

OLD TESTAMENT SURVEY

PERIOD SIX

TWO KINGDOMS

LESSON 26

In this lesson we want to learn about 4 Kings of Judah and 7 kings of Israel.

We want to learn:

- *whether they loved God or were evil,*
- *where they ruled,*
- *how long they ruled.*

1. INTRODUCTION

A. Chart of kings and prophets.

In a separate file is a chart which gives the names of the kings of Israel and Judah. It tells when they lived. It also tells which prophets lived during their time. Open the chart file to view it. The chart is also given in each lesson, showing the part that pertains to the lesson.

B. Division of the kingdom.

1 and 2 Kings tell of the kings of Judah and of the kings of Israel. 2 Chronicles tells only of the kings of Judah.

God told Solomon his kingdom would be divided. This happened after Solomon died. Rehoboam wanted to make the people work very hard. He wanted much from the people. Most of the tribes of Israel did not want to work so hard and give so much, (1 Kings 12:3,4, 14,15). That is why most of the tribes did not want Rehoboam to rule over them. They wanted Jeroboam to be their king. Jeroboam was a man from the northern kingdom.

Jeroboam became king of the northern kingdom. The northern kingdom was also called "Israel." Rehoboam became king of the southern kingdom. The southern kingdom was called "Judah."

It doesn't matter if you do not remember all the kings. You should try to remember some of the kings. Their names are listed at the end of the lesson. It will also be good

if you remember the kingdom they belong to and if they were good or bad kings.

Time	PERIODS SIX AND SEVEN		TWO KINGDOMS -- ISRAEL	
Main thought	THE BREAKING OF A KINGDOM			
Chapters that tell of each part	1 Kings 12		to	2 Kings 25:7
What this part tells about	931 BC	722BC		586 BC
	Northern Kingdom - Israel - Jeroboam to end of Samaria Israel lasted 200 years			Southern Kingdom - Judah - Rehoboam to end of Jerusalem Judah lasted 350 years.
	<p style="text-align: center;">Government</p> <p>19 kings, they came from 9 different families.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Way of Living</p> <p>The rich were very rich. The poor were very poor. Those who had much lived in sin.</p>			<p style="text-align: center;">Religion</p> <p>Most of the people worshiped idols. Priests went through a form of worship. The Prophets called the people to worship the true God.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Prophets</p> <p>900 - 800 BC - Elijah, Elisha</p> <p>850 - 700 BC - Amos, Jonah, Hosea</p>

Time	PERIODS SIX AND SEVEN		TWO KINGDOMS - - JUDAH	
Main thought	THE BREAKING OF A KINGDOM			
Chapters that tell of each part	1 Kings 12 2 Chronicles 10:1		to to	2 Kings 25:7 2 Chronicles 36:16
What this part tells about	931 BC	722BC		586 BC
	Northern Kingdom - Israel - Jeroboam to end of Samaria Israel lasted 200 years			Southern Kingdom - Judah - Rehoboam to end of Jerusalem Judah lasted 350 years.
	<p>Government of Judah</p> <p>19 kings, they all belong to the family of David.</p> <p>Way of Living</p> <p>They all lived about the same, none were very poor, and none were very rich. They had a simple way of living.</p>			<p>Religion</p> <p>Little by little the people turned from God - then they came back to God as the prophets brought them back to God.</p> <p>Prophets</p> <p>850 - 700 - Joel, Isaiah, Micah, - Obadiah 700 - 600 BC - Jeremiah, Zephaniah, - Nahum, Habbakuk</p>

JUDAH	Abijah								
King	Rehoboam		Asa				Jehoshaphat		Jehoram
Prophet									
Prophet									
Prophet									
BC	930	920	910	900	890	880	870	860	850
Prophet									
Prophet								Elijah	Elisha
King	Jeroboam		Baasha			Omri	Ahab		Jehoram
ISRAEL	Nadab			Elah Zimri			Ahaziah		
	Family of Jeroboam	Family of Baasha		Family of Zimri	Family of Omri	Family of Ahab			

OUTLINE OF KINGS

REHOBOAM (JUDAH) AND JEROBOAM (ISRAEL), 1 Kings 12:1 - 14:31; 2 Chronicles 10:1 - 12:16.

