dec..... 1Kings 5-9a..... Why Prayer Deserves Priority
- 3) 19 Dec..... Mat 1-2..... Worship the King of Kings
- 4) 26 Dec..... 1Kings 9b-11..... Where Compromise Takes You
- 5) **02 Jan..... 1Kings 12-16a..... Anatomy of a Grave Decision**
- 6) 09 Jan..... 1Kings 16b-22..... A Hill on Which to Stand
- 7) 16 Jan..... 2Kings 21-23..... Building a Culture for Life
- 8) 23 Jan..... 2Kings 1-5..... Sick of Greed?
- 9) 30 Jan..... 2Kings 6-8..... Right Not to Remain Silent
- 10) 06 Feb..... 2Kings 9-10..... Danger! Unbridled Passion
- 11) 13 Feb..... 2Kings 11-17..... U-Turn Here – and Now!
- 12) 20 Feb..... 2Kings 18-20..... Got to Have Hope
- 13) 27 Feb..... 2Kings 23-25..... Keep Hope Alive

INTRODUCTION

- The northern Israelite kings (19 of them) lasted 241 years before being conquered by Assyria in 722 BC
- The Davidic kings (27 of them) lasted almost 475 years, but they could not overcome the sins of Solomon and Manasseh - The Babylonians conquered Judah in 586BC
- Israel went from a nation totally devoted to God under King David to a nation that allowed every religion to be practiced in its borders, including male prostitution and child sacrifice
- There are gold nuggets sandwiched in these benign passages

Passage	Comments
1Kings 12:1-33	<p>Rehoboam (Judah) vs Jeroboam (Israel)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • vv1-17. Rehoboam is faced with a tough decision – does the King reconcile with Jeroboam who was prophesied to rule over 10 tribes? ...11:28-40 • Rehoboam did one thing RIGHT – He sought the counsel of wise menProv 24:6 • Rehoboam did one thing WRONG – He did not heed the counsel of wise men • But Rehoboam’s bad decision was of God, who channels a king’s heart like water.....Prov 21:1 • vv21-24. Also, Rehoboam learned from his mistake – The next time a wise man of God (Shemaiah) told him something (don’t go to war with Jeroboam) he listened • vv25-33. Jeroboam failed to listen to God’s prophecy (11:38) and took matters into his own hands to control his new kingdom by building a worship center away from Jerusalem
13:1-34	<p>Man of God is Deceived and Dies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are a lot of pieces to this story <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A young prophet of God receives a command 2. This unnamed prophet proclaims his prophecy 3. The prophet heads out of town w/out stopping 4. An older prophet tells a lie and convinces the younger prophet to dine with him 5. God conveys to the older lying prophet the young prophet will die for disobeying God’s command not to stop and dine • Why didn’t God slay the lying prophet? • Why didn’t God convey to the young prophet don’t heed the older prophet’s false story?
14:1-31	<p>Rehoboam and Jeroboam Die</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • v13. Jeroboam’s son dies – because “something good was found in him” <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Sometimes God removes the righteous before calamity comesIsaiah 57:1

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • v16. God will “give up” Israel for the idolatrous sins of its leader (Jeroboam) – This is a BIG reason to pray for our leaders • v21. We learn that Rehoboam, Solomon’s son was half Ammonite. Ammonites (from the incestuous relationship of Lot and his daughter) were forbidden from entering the congregation of the Lord for 10 generationsDeut 23:3 • It’s interesting Jesus had Ammonite, Moabite (Ruth), and Canaanite (Rahab) blood in Him
15:1-34	<p>Abijam and Asa vs Nadab and Baasha</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • vv1-3. Abijam, a bad king, only reigned 3 years • v11. Asa was a good king even though he had a wicked father see 2Chron 14-16 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ vv12. Asa eliminated homosexuality from the land – probably by force. 2Chron 15:13 records Asa slew those who would not seek the Lord ♦ vv13. Asa also wasn’t afraid of family – He removed his idolatrous Mom from being Queen ♦ v23. As good as Asa was, he was not perfect. In his later years, Asa trusted in Syria, not God ♦ God allowed him to suffer diseased feet
16:1-28	<p>Israelite Kings:– Elah, Zimri, Omri, Ahab</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Israel goes from bad to worse • v24. Omri builds a new town called Samaria

CONCLUSION/APPLICATIONS:

- To prevent personal or national downfall we must avoid complacency in serving God
- To turn things around after hitting bottom takes severe measures, so turn things around early to prevent more dire consequences

SUPPORTING PASSAGES:

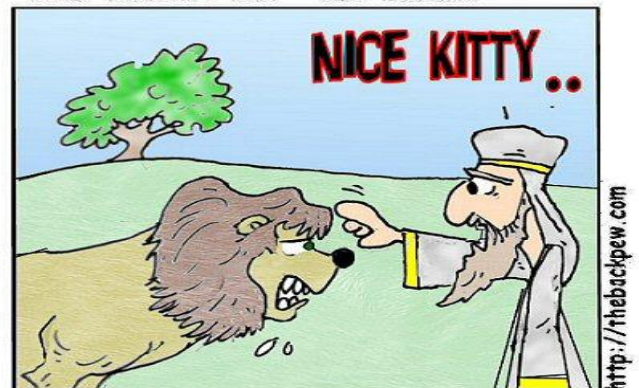
Isaiah 57:1 The righteous perishes, and no man takes it to heart; merciful men are taken away, while no one considers that the righteous is taken away from evil

2Chron 15:2 God is with you when you are with Him

2Chron 16:9 God searches to support those whose hearts are completely His

NEXT WEEK: 1Kings 16-22. Elijah comes on the scene to bring judgment on King Ahab and his wife Jezebel

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1 Kings 13:26 prophet disobeys what the Lord commands him, and becomes a chew toy for a road side lion.

