

The Divided Kingdom

▶ Rulers:

– North: 5 dynasties

#1 Jereboam I - Nadab

#2 Baasha - Elah

Zimri (Tibni) – 1 week (4 years)

#3 Omri - Ahab - Ahaziah - Joram

#4 Jehu - Jehoahaz - Jehoash - Jeroboam II - Zechariah

Shallum – 1 month

#5 Menahem (Pekahiah)

Pekah, Hoshea – 20 years; 9 years

– South: 1 dynasty – House of David

▶ Religion:

– North: 3 eras

Religion of Jeroboam I

Religion of Baal

Religion of Jeroboam I

– South

Jehovah worship

Jehovah worship corrupted

▶ Revelation: the age of the Prophets

– Non-writing prophets – Elijah & Elisha

– Writing prophets – Isaiah, Jonah . . .

Three Pillars of Israel's History

- ▶ **Abraham**
 - **The Abrahamic Promise – a Great Nation**
 - ▶ **David**
 - **The Davidic Promise – an Eternal King**
 - ▶ **Moses**
 - **The Law of Moses – punishment or reward**
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God Moves in a Mysterious Way

- ▶ **Premature conclusion**
 - **a hopeless predicament**
- ▶ **The final solution**
 - **Messiah and the New Covenant Revelation**
- ▶ **Lessons from 1 & 2 Kings**
 - **A revelation of the nature of man**
 - **A revelation of the nature of God**

The Nation Israel

Moses

Joshua

Judges

King Saul

David (40 years)

Solomon (40 years)

The Divided Kingdom in 1 and 2 Kings

Rehoboam (17 y)

Abijam (3 y)

Asa (41 y)

Jeroboam I (22 y)

Nadab (2 y)

Baasha (24 y)

Elah (2 y)

Zimri (1 week)

Omri (12 y)

Tibni (4 y)

Ahab (22 y)

The Davidic Dynasty

Abijam (15:1-8)

- ▶ 18th year of King Jeroboam(3 years)
- ▶ 2 Chronicles 13
- ▶ A divided heart and a sinful walk
- ▶ Warfare with Jeroboam – successful
- ▶ For David's sake

Asa (15:9-24)

- ▶ 20th year of King Jeroboam (41 years)
- ▶ 2 Chronicles 14-16
- ▶ Events noted
 - Reforms – peace for 15 years
[– Ethiopian army of 1,000,000 under Zerah]
 - Warfare with Baasha (16th year)
 - The challenge at Ramah
 - The alliance with Damascus
 - Disease in feet – not seek the LORD

The Northern Kingdom of Israel

Nadab (15:25-31)

- ▶ 2nd year of Asa x 2 years
- ▶ Evil in the sight of the LORD – ways of Jeroboam
- ▶ Event noted – siege of Gibbethon in Philistia
- ▶ Assassination by Baasha – see 1 Kings 14:9-11
- ▶ Provoked the God of Israel

Second Dynasty

Baasha (15:33-16:7)

- ▶ 3rd year of Asa x 24 years
- ▶ Evil in the sight of the LORD – ways of Jeroboam
- ▶ Reign @ Tirzah – Jeroboam's capital city
- ▶ Prophet Jehu son of Hanani
 - Shared the sin of Jeroboam
 - Will share the destiny of Jeroboam
- ▶ Sovereign will of God and responsibility of man

Elah (16:8-14)

- ▶ 26th year of Asa x 2 years.
- ▶ Noted for his sins – provoking the LORD
- ▶ Event – siege at Gibbethon
- ▶ Assassinated by Zimri, chariot commander
- ▶ Proverbs 28:2

The Northern Kingdom of Israel (continued)

Zimri (16:15-20)

- ▶ 27th year of Asa x 1 week
- ▶ Destroyed the house of Baasha (16:11-13 – cf. 16:1-4)
- ▶ Omri, commander of army
 - appointed king by the people
 - Besieged Tirzah
- ▶ Death by suicide – fire
- ▶ Evil – way of Jeroboam
 - made Israel sin . . . IN ONE WEEK!

Tibni (16:21-22)

- ▶ Divided kingdom with Omri x 4 years
- ▶ Natural death

The Northern Kingdom of Israel (continued)

Third Dynasty

Omri (16:23-28)

- ▶ 31st year of Asa – actually 27th year x 12 years
- ▶ Major player in the land
 - 100 year later, Assyrian rulers: “the land of Omri.”
 - Built Samaria
 - Moabite stone – Moab paid tribute to Omri
 - Alliance with Phoenicia
- ▶ Evil
 - the way of Jeroboam
 - provoking the LORD
 - more than all the rest
- ▶ Natural death

Ahab (16:29-34)

- ▶ 38th year of Asa x 22 years
- ▶ Apex of evil
 - more evil than all others
 - provoking the LORD
 - sin of Jeroboam
 - Baal worship
- ▶ Permitted the rebuilding of Jericho
- ▶ A significant era in history:
 - Activity of Elijah
 - Corruption of the Davidic line
 - Near termination of the Davidic line

Provoking the LORD God of Israel

- ▶ **A hopeless situation – Isaiah 59:2**
- ▶ **The sin of Jeroboam – Jeremiah 2:11-13**
 - **Casting God behind their backs**
 - **A divided heart (initially)**
- ▶ **No exceptions!**
- ▶ **The only hope – Romans 3:23-26**
 - **His Promise**
 - **His Seed**