- Rehoboam lost part of his kingdom, 1 Kings 12:1-19; 2 Chronicles 10:1-19.
- Jeroboam made king of Israel, 1 Kings 12:20-33; 2 Chronicles 11:1-23.
- Jeroboam warned by a prophet, 1 Kings 13:1-10.
- Jeroboam ruled Israel, 1 Kings 13:33 - 14:20.
- Rehoboam ruled Judah, 1 Kings 14:21-24; 2 Chronicles 12:1,13-15.
- Rehoboam punished for his sin, 1 Kings 14:25-31; 2 Chronicles 12:1-16.

KINGS OF JUDAH, ABIJAH AND ASA, 1 Kings 15:1-24; 2 Chronicles 13 to 16.

- Abijah (Abijam), 1 Kings 15:1-8; 2 Chronicles 13.
- Asa, 1 Kings 15:9-24; 2 Chronicles 14 to 16.

KINGS OF ISRAEL, NADAB, BAASHA, ELAN, ZIMRI, OMRI, 1 Kings 15:16 -16:29.

- Nadab, 1 Kings 15:25-31.
- Baasha, 1 Kings 15:27 - 16:6.
- Elah, 1 Kings 16:8-10.
- Zimri, 1 Kings 16:11-18.
- Omri, 1 Kings 16:16-29.

KING OF ISRAEL, AHAB, 1 Kings 16:29 - 22:40.

KING OF JUDAH, JEHOSEPHAT, 1 Kings 22:41-50; 2 Chronicles 17 to 20.

REHOBOAM (JUDAH) AND JEROBOAM (ISRAEL), 1 Kings 12:1 - 14:31; 2 Chronicles 10:1 - 12:16.

A. Rehoboam lost part of his kingdom, 1 Kings 12:1-19; 2 Chronicles 10:1-19.

READ 1 Kings 12:1-19; 2 Chronicles 10:1-19

Solomon took much food from the people. He took the food to feed the people in his house. The people from Israel did not like this. They hoped Solomon's son would not be as hard on them.

What did Rehoboam say he would do (1 Kings 12:13-16)?

B. Jeroboam was made king of Israel, 1 Kings 12:20-33; 2 Chronicles 11:1-23.

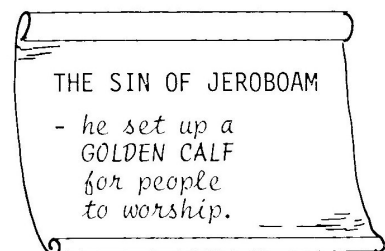
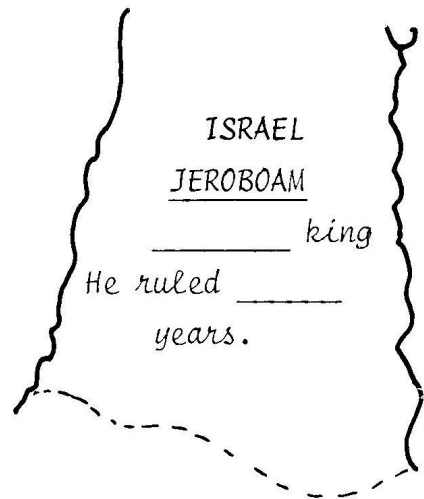
READ 1 KINGS 12:20-33; 2 Chronicles 11:1-23.

Ahijah was a prophet. He talked to Jeroboam. He told Jeroboam, "You will be made king of some of the tribes of Israel." Jeroboam did not wait for the Lord. He started to turn the people away from Solomon. Solomon heard about this and tried to kill him. Jeroboam had to run away to Egypt.

When Jeroboam heard that Solomon was dead, he came back to Israel. He told Rehoboam, "You make the people give too much to the king's house." Rehoboam would not listen. Then the people of the northern part of the country chose Jeroboam to be their king.

