

Lesson 7: The Kingdom in Rebellion
I Kings 15 – II Kings 17

TEACHING NOTES

Introduction to Kings

❖ **Kings Reginal Formula**

○ **Introductory Formula**

- Name, and relation to predecessor
- Age
- Date of Accession – synchronized to other kingdom
- Place of reign
- Length of reign
- Mother name (for Kings of Judah only)

○ **Deuteronomic Evaluation**

- He did Evil or Right in the eyes of the Lord
- (based on Deuteronomy 12 – sacrifice only in Jerusalem) – did this king sacrifice or allow sacrifices on the high places
 - Kings under the law, need to fully obey and uphold it
 - We too will be held accountable to the law
- Held up against David and compared to him ... weighed in light of how the Davidic covenant applies to them

○ **Account of the king's reign**

- Key deeds

○ **Concluding formula**

- Rhetorical question: Are they not written in the archives, just check them
 - (note: written in the exile, so the archives must have been well preserved and must be accessible in the exilic age)
- Death and burial statement
- Succession
- Postscript (occasional)

❖ **Chronicles Note**

- Chronicles same stories, but with differences
 - Different details – some additional, lots less detailed
 - Even some different verdicts
- Each told with a purpose
- Stay Tuned – more on this in a few weeks – for now looking at Kings account

The Northern Kingdom – Rebellion Against the Lord

❖ Dynasty Chart

<i>King / Dynasty</i>	<i>Years</i>	<i>Relation to Previous</i>	<i>Length Of Reign</i>	<i>Cause of Death</i>
Jeroboam	931-910	.	22	Stricken by God
Nadab	910-909	Son	2	Murdered by Baasha
Baasha	909-886	none	24	Died
Elah	886-885	Son	2	Murdered by Zimri
Zimri	885	Cpt of Chariots	7 days	Suicide
Omri	885-874	Army Captain	12	Died
Ahab	874-853	Son	22	Wounded in battle
Ahaziah	853-852	Son	2	Fell through lattice
Joram	852-841	Brother	12	Murdered by Jehu
Jehu	841-814	none	28	Died
Jehoahaz	814-798	Son	17	Died
Jehoash	798-782	Son	16	Died
Jeroboam II	793-753	Son	41	Died
Zechariah	753-752	Son	6 mon.	Murdered by Shallum
Shallum	752	None	1 mon.	Murdered by Menahem
Menahem	752-742	none	10	Died
Pekahiah	742-740	Son	2	Murdered by Pekah
Pekah	752-731	Army Captain	20	Murdered by Hoshea
Hoshea	731-722	none	9	Deposed by Assyria

- 19 Kings
- 9 Dynasties
 - Omri – 48 years
 - Jehu – 82.5 years
- End Reign
 - 7 murdered
 - 1 stricken by God
 - 1 suicide
 - 1 fell through lattice
 - 1 deposed by Assyria
 - 7 ‘natural’ death

❖ Chart of Good / Evil

- Chart of Evil Kings – 19 kings
- Chart of Good Kings – 0 Kings

❖ **Chart of Why Evil**

<i>Evil Kings</i>	<i>Key Events:</i>	<i>Compared to / Reason for Evil:</i>
Jeroboam Nadab	Golden Calf High Places None	Worse than all before – Idols, Cast out God Sins of Father
Baasha Elah	Killed Jeroboam family None	Sins of Jeroboam Sins of Father – Idols of Baasha
Zimri	Killed Baasha family	Sins of Jeroboam
Omri Ahab Ahaziah Joram	Defeat Zimri; Samaria Jezebel, Baal; Elijah... Fell through Lattice; Elijah Put away pillar of Baal; Moab	Sins of Jeroboam – Worse than all before Sins of Jeroboam – Much Worse than all before Sins of Jeroboam – like father / mother Sins of Jeroboam – not like father/ mother
Jehu Jehoahaz Jehoash Jeroboam II Zechariah	Kill all Ahab house, proph. Baal Sought God on Syria Fought Judah Restored border None	Sins of Jeroboam – some good, so sons spared Sins of Jeroboam Sins of Jeroboam Sins of Jeroboam Sins of Jeroboam
Shallum	None	Reigned 1 month, no verdict written
Menahem Pekahiah	Assyria first attack, paid off None	Sins of Jeroboam Sins of Jeroboam
Pekah	Assyria captures some cities	Sins of Jeroboam
Hoshea	Vassel of Assyria, deal w/ Egypt	Evil, but not as fathers did

