

LESSON SIX. THE ISRAELITE EMPIRE – UNDERSTANDING THE OLD TESTAMENT

INTRODUCTION:

1) TODAY WE WILL CONTINUE LOOKING AT *THE ISRAELITE EMPIRE*

THINGS WE WILL LOOK AT IN THIS LESSON:

- 1) THE NORTHERN KINGDOM: 1 KINGS 12 – 2 KINGS 18
- 2) THE SOUTHERN KINGDOM OF JUDAH: 1 AND 2 KINGS, 2 CHRONICLES 10-36

PART 1 – THE NORTHERN KINGDOM: 1 KINGS 12 – 2 KINGS 18:

Q 1) WHAT SON OF SOLOMON BECAME KING AFTER HIM?

Q 2) HOW MANY TRIBES ESTABLISHED THE NORTHERN KINGDOM?

Q 3) WHO WAS KING OVER THE NORTHERN KINGDOM?

Q 4) THE SOUTHERN KINGDOM CONSISTED OF WHICH TWO TRIBES?

Q 5) WHO WAS KING OVER THE SOUTHERN KINGDOM?

Q 6) WHAT NAME DOES THE BIBLE USE FOR EACH OF THE TWO KINGDOMS?

OUTLINE OF THE NORTHERN KINGDOM (ISRAEL)...

- I. First Dynasty: Jeroboam and His Son, 1 Kings 12–15
 - A. Sinful ways of Israel (12:25–33)
 - B. Warnings by two prophets (13:1–14:20)
- II. Second Dynasty: Baasha and His Son, 1 Kings 15–16
 - A. Baasha (15:16–16:7)
 - B. The prophet Jehu (16:1–7)
 - C. Elah, son of Baasha (16:8–14)
- III. Third Dynasty: Omri and His Sons, 1 Kings 16–22; 2 Kings 1, 3, 9
 - A. Omri (1 Kings 16:21–28)
 - B. Ahab and Jezebel (1 Kings 16:29–34; 20–22; 2 Kings 9:30–37)
 1. Ahab's religion (1 Kings 16:30–34)
 2. Elijah the prophet (1 Kings 17–19, 21)
 3. War with Syria (1 Kings 22)
 - C. Ahaziah, son of Ahab (1 Kings 22:51–2 Kings 1:18; 2 Chronicles 20:35–37)
 - D. Joram, son of Ahab (2 Kings 3; 8:29–9:26)
 1. Elisha the prophet (1 Kings 19:19–21; 2 Kings 2; 4–9; 13)
- IV. Fourth Dynasty: Jehu and His Sons, 2 Kings 9–10, 13–14
 - A. Jehu (9–10)
 - B. Jehoahaz (13:1–8)
 - C. Jehoash (13:9–13)
 - D. Jeroboam II (14:23–29)
- V. Fifth Dynasty: Menahem and His Son, 2 Kings 15:17–26
 - A. Menahem (15:17–21)
 - B. Pekahiah (15:22–26)
- VI. The Last Two Kings of Israel, 2 Kings 15–17
 - A. Pekah (15:27–31)
 - B. Hoshea, the last king (17:1–6)

FIGURE 1)

Kings of the Northern Kingdom (Jensen 1968, 108)						
King	Years of Reign	Character	Relationship with Judah	1 Kings	2 Kings	2 Chron.
1. Jeroboam	22	Bad	War	11:26–14:20	—	9:29–13:22
2. Nadab	2	Bad	War	15:25–28	—	—
3. Baasha	24	Bad	War	15:27–16:7	—	16:1–6
4. Elah	2	Drunkard	War	16:8–10	—	—
5. Zimri	7 days	Murderer	War	16:10–20	—	—
6. Tibni	4	Bad	War	16:21–22	—	—
7. Omri	12	Very bad	War	16:16–27	—	—
8. Ahab	22	The worst	Ally	16:28–22:40	—	18:1–34
9. Ahaziah	2	Bad	Peace	22:40, 51–53	1:1–17	20:35–37
10. Joram	12	Bad	Ally	—	3:1–3; 9:14–25	22:5–7
11. Jehu	28	Bad	War	—	9:1–10:36	22:7–12
12. Jehoahaz	17	Bad	Peace	—	13:1–9	—
13. Jehoash	16	Bad	War	—	13:10–25; 14:8–16	25:17–24
14. Jeroboam II	41	Bad	Peace	—	14:23–29	—
15. Zechariah	6 months	Bad	Peace	—	15:8–12	—
16. Shallum	1 month	Bad	Peace	—	15:13–15	—
17. Menahem	10	Bad	Peace	—	15:16–22	—
18. Pekahiah	2	Bad	Peace	—	15:23–26	—
19. Pekah	20	Bad	War	—	15:27–31	28:5–8
20. Hoshea	9	Bad	Peace	—	17:1–41	—

PART 2 – THE SOUTHERN KINGDOM OF JUDAH: 1 AND 2 KINGS, 2 CHRONICLES 10-36

Q 7) WHAT TWO REASONS DOES THE BIBLICAL ACCOUNT GIVE FOR THE KINGDOM DIVIDING?

Q 8) WHAT ARE THE TWO WAYS TO READ KINGS AND CHRONICLES?

