# Lessons This Quarter

1. 05 Dec 1 Kings 1-4: What Money Can’t Buy
2. 12 Dec 1 Kings 5-9a: Why Prayer Deserves Priority
3. 19 Dec Mat 1-2: Worship the King of Kings
4. 26 Dec 1 Kings 9b-11: Where Compromise Takes You
5. 02 Jan 1 Kings 12-16a: Anatomy of a Grave Decision
6. 09 Jan 1 Kings 16b-22: A Hill on Which to Stand
7. 16 Jan 2 Kings 21-23: Building a Culture for Life
8. 23 Jan 2 Kings 1-5: Sick of Greed?
9. 30 Jan 2 Kings 6-8: Right Not to Remain Silent
10. 06 Feb 2 Kings 9-10: Danger! Unbridled Passion
11. 13 Feb 2 Kings 11-17: U-Turn Here – and Now!
12. 20 Feb 2 Kings 18-20: Got to Have Hope
13. 27 Feb 2 Kings 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 before being conquered by Assyria in 722 BC
- 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 benig passages

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| 1 Kings 12:1-33 | **Rehoboam (Judah) vs Jeroboam (Israel)**
| | - 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 men ..........**Prov 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 | **Man of God is Deceived and Dies**
| | - There are a lot of pieces to this story
| | 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 | **Rehoboam and Jeroboam Die**
| | - vv13. Jeroboam’s son dies – because “something good was found in him”
| | - Sometimes God removes the righteous before calamity comes ..........**Isaiah 57:1**

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| | - **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 generations ..........**Deut 23:3**
| | - It’s interesting Jesus had Ammonite, Moabite (Ruth), and Canaanite (Rahab) blood in Him

## 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
**2 Chron 15:2** God is with you when you are with Him
**2 Chron 16:9** God searches to support those whose hearts are completely His

## Next Week: 1 Kings 16-22. Elijah comes on the scene to bring judgment on King Ahab and his wife Jezebel
# Kings of Judah and Israel

**Judah (plus Benjamin and most Levites)**

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**Israel (Ten Northern Tribes)**

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**Character Notes:**
- Bad: Kingdom of Judah or Northern Tribes is in bad condition.
- Good: Kingdom of Judah or Northern Tribes is in good condition.
- Very Good: Kingdom of Judah or Northern Tribes is in very good condition.
- Age: Age of the king at accession.
- Reign: Reign of the king.

**Prophets:**
- Shemaiah
- Michaelaiah, daughter of Uriel of Gibeah.
- Azubah the daughter of Shilhi
- Athaliah, daughter of Ahab
- Jehoaddan of Jerusalem
- Jecholiah of Jerusalem
- Jerusha, daughter of Zadok
- Shalum
- Nahum Habakkuk Zephaniah
- Hophzibah
- Meshuelemeth, daughter of Haruz of Jotbah
- Jedidah, daughter of Adahia of Boscath
- Hamutal, daughter of Jeremiah of Libnah

**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)