❖ **Notes on Kings**

- **Jeroboam** (I Kings 12-14)
 - Golden Calf Idols in High Places at Bethel and Dan
 - Put God behind him
 - God promise to violently remove his entire family from the earth
- **Nadab** (I Kings 15)
 - Jeroboam son, follow father's sins
 - Baasha killed Nadab, then wiped out Jeroboams line, as per promise
- **Baasha** (I Kings 15-16)
 - Sins of Jeroboam
 - Prophet Jehu – same word as to Jeroboam, and killed Jeroboam line
 - I set you up, you turn back
 - Now I violently wipe out entire line
- **Elah** (I Kings 16)
 - Son of Baasha
 - Killed by Zimri, one of his chariot commanders

- **Zimri** (I Kings 16)
 - Killed Elah, and all Baasha family
 - When people heard it, they made Omri, commander of Army, King
 - Omri march on capitol, Tirzah, to take throne from Zimri
 - Zimri see he is beat, goto citadel of the kings house, burn it down on top of himself

- **Omri** (I Kings 16)
 - People split between wanting Omri and Tibni as King
 - Omri's people overcame Tibni and he died, Omri crowned King
 - Bought and fortified hill of Samria, moved capitol from Tirzah to Samaria

- **Ahab** (I Kings 16-22)
 - **Verdict**
 - More evil than any before – Jeroboam awful, but Ahab much worse
 - Married Jezebel, daughter of Ethbaal, King of the Sidonians
 - Serve and worship Baal, build house of Baal in capitol, erect altar to Baal
 - Made Ashiras
 - Hiel of Bethel build Jericho – as cost of Abiram's firstborn son!
 - According to the word of Lord spoken by Joshua son of Nun

 - **Elijah** (more detail on Elijah and Elisha next week)
 - Drought
 - Battle of the gods on Mt. Carmel
 - Flees Jezebel

 - **Ban-hadad** comes against Samaria
 - Comes with 32 other kings
 - Demands all the kings gold, silver and wives - Ahab agrees
 - Then demands to see kings house to assure he has it all – denied
 - Prophet of Lord said Ahab would win and told him how – so Ahab know he is the Lord
 - Ahab attacked while Ben-hadad and men drunk – Syrians fled
 - Prophet to Ahab – they will come again in spring, prepare
 - Kings of Syria assume gods of Israel gods of hills, so they will attack in plains next time
 - God prophet said will defeat in plain so know I am God
 - Camp across each other 7 days, then attack – kill 100,000 men, the remaining 27,000 escape to city of Aphek – walls fall and kill them
 - Ben-hahdad begs mercy, grants cities to Ahab, he accepts
 - Prophet – asked another to hit him, refused, and so lion ate him – another did hit, so prophet went to king in disguise and confessed letting prisoner get away – King condemned him – Prophet revealed self and spoke for God – you let go man I committed to destruction – your life and your people shall be for his

- **Naboth's Vineyard**
 - Ahab wanted vineyard next to him – offered to pay or give better
 - Naboth said Lord not allow him to give away inheritance of fathers
 - Jezebel said she would get vineyard – wrote letters in Ahab's name
 - Feast thrown with Naboth at head of table, 2 people gave false testimony he cursed God and King – Naboth stoned
 - Ahab took possession of the vineyard

- **Condemnation and Repentance**
 - Elijah sent – for this evil you will and household will die like Jeroboam and Baahsa – dogs eat Jezabell, dogs eat all die in city, bird eat those who die in country
 - Ahab tore cloths and put on sackcloth
 - God saw it – will not judge in Ahab's day, will judge son

- **War / False Prophets / Micaiah**
 - 3 years Israel and Syria continue at war
 - Jehoshaphat, king of Judah, came and offered his army – but demanded to call the prophets first
 - All Ahabs prophets said go attach Ramoth-Gilliad
 - Jehoshaphat asked if any other prophets – Ahab had to call Micaiah, who he hated because always against Ahab
 - Micaiah told to say what king wanted – he refused, said what God wanted
 - Started saying go to battle – Ahab asked for truth – he saw people as sheep without a shepherd and told them to go home
 - Ahab said “see, I told you so”
 - Micaiah continued – God wants to entice Ahab into battle to destroy him, so sent the false prophets
 - Zedekiah slap Micaiah, he is condemned
 - Micaiah is sent home to be imprisoned with little food

- **Ahab Killed**
 - Ahab disguised himself, so everyone went after Jehosaphat – when they caught up to him, they saw it not Ahab, and turned back
 - But a random arrow struck Ahab and went between scale armor and breastplate – and Ahab bled to death