Rehoboam wanted to fight against Jeroboam. God would not let him.

The temple was in Jerusalem. All the people went to worship in Jerusalem. Jeroboam was afraid the people would leave him if they had to go to Jerusalem to worship. What did he do (1 Kings 12:28)?

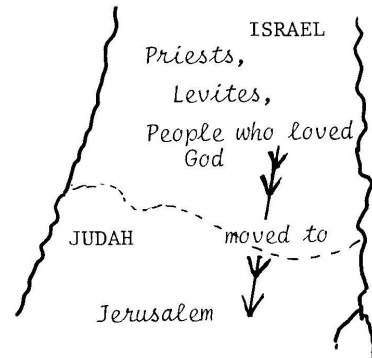


Where did he put these (1 Kings 12:29)?

and

Did Jeroboam do the right thing?

The people worshipped the calves Jeroboam made. This is called "the sin of Jeroboam."



When these idols (gods) were set up, some of the priests and Levites moved to Jerusalem. Some of the other people did not worship the gods Jeroboam made. They also moved to Jerusalem. Because of Jeroboam's sin many of the people in Israel did not **really** worship God.

C. Jeroboam warned by a prophet, 1 Kings 13:1-10.

READ 1 KINGS 13:1-10.

A prophet came to warn Jeroboam that God was going to punish him. This made Jeroboam angry. He tried to grab the prophet. What happened to him (1 Kings 13:4)?

D. Jeroboam ruled Israel, 1 Kings 13:33 - 14:20.

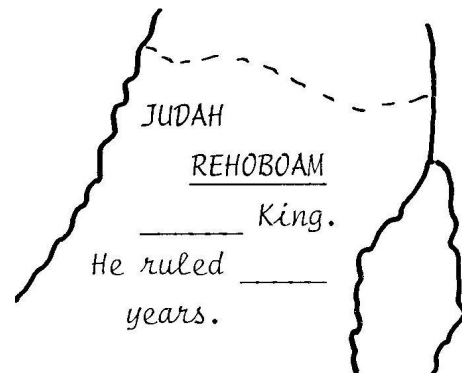
How long was Jeroboam king of Israel (1 Kings 14:20)?

What happened to the family of Jeroboam (1 Kings 15:29,30)?

E. Rehoboam ruled Judah, 1 Kings 14:21-24; 2 Chronicles 12:1,13-15.

READ 1 KINGS 14:21-24.

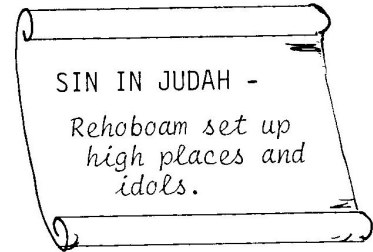
Rehoboam did not lead the people right. What did the people start to do (1 Kings 14:23)?



F. Rehoboam punished for his sin, 1 Kings 14:25-31; 2 Chronicles 12:1-16.

READ 1 KINGS 14:25-31.

Who came and took away the treasures of Jerusalem (1 Kings 14:25-26)?



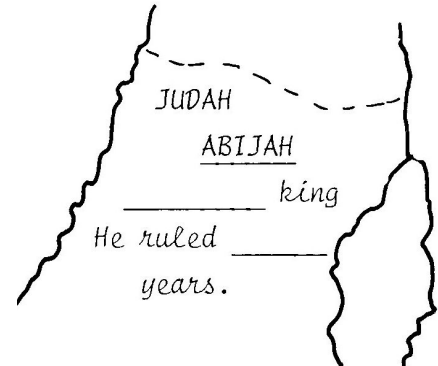
3. KINGS OF JUDAH, ABIJAH AND ASA, 1 Kings 15:1-24; 2 Chronicles 13 to 16.

A. Abijah (Abijam) 1 Kings 15:1-8; 2 Chronicles 13.

Abijah was the son of Rehoboam. He was king in his father's place. Was he a good king?

Why?

He ruled about 3 years and died.

