

LESSONS THIS QUARTER

1) 05 June	1Kings 01-04	Granted
2) 12 June	1Kings 05-08	Repentance
3) 19 June	1Kings 09-11	Compromised
4) 26 June	1Kings 12-14	Divided
5) 03 July	1Kings 15-16	Return
6) 10 July	1Kings 17-18	Proven
7) 17 July	1Kings 19-22	Hope
8) 24 July	2Kings 01-05	God Heals
9) 31 July	2Kings 06-08	God Provides
10) 07 Aug	2Kings 09-12	God Honors
11) 14 Aug	2Kings 13-17	God Judges
12) 21 Aug	2Kings 18-21	God Hears
13) 28 Aug	2Kings 22-25	God Moves

INTRODUCTION

- The northern Israelite kings (20 of them) lasted 241 years before being conquered by Assyria in 722 BC. Not one northern king was considered a godly king.
 - The Judean or Davidic kings (23 of them) lasted almost 475 years, but they could not overcome the sins of Solomon and Manasseh. Less than half of these kings were considered godly.
- See the list of Judean and Israelite kings on the following page.**
- The Babylonians conquered Judah in 586 BC.
 - Israel went from a nation totally devoted to God under King David to a nation that allowed every religion and deplorable practice to be within its borders, including male prostitution and child sacrifice
 - There are gold nuggets sandwiched in these 90+ 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. Should he reconcile or not? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ What would you do? ♦ Recall Jeroboam received a prophecy he would rule over 10 tribes? 11:28-40 • Rehoboam did one thing RIGHT → He sought the counsel of wise men Prov 24:6 • vv13-14. However, Rehoboam did one thing WRONG → He did not heed the counsel of the wise men <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ BUT Rehoboam's bad decision was of God, who channels a king's heart like water Prov 21:1 ♦ Why would the counsel of the younger generation be so wrong? The young often lack the additional insight, experience, and wisdom possessed by their elders – BUT not always Ps 119:99 ♦ Consider this: Woe to a nation [or a church] who has young or inexperienced leaders Ecc 10:16 • 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 heed 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
	<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 receives a command from God 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 prophet who lied that the young prophet would die for disobeying God's command not to stop and dine

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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?
	<p>The Dangers of Partial /Delayed Obedience – Which is Disobedience</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • God attempted to slay Moses for his partial obedience Ex 4:24-26 • Balaam risked being slain for his partial obedience Num 22:22 • King Saul partially obeyed God's command to wipe out the Amalekites and lost his kingdom 1Samuel 15 • Remember: Partial or delayed obedience, is nothing short of rebellion, which is akin to the sin of witchcraft (which carries the death penalty) and makes one totally useless for God 1Sam 15:23
14:1-31	<p>The Legacy of Rehoboam and Jeroboam</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • v13. Jeroboam's son dies – because "something good was found in him." Sometimes God removes the righteous before calamity comes Isaiah 57:1 • v16. God will "give up" Israel for the idolatrous sins of its leader (Jeroboam) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ This is a BIG reason to pray for our leaders that we might live a relatively quiet and tranquil life 1Tim 2:1-3 ♦ How frequently and diligently do we pray for our Govt? ♦ Could the problems in society be laid at the feet of the Church for our lack of prayers 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 generations Deut 23:3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ It is interesting Jesus had Ammonite (Rehoboam), Moabite (Ruth), Canaanite (Rahab & Tamar), and Philistinian/Sidonian blood in Him (King Ahaziah's mom was Athaliah, who was the daughter of Ahab & Jezebel)

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

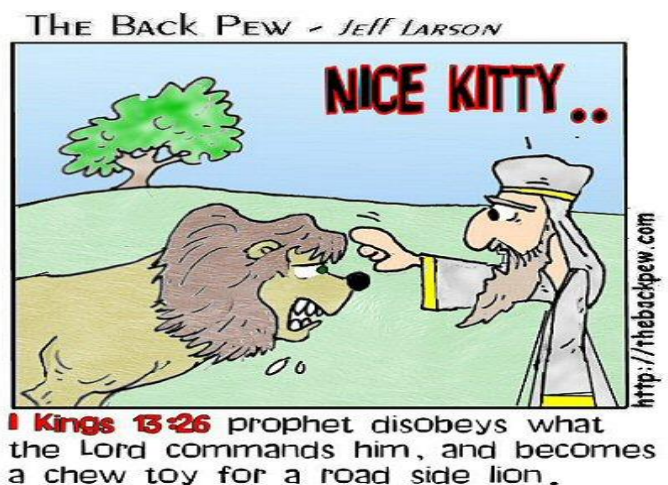
SUPPORTING PASSAGES:

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 15-16. The northern kingdom of Israel spins out of control, getting worse and worse under each succeeding king, while the southern kingdom of Juda oscillates between the reigns of bad kings and good kings.