- Ahaziah (I Kings 22 – II Kings 1)
 - Did evil – walk in way of father, mother and Jeroboam
 - Served Baal and worshiped him and provoked Lord to anger
 - Fell through lattice in upper chamber
 - Sent servants to inquire of Baalzebub, god of Ekron
 - God send Elijah to intercept – “Is it because no God in Israel you send to Baalzebub?” – “you will surly die”
 - King knew it was Elijah from servant description of garment of hair with leather belt – same as John the Baptist!
 - Sent 50 and captain to “man of God” – Elijah sent fire on them
 - Repeat above, but with “come quickly” – fire still consume

- 3rd time captain begged Elijah for the life of the men
 - Angel of God said to go
 - Repeated word of the Lord – and Ahaziah died
- Joram / Jehoram (II Kings 3-8)
 - Did evil – but not like father and mother (Ahab & Jezebel)
 - Put away Pillar of Baal, but not high places of Jeroboam
 - Moab reneged on agreement to send Israel 100,000 rams & lambs a year
 - Jehoram and Jehoshaphat of Judah and King of Edom marched on Moab
 - Ran out of food and water – called for Elisha to call on God
 - “Call on fathers gods!” – but we want to hear from the Lord
 - “If not for Judah being here I would not listen to you”
 - In morning find pools of water and food
 - God give you cities of Moab
 - Elisha – lot of miracles, battle with Syria, etc. (more another week)
 - Jehu (II King 9-12)
 - Jehu is son of Jehososhaphat (not same one as in the South)
 - Word of Lord to Elisha – send servant to anoint Jehu king of Israel
 - Note: only king of North ever anointed king
 - He shall kill every male in the house of Ahab and Jezebel!
 - Killed Joram (King of Israel) and Ahaziah (King of Judah)
 - Has Jezrebel pushed from her apartment, dogs eat her, never buried
 - Has Ahabs 70 sons, all their assistants, and over 42 relatives killed in Jezreel (Hosea will later comment on this)
 - Calls assembly of every prophet of Baal and all Baal worshippers – has them killed, pillars of Baal destroyed and house of baal burned down
 - Read **II Kings 10:28-32**
 - Lord saw all Jehu did, complimented for wipe out Ahab & Baal
 - But continued in sin of Jeroboam – golden calves at Bethel & Dan
 - Sons to 4th generation shall sit on throne
 - Jehu not careful to walk in all the Law with all his heart
 - God begins to cut off Israel...
 - Hazael, king of Syria defeats them throughout Land
 - Jehoaz (II Kings 13)
 - Anger of Lord kindled – give continually in Hazael’s hand
 - Jehoahaz seeks the Lord – He hears – Raises up a savior for the people
 - They live in peace – but no army left (10 chariots, 50 horsemen, 10,000 footmen all left after battles with Hazael)
 - Jehoash (II Kings 13)
 - None
 - Jeroboam II (II Kings 14)
 - Restored borders of Israel
 - God saw bitter affliction of Israel – He had not promised to wipe out Israel, so he saved them through Jeroboam

- Zechariah (II Kings 15)
 - Killed by Shallum at Ibleam
- Shallum (II Kings 15)
 - Menahem struck him down in Samaria
- Menahem (II Kings 15)
 - Pul, King of Assyria, came against Israel
 - Menahem offered him 1,000 talents of silver to confirm his reign
 - Extracted money from rich in land – Pul did pull away
- Pekahiah (II Kings 15)
 - Pekah his captain arose with 50 men of Gilead and struck him down in the Kings citadel in Samaria
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- Pekah (II Kings 15)
 - Tiglath-Pileser King of Assyria came and captured:
 - Ijon, Abel-bethmaacah, Janoah, Kedesh, Hazor, Gilead, Galilee, all the land of Naphtali – carried people captive to Assyria
 - Hoshea conspired to strike him down
- **Hoshea** (II Kings 17)
 - Evil, but not as those before him
 - Shalmaneser King of Assyria came against Israel
 - Hoshea became Vassal and paid him
 - Sent messengers to So, King of Egypt – stopped tribute to Assyria
 - Shalmaneser shut him up and bound him in prison

❖ **Assyria Conquer Samaria / Exiles Israel**

- **II Kings 17:5-6**
 - Invaded all the Land
 - Besieged Samaria for 3 years
 - Captured Samaria
 - Carried Israelites away – placed them in Halah, on the Habor, the river Gozan and the cities of Medes
- II Kings 17:7-23 – **Occurred because:**
 - Israel sinned against the Lord

❖ **Application**

- Need to serve God whole-heartedly
- How influential one man's sinful acts can be (Jeroboam)
- Warning against doing most of what God want – Several clean up act, but keep High Places – also condemned

Next Class:

- ❖ **I Kings – II Kings** – Elijah, Elisha and the Prophets