1. Saul		1050-1010 BC		<h1 style="color: purple;">Kings of Judah and Israel</h1>							
2. David		1010-970									
3. Solomon		970-930									
Judah (plus Benjamin and most Levites)						Israel (Ten Northern Tribes)					
King	Reign	Years	Age	Character	Prophets	King's Mother	King	Reign	Years	Character	Prophets
4. Rehoboam	931-913	17 yrs	41-58	Bad	Shemaiah	Naamah an Ammonitess.	1. Jeroboam I	931-910	22 yrs	Bad	Abijah
5. Abijah (Abijam)	913-911	3 yrs	Age not given	Bad		Michaiah, daughter of Uriel of Gibeah.	2. Nadab	910-909	2 yrs	Bad	
6. Asa	911-870	41 yrs	Age not given	Very Good to Bad in his last years		Maachah, daughter of Absalom, named after her g'mother	3. Baasha	909-886	24 yrs	Bad	Jehu
							4. Elah	886-885	2 yrs	Bad	
							5. Zimri	885	7 days	Bad	
							6. Omri & 7. Tibni	885-874*	12 yrs	Bad	
7. Jehoshaphat	870-848*	25 yrs	35-60	Very Good-Bad		Azubah the daughter of Shilhi	8. Ahab	874-853	22 yrs	Bad	Elijah, Micaiah, 3 unnamed prophets
8. Jehoram (Joram)	848-841*	8 yrs	32-40	Bad		(Wife was Athaliah)	9. Ahaziah	853-852	2 yrs	Bad	
9. Ahaziah	841	1 yrs	22 or 42+	Bad		Athaliah, daughter of Ahab	10. Joram (Jehoram)	852-841	12 yrs	Bad	Elisha
10. Q. Mom Athaliah	841-835	6 yrs		Bad			11. Jehu	841-814	28 yrs	Bad	Jonah, Amos, Hosea
11. Joash (Jehoash)	835-796	40 yrs	7-47	Good-Bad	Joel	Zibiah of Beersheba.	12. Jehoahaz	814-798	17 yrs	Bad	
12. Amaziah	796-767	29 yrs	25-54	Good		Jehoaddan of Jerusalem.	13. Jehoash (Joash)	798-782	16 yrs	Bad	
13. Uzziah (Azariah)	767-740*	52 yrs	16-68	Good-Bad	Isaiah Micah	Jecholiah of Jerusalem.	14. Jeroboam II	782-753*	41 yrs	Bad	
14. Jotham	740-732*	16 yrs	25-41	Good		Jerusha, daughter of Zadok	15. Zechariah	753-752	6 mo	Bad	
15. Ahaz	732-716	16 yrs	20-36	Bad			Abijah, daughter of Zechariah.	16. Shallum	752	1 mo	Bad
16. Hezekiah	716-687	29 yrs	25-54	Very Good	Nahum Habakkuk Zephaniah	Hephzibah	17. Menahem	752-742	10 yrs	Bad	
17. Manasseh	687-642*	55 yrs	12-67	Bad-Good		Meshullemeth, daughter of Haruz of Jotbah.	18. Pekahiah	742-740	2 yrs	Bad	
18. Amon	642-640	2 yrs	22-24	Bad		Jedidah, daughter of Adaiah of Boscath.	19. Pekah	740-720*	20 yrs	Bad	
19. Josiah	640-608	31 yrs	8-39	Very Good		Hamutal, daughter of Jeremiah of Libnah.	20. Hoshea	720-712	9 yrs	Bad	
20. Jehoahaz (Shallum)	608	3 mo	23	Bad	722 BC Fall of Samaria to Assyria						
21. Jehoiakim (Eliakim)	608-597	11 yrs	25-36	Bad	Daniel Ezekiel Jeremiah	Zebidah, daughter of Pedaiah of Rumah.	Notes: * Co-regency + See Adam Clark's commentary on age discrepancies for Ahaziah (22) and Jehoiachin (18) Northern Kingdom experienced 20 bad kings for a total of 241 years Southern Kingdom experienced 8 good kings after Solomon for a total of 263 years Southern Kingdom experienced 12 bad kings after Solomon for a total of 130 years Jerusalem (Southern Kingdom) was destroyed 586 BC, and the Babylonian Captivity began Jehoahaz, Jehoiakim and Zedekiah were brothers (sons of Josiah)				
22. Jehoiachin (Jeconiah, Coniah)	597	3 mos	18 or 8+	Bad		Nehushta, daughter of Elnathan of Jerusalem					
23. Zedekiah (Mattaniah)	597-586	11 yrs	21-32	Bad		Hamutal, daughter of Jeremiah of Libnah.					