

# Bethel Bible Series

## The Crumbling North

### Study 15

*As long as men take on the character of the gods they serve,  
so long does it greatly matter who those gods may be. John Bright - PK*

Welcome

Opening - Why was it important for God to raise prophets during the period of the kings?  
Prayer Requests and Opening Prayer  
InDepth Concept Review  
InDepth Presentation: Karen Ziehr - *What were the times and key messages of the OT prophets?*

## **Review of Last Week**

*Recalling a Destiny* - InDepth by Deb Hale

*Figure in red robe*  
*Second figure*  
*Darkening sky in background*  
*Israel focused on "I Will Bless You"*  
*Torn manuscript on the ground*  
*Prophet holds fragments before Israel's eyes*  
*Israel clasps mortar bowl and pestles to bosom*  
*Tent of tabernacle symbol*  
*Law symbol*  
*Separation symbol*  
*Sharp rock symbol*  
*Mirror symbol*  
*Yoke symbol*

## **Lesson - The Crumbling North**

Solomon's Unfaithfulness and God's Judgment

How well did Solomon emulate the faith of his father David?

1 Kings 11:1-6

How did God respond to Solomon's faithlessness?

1 Kings 11:9-13

To whom did God choose to give the rest of Israel?

1 Kings 11:28-32

What instructions were given to the king-elect?

1 Kings 11:38

What happened to Jeroboam after Solomon heard