FIGURE 2)

Three Periods of the Divided Kingdom of Israel and Judah			
Kingdom	First Period (60 Years of War)	Second Period (75 Years of Alliance)	Third Period (75 Years of War)
Israel	Jeroboam–Omri	Ahab–Jehoahaz	Jehoash–Hoshea
Judah	Rehoboam–Asa	Jehoshaphat–Joash	Amaziah–Ahaz

OUTLINE OF EVENTS SURROUNDING JUDAH DURING THE DIVIDED KINGDOM...

Event or Topic	1 Kings	2 Kings	2 Chronicles
I. First Period: Sixty Years of War with Israel	12:1–15:24	—	10–16
A. Rehoboam, Solomon's son	12–14	—	10–12
B. Abijah, Rehoboam's son	15:1–8	—	13:1–14:1
C. Asa's changes	15:9–24	—	14–16

**OUTLINE OF EVENTS SURROUNDING JUDAH DURING THE DIVIDED KINGDOM
(CONTINUED)...**

Event or Topic	1 Kings	2 Kings	2 Chronicles
II. Second Period: Seventy-five Years of Alliance with Israel	22:41–50	8:25–12:21	17–24
A. Jehoshaphat	22:41–50	—	17–20
1. Alliance with the Omri dynasty	—	—	18:1–19:3; 20:35–37
2. The prophets: Micaiah, Jehu, and Eliezer	—	—	18–20
3. Elisha	—	3:11–20	—
B. Ahaziah	—	8:25–29; 9:27–29	22:1–9
C. Athaliah	—	8:18, 25–26; 11:1–20	22:10–23:21
D. Joash	—	11–12	22:10–24:27
III. Third Period: Seventy-five Years of War with Israel	—	14:1–14; 15–16	25–28
A. Amaziah	—	14:1–14	25
B. Uzziah (Azariah)	—	15:1–7	26
C. Jotham	—	15:32–38	27
D. Ahaz, Father of Hezekiah	—	16	28

FIGURE 3)

United Kingdom	Divided Kingdom		Surviving Kingdom
Saul, David, and Solomon	(North/Israel) Jeroboam through Hoshea	(South/Judah) Rehoboam through Ahaz	(Judah alone) Hezekiah through Zedekiah
1050–930 BC	930–722 BC		722–586 BC

OUTLINE OF EVENTS AND CHARACTERS OF THE SURVIVING KINGDOM...

Event or Topic	2 Kings	2 Chronicles
I. Hezekiah: A Righteous King	18–20	29–32
A. Judah returns to God	18:3–6	29–31
B. Hezekiah develops the nation	18:7–8	31:20–21
C. God saves Judah	18:13–20:37	32:1–23
D. Judah grows stronger	20:1–21	32:27–31
II. Manasseh: A Sinful King	21:1–18	33:1–20
A. Manasseh's evil deeds	21:2–16	33:2–9
B. Manasseh's repentance	—	33:10–20
C. Manasseh's son, Amon	21:19–25	33:21–25
III. Josiah: A Boy King	22:1–23:30	34–35
A. Religious revival	22–23	34–35:19
B. Huldah the prophetess	22:14–20	34:14–28
C. Jeremiah the prophet	—	35:25
D. Josiah's sudden death	23:29	35:20–27
IV. The Last Kings of Judah	23:31–25:30	36
A. Jehoahaz: 609 BC (3 mth)	23:31–33	36:1–4
B. Jehoiakim: 609–598 BC	23:36–24:7	36:5–8
C. Jehoiachin: 598–597 BC (3 mth)	24:6–16	36:8–10
D. Zedekiah: 597–586 BC	24:18–20	36:11–14
E. Jeremiah and the last kings	—	35:25

FIGURE 4)

Kings of Judah						
King	Years of Reign	Character	Relationship with Israel	1 Kings	2 Kings	2 Chron.
1. Rehoboam	17	Bad	War	12:1–14:31	—	10:1–12:16
2. Abijah	3	Bad	War	15:1–8	—	13:1–22
3. Asa	41	Good	War	15:9–24	—	14:1–16:14
4. Jehoshaphat	25	Good	Alliance	22:41–50	—	17:1–20:37
5. Jehoram	8	Bad	Peace	—	8:16–24	21:1–20
6. Ahaziah	1	Bad	Alliance	—	8:25–29; 9:27–29	22:1–9
7. Athaliah (Queen)	6	Bad	Peace	—	8:25–28; 11:1–20	22:10–23:21
8. Joash	40	Good	Peace	—	11:1–12:21	22:10–24:27
9. Amaziah	29	Good	War	—	14:1–20	25:1–28
10. Uzziah (Azariah)	52	Good	Peace	—	15:1–7	26:1–23
11. Jotham	16	Good	War	—	15:32–38	27:1–9
12. Ahaz	16	Bad	War	—	16:1–20	28:1–27
13. Hezekiah	29	Good	—	—	18–20	29–32
14. Manasseh	55	Bad	—	—	21:1–18	33:1–20
15. Amon	2	Bad	—	—	21:19–23	33:21–25
16. Josiah	31	Good	—	—	22:1–23:30	34:1–35:27
17. Jehoahaz	3 months	Bad	—	—	23:31–33	36:1–4
18. Jehoiakim	11	Bad	—	—	23:34–24:5	36:5–7
19. Jehoiachin	3 months	Bad	—	—	24:6–16	36:8–10
20. Zedekiah	11	Bad	—	—	24:17–25:7	36:11–21

HOMEWORK FOR THE WEEK:

Read about one of the kingdoms we talked about in this lesson. If you need to break them up, try to read each outline section in one sitting. If you choose to use an Audio Bible, that is fine too.