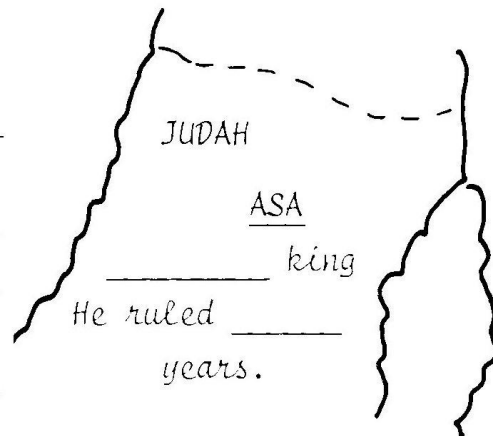


B. Asa, 1 Kings 15:9-24; 2 Chronicles 14 to 16.

Asa was Abijah's son. Was he a good king (1 Kings 15:11)?

Why?

During these years the people of Judah and the people of Israel were fighting. One time Asa paid the king of Syria to help him fight against the people of Israel. Did the Lord want him to fight the people of Israel?



Did the Lord want Asa to ask the king of Syria for help (2 Chronicles 16:7-9)?

How many years was Asa king of Judah (1 Kings 15:10)?

4. KINGS OF ISRAEL, NADAB, BAASHA, ELAN, ZIMRI, OMRI, 1 Kings 15:16 -16:29.

A. Nadab, 1 Kings 15:16-26.

Nadab was the son of Jeroboam. He became king



when his father died. Was he a good king (1 Kings 15:26)?

Why?

How long was Nadab king (1 Kings 15:25)?

B. Baasha, 1 Kings 15:27 - 16:6.

What did Baasha do to Nadab (1 Kings 15:27)?

What did Baasha do to the rest of the family of Jeroboam (1 Kings 15:29)?

This happened to the family of Jeroboam because of Jeroboam's sin.

What was going to happen to Baasha's children when they would die (1 Kings 16:4)?

Baasha was king 24 years.

C. Elah, 1 Kings 16:8-10.

Elah was the son of Baasha. He was king only 2 years. What was Elah doing when he died (1 Kings 16:9)?

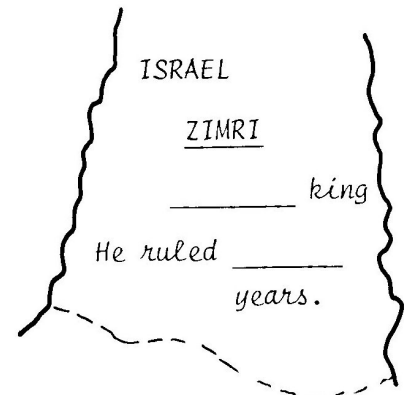
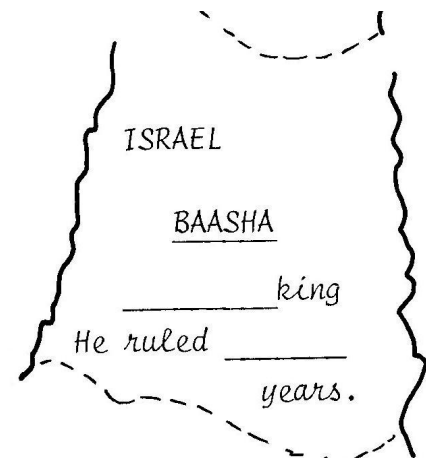
D. Zimri, 1 Kings 16:10-18.

Zimri killed all the people in Baasha's family.

How long was Zimri King (1 Kings 16:15)?

How did he die (1 Kings 16:18)?

E. Omri, 1 Kings 16:16-29.



The people wanted Omri to be their king. Was he a good king (1 Kings 16:25)?

Why?

5. KING OF ISRAEL, AHAB, 1 Kings 16:29- 22:40

Ahab was king of Israel for 22 years. Was he a good king (1 Kings 16:30)?

Why?

Ahab married Jezebel. She was a very wicked person. Even the New Testament tells how bad she was (Revelation 2:20).

