

Bethel Bible Series

The Crumbling South

Week 16

Welcome & Announcements

Opening - What happened to the northern kingdom of Israel and why?

Prayer Requests and Opening Prayer

Review of Last Week

Review of Last Week - *The Crumbling North*

How did Solomon's unfaithfulness lead to a split kingdom?
How did Jeroboam learn he would become king of Israel?

Why didn't Rehoboam become king over all of Israel?
Why didn't Rehoboam stop the revolution by force?

Where did Israel set its political capital?
Did Jeroboam "walk with the Lord"?
Golden calf on Jeroboam
How faithful were the other kings of Israel?
How was Israel affected by its faithlessness to God?
Who were the Samaritans and why were they despised?

Dark section of crumbling earth
Who were Israel's enemies during the first period?
What happened to Jeroboam's dynasty & why?
What happened to Baasha's dynasty & why?
What happened to Omri's dynasty & why?
Volcano on Omri
Snake on Ahab
Elijah & Elisha banners
Why are the prophet banners black and white?
How did Ahab improve relations with Judah?

Golden section of crumbling earth
Who were Israel's enemies during this period?
How was Jehu the best of Israel's evil kings?
How long did Jehu's dynasty remain?
Amos & Hosea banners

Orange and red section of crumbling earth
Erupting volcano on Menahem
Two coins at base of volcano
Manuscript peg on Pekah
Isaiah banner
Manuscript peg on Hoshea
Dark red color of Hoshea

Overall portrayal of crumbling kingdom

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Lesson - The Crumbling South

The Southern Kingdom - Comparisons with North

Geography

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| Judah | - | Less fertile, less rain, poorer crops, poorer livestock
Less attractive to outsiders
Only nearby major power was Egypt |
| Israel | - | Center of major trade routes, Attractive to outsiders
More exposed geographically, Influenced by other nations
In line of Assyrian expansion |

Dynasties

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| Israel | - | 9 ruling families in its 200 year history
Only 2 families lasted over 2 generations |
| Judah | - | All kings were from David's line
1 Kings 11:34-36 |

Faithfulness to God

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| Israel | - | All kings were bad and followed the way of Jeroboam |
| Judah | - | Periodically returned to the Lord |

Eras

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| Israel | - | Civil Strife, Wealth & Prosperity, Rapid Decline |
| Judah | - | Same eras as Israel around the same times |

Six Periods of Judah's History

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| Civil Strife | Rehoboam, Abijah, Asa, Jehoshaphat |
| Baalism | Jehoram, Ahaziah, Athaliah |
| Golden Age | Joash, Amaziah, Uzziah, Jotham |
| Decline | Ahaz, Hezekiah, Manasseh, Amon |
| Reform | Josiah |
| Destruction | Jehoahaz, Jehoiakim, Jehoiachin, Zedekiah |

Standard Format in 1st & 2nd Kings for Judah

*In the _____ year of _____, king of Israel,
_____, king of Judah, began to reign.*

Details about his age, length of reign, name and queen mother.

His reign is evaluated in relation to that of *David his father*.

*Now the rest of the acts of _____, are they not written in the
Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Judah?*

A final statement that he slept with his fathers, and that _____ reigned in his stead.

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The Period of Civil Strife

Rehoboam (17 yrs)

Who was Rehoboam and how faithful was his reign?

1 Kings 14:21-24

Why didn't Rehoboam fight Jeroboam to recapture the northern ten tribes?

2 Chronicles 11:1-4

Did the two kingdoms become peaceful neighbors?

1 Kings 14:30

What was Rehoboam's top project as king of Judah?

2 Chronicles 11:5-12, 22-23

How did God punish Judah for Rehoboam's unfaithfulness?

2 Chronicles 12:1-12

Volcano

How could Shishak have learned about Judah's weaknesses?

1 Kings 11:40

Abijah (3 yrs)

Who was Abijah and how faithful was his reign?

1 Kings 15:1-3

Were the two kingdoms more friendly during Abijah's reign?

1 Kings 15:6

How did Abijah try to stop Jeroboam from fighting him on Mount Zemaraim?

2 Chronicles 13:3-12

Was Abijah's warning effective?

2 Chronicles 13:13-19

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Asa (41 yrs)

Who was Asa and how faithful was his reign?

2 Chronicles 14:1-5

How extensive were the reforms that Asa put into place?

1 Kings 15:11-15; 2 Chronicles 15:8-18

How did God bless Asa for his faithfulness?

2 Chronicles 14:9-15

2 Chronicles 15:19

How did Asa respond to Baasha's threat of closing Israel & Judah's border?

2 Chronicles 16:1-6

How did God respond to Asa looking to Syria for help instead of the Lord?

2 Chronicles 16:7-9

Jehoshaphat (25 yrs)

Who was Jehoshaphat and how faithful was his reign?

2 Chronicles 17:1-4

How did Jehoshaphat further the reforms of his father Asa?

2 Chronicles 17:6-9

2 Chronicles 19:4-11

How did God bless Jehoshaphat for his faithfulness?

2 Chronicles 17:5, 10-19

How did Jehoshaphat end the civil strife with Israel?

2 Chronicles 18:1

2 Chronicles 18

2 Kings 3

How did God feel about Jehoshaphat's alliance with Israel?

2 Chronicles 19:2

2 Chronicles 20:35-37

Peace flag

Wedding ring

Smudge on wedding ring

How did Jehoshaphat react when he learned of a vast army marching to Judah?

2 Chronicles 20:1-4

How did God reward Jehoshaphat's and Judah's faithfulness?

2 Chronicles 20:15-30

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The Period of Baalism

Jehoram (8 yrs)

Who was Jehoram and how faithful was his reign?

2 Kings 8:16-18

2 Chronicles 21:11

Snake

How did Jehoram show his faithlessness at the beginning of his reign?

2 Chronicles 21:4

How did God punish Jehoram for his faithlessness?

2 Chronicles 21:8-10

2 Chronicles 21:16-17

2 Chronicles 21:12-15, 18-19

Ahaziah (1 yr)

Who was Ahaziah and how faithful was his reign?

2 Chronicles 22:1-2

2 Chronicles 22:3-4

Why was Ahaziah's reign so short?

2 Chronicles 22:5-9

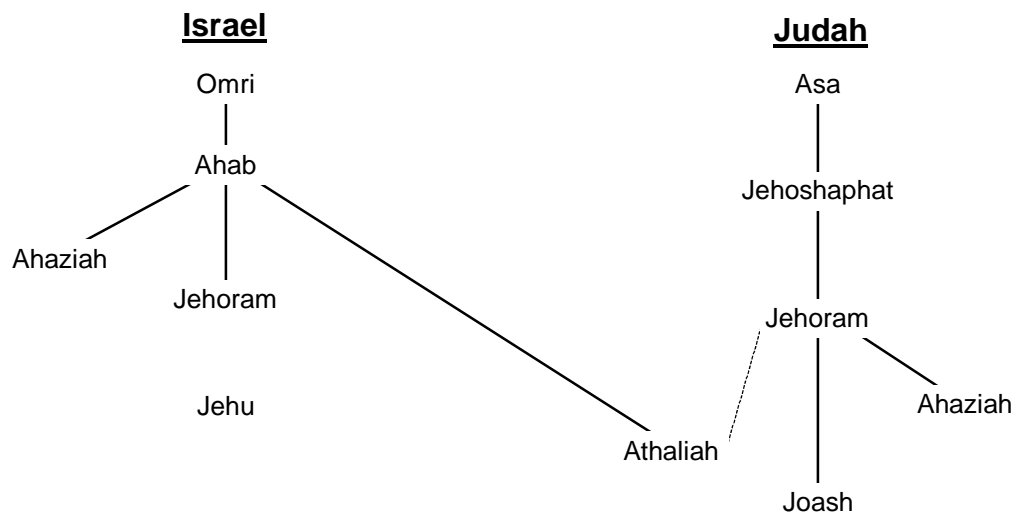
Athaliah (6 yrs)

Who was Athaliah?

2 Chronicles 22:2

What was Athaliah's top priority when she took rule?

2 Chronicles 22:10



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The Golden Age

Joash (40 yrs)

Who was Joash and how was he saved from Athaliah's purge?

2 Chronicles 22:11-12

How did Joash become king?

2 Chronicles 23

How faithful was Joash's reign?

2 Chronicles 24:2

2 Chronicles 24:4-14

How faithful did Joash remain after Jehioda died?

2 Chronicles 24:17-22

How was Joash punished for his faithlessness?

2 Chronicles 24:23-27

Amaziah (29 yrs)

Who was Amaziah and how faithful was his reign?

2 Kings 14:1-4

2 Chronicles 25:3-4

How did God reward Amaziah's faithfulness?

2 Chronicles 25:5-12

How did Amaziah lose faith and how was he punished?

2 Chronicles 25:14-28

Uzziah, or Azariah (52 yrs)

Who was Uzziah (also called Azariah) and how faithful was his reign?

2 Chronicles 26:3-5

How did God reward Uzziah's faithfulness?

2 Chronicles 26:6-15

Golden color

Isaiah & Micah banners

How did Uzziah lose faith and how was he punished?

2 Chronicles 26:16-20

How were Uzziah's last years spent?

2 Chronicles 26:21

Jotham (16 yrs)

Who was Jotham and how faithful was his reign?

2 Chronicles 27:1-2

How did God bless Jotham because of his faithfulness?

2 Chronicles 27:3-6

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The Period of Decline

Ahaz (16 yrs)

Who was Ahaz and how faithful was his reign?

2 Chronicles 27:9-28:2

2 Chronicles 28:3-4

2 Kings 16:7-18

2 Chronicles 28:22-25

How did God punish Ahaz's unfaithfulness?

2 Chronicles 28:5-21

Manuscript peg

Coins

Hezekiah (29 yrs)

Who was Hezekiah and how faithful was his reign?

2 Kings 18:1-8

What reforms did Hezekiah put into place?

2 Chronicles 29-31

How did God bless Hezekiah for his faithfulness?

2 Chronicles 32:1-31; 2 Kings 18-19

2 Kings 20:1-11

What was Hezekiah's biggest mistake and what was God's punishment?

2 Kings 20:12-19

Three volcanos

Manasseh (55 yrs)

Who was Manasseh and how faithful was his reign?

2 Chronicles 33:1-9 :

2 Kings 21:1-9

How did God plan to punish Manasseh for his evil?

2 Kings 21:10-15

What happened to Manasseh?

2 Chronicles 33:10-13

What did Manasseh do after returning to Judah?

2 Chronicles 33:14-17

Amon (2 yrs)

Who was Amon and how faithful was his reign?

2 Chronicles 33:21-23

What happened to Amon?

2 Chronicles 33:24-25

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The Period of Reform

Josiah (31 yrs)

Who was Josiah and how faithful was his reign?

2 Kings 22:1-2

What reforms did Josiah put into place?

2 Chronicles 34:2-7

2 Kings 23:4-25

2 Chronicles 34:8-13

2 Chronicles 34:14-33

2 Chronicles 35:1-19

What prophesy did Josiah fulfill?

1 Kings 13:1-2

Did Josiah's good turn God's wrath away from Judah?

2 Chronicles 34:23-28

What was Josiah's biggest mistake?

2 Chronicles 35:20-24

Volcano

Jeremiah banner

The Period of Destruction

Jehoahaz (3 months)

Who was Jehoahaz and how faithful was his reign?

2 Kings 23:30-32

What happened to Jehoahaz?

2 Kings 23:33-34

Jehoiakim (11 yrs)

Who was Jehoiakim and how faithful was his reign?

2 Kings 23:36-37

How did Jehoiakim get his name and become king?

2 Kings 23:34

"E" Coin

2 Kings 23:35

"B" Coin

What happened when Jehoiakim stopped paying tribute to Babylon?

2 Kings 24:1-4; 2 Chronicles 36:6-7

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Jehoiachin (3 months)

Who was Jehoiachin and how faithful was his reign?

2 Kings 24:8-9

What happened to Jehoiachin?

2 Kings 24:10-16

Battered sword

Zedekiah (11 yrs)

Who was Zedekiah and how faithful was his reign?

2 Kings 24:18-19

How did Zedekiah get his name and become king?

2 Kings 24:17

What was Zedekiah's biggest mistake?

2 Chronicles 36:13-14

How did Judah respond when God gave them one more chance?

2 Chronicles 36:15-16

What happened as a result?

2 Chronicles 36:18-19; 2 Kings 25:1-17

What happened to Zedekiah and the rest of Judah?

2 Chronicles 36:20; 2 Kings 25:6-7, 11, 18-21

Deep red color

Great hands crush the kingdom

Summary

Volcano on Rehoboam

Peace flag on Jehoshaphat

Wedding ring under flag

Smudge on wedding ring

Snake on Jehoram, Ahaziah & Athaliah

Golden color of Uzziah

Isaiah & Micah banners

Manuscript peg on Ahaz

Coins on Ahaz

Three volcanos on Hezekiah

Volcano on Josiah

Jeremiah banner on Josiah

"E" Coin on Jehoiakim

"B" Coin on Jehoiakim

Battered sword

Deep red color of Zedekiah

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Closing Prayer

Distribute Materials

Next Week - *Pointing Ahead*