1. Saul	1050-1010 BC
2. David	1010-970 BC
3. Solomon	970-930 BC

Kings of Judah and Israel

Judah (plus Benjamin and most Levites) – Southern Kingdom							Israel (Ten Tribes) – Northern Kingdom				
King	Reign	Years	Age	Character	Prophets	King's Mother	King	Reign	Years	Character	Prophets
4. Rehoboam	930-913	17 yrs	41-58	Bad	Shemaiah	Naamah an Ammonitess	1. Jeroboam I	930-909	22 yrs	Bad	Abijah
5. Abijah (Abijam)	913-910	3 yrs	Age not given	Bad		Michaiah, daughter of Uriel of Gibeah	2. Nadab	909-908	2 yrs	Bad	
6. Asa	910-872	41 yrs	Age not given	Very Good initially, but Bad in his last years	Azariah, Hanani	Maachah, daughter of Absalom, named after her grandmother; removed from being queen mother for her idolatry	3. Baasha	908-886	24 yrs	Bad	Jehu
7. Jehoshaphat	872-848*	25 yrs	35-60	Very Good-Bad		Azubah the daughter of Shilhi	4. Elah	886-885	2 yrs	Bad	
8. Jehoram (Joram)	848-841*	8 yrs	32-40	Very Bad	Elijah	Wife was daughter of Ahab	5. Zimri	885	7 days	Bad	
9. Ahaziah (Jehoahaz)	841	1 yr	22 or 42+	Bad		His mother was Athaliah, granddaughter of Omri	6. Omri & 7. Tibni	885-874*	12 yrs	Bad	Elijah, Micaiah, 3 unnamed prophets
10. Queen Mom Athaliah	841-835	7 yrs		Bad		She was g'daughter of Omri daughter of Ahab & Jezebel	8. Ahab [wife, Jezebel]	874-853	22 yrs	Bad	
11. Joash (Jehoash)	835-796	40 yrs	7-47	Good-Bad	Joel	Mother was Zibiah of Beersheba	9. Ahaziah	853-852	2 yrs	Bad	
12. Amaziah	796-767	29 yrs	25-54	Good-Bad	unnamed	Jehoaddan of Jerusalem	10. Joram (Jehoram)	852-841	12 yrs	Bad	Elisha
13. Uzziah (Azariah)	792-740*	52 yrs	16-68	Good-Bad		Jecholiah of Jerusalem	11. Jehu	841-814	28 yrs	Bad	Hosea
14. Jotham	750-735*	16 yrs	25-41	Good	Zechariah Isaiah Micah Hosea	Jerusha, (grand)daughter of Zadok (a faithful priest of King David's era)	12. Jehoahaz	814-798	17 yrs	Bad	Jonah, Amos, Hosea
15. Ahaz	735-715	16 yrs	20-36	Bad			13. Jehoash (Joash)	798-782	16 yrs	Bad	
16. Hezekiah	715-687	29 yrs	25-54	Very Good		Abijah, daughter of Zechariah	14. Jeroboam II	793-752*	41 yrs	Bad	
17. Manasseh	697-642*	55 yrs	12-67	Bad-Good		Hephzibah	15. Zechariah	752-752	6 mo	Bad	Hosea
18. Amon	642-640	2 yrs	22-24	Bad	Nahum Habakkuk Zephaniah Jeremiah	Meshullemeth, daughter of Haruz of Jotbah	16. Shallum	752	1 mo	Bad	
19. Josiah	640-609	31 yrs	8-39	Very Good		Jedidah, daughter of Adaiah of Boscath	17. Menahem	752-742	10 yrs	Bad	
20. Jehoahaz (Shallum, Joahaz)	609	3 mos	23	Bad		Hamutal, daughter of Jeremiah of Libnah	18. Pekahiah	742-740	2 yrs	Bad	
21. Jehoiakim (Eliakim)	609-598	11 yrs	25-36	Bad		Zebidah, daughter of Pedaiah of Rumah	19. Pekah	752-732*	20 yrs	Bad	Obadiah
22. Jehoiachin (Jeconiah, Coniah)	598	3 mos	18 or 8+	Bad	Uriah Daniel Ezekiel Jeremiah	Nehushta, daughter of Elnathan of Jerusalem	20. Hoshea	732-722	9 yrs	Bad	Obed
23. Zedekiah (Mattaniah)	597-586	11 yrs	21-32	Bad		Hamutal, daughter of Jeremiah of Libnah	722 BC Fall of Samaria to Assyria				

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 208 years before succumbing to the Assyrians in 722 BC
- 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
- Southern Kingdom lasted 344 years, but they could not overcome the sins of Solomon and Manasseh
- Jerusalem was destroyed 586 BC and the 70-year Babylonian Captivity began
- Only 4 kings were likened to King David – Asa, Jehoshaphat, Hezekiah, Josiah (Very Good)
- Jehoahaz, Jehoiakim, and Zedekiah were brothers (sons of Josiah, 1Chron 3:15)
- Jesus descended from Jehoiachin, son of Jehoiakim (Matthew 1:12-15):
 - After the deportation to Babylon: Jeconiah/Jehoiachin became the father of Shealtiel, then Zerubbabel, then Abihud, then Eliakim, then Azor, then Zadok, then Achim, then Eliud, then Eleazar, then Matthan, then Jacob, then Joseph the husband of Mary, by whom Jesus was born, who is called the Messiah.