Which prophet lived during the time of Ahab (1 Kings 17:1)?

What is the name of the man who looked after Ahab's house (1 Kings 18:3)?

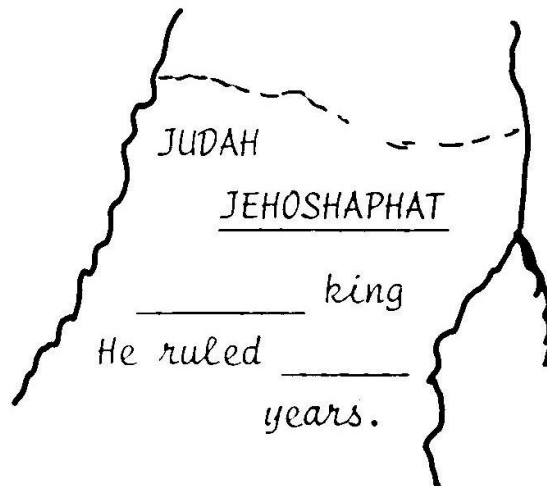
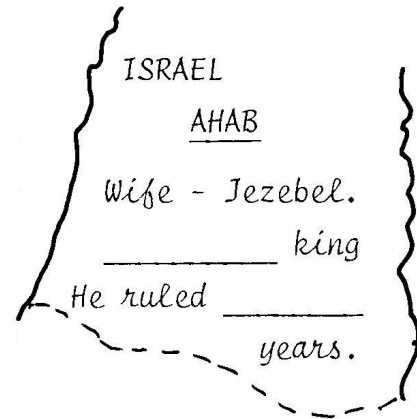
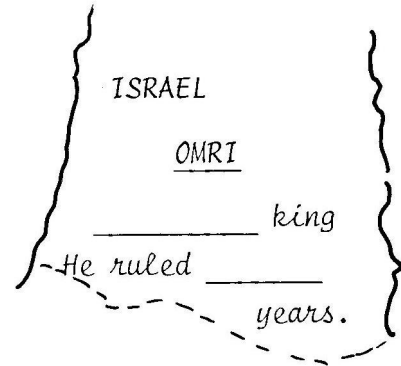
We sometimes find men who love the Lord working as leaders of people. Obadiah was a prophet. He hid one hundred prophets of the Lord in a cave. He did this so Jezebel could not kill them.

Ahab and Jehoshaphat (king of Judah) fought the army of Syria (1 Kings 22:1-40). Ahab died in this war. What did the dogs do to his blood (1 Kings 22:37,38)?

2 Kings 9:30-37 tells us how Jezebel died. What happened to her body?

6. KING OF JUDAH, JEHOSHAPHAT, 1 Kings 22:41-50; 2 Chronicles 17 to 20.

Jehoshaphat ruled Judah 25 years. What kind of a king was he (1 Kings 22:43)?



Jehoshaphat made _____ with the king of Israel (1 Kings 22:44).

Jehoshaphat sent teachers all through the land. These teachers were to teach the people about God. Jehoshaphat did much building. He also had a good army. Jehoshaphat told the judges to judge honestly.

Jehoshaphat was a king who asked the Lord about everything. Ahab asked Jehoshaphat to help him fight the army of Syria. Ahab asked false prophets. Jehoshaphat wanted to ask a true prophet of the Lord. They called Micaiah. Micaiah told Ahab, "You will die in war" (1 Kings 22:5-28).

7. IMPORTANT TO REMEMBER

- The kings of Judah came from one family. They came from the family of David. The kings of Israel came from nine different families.
- Judah had some kings who loved the Lord. Israel had no kings who loved the Lord. The kings of Israel led the people to worship idols.
- The sin of Jeroboam - Jeroboam built two golden calves and asked the people to worship them.
- Kings to remember:
 - Judah - Rehoboam, Asa, Jehoshaphat.
 - Israel - Jeroboam, Ahab.

WORDS TO LEARN

1. division - the separating.
2. northern kingdom - Israel.
3. southern kingdom - Judah.
4. treasures - things which are worth much, such as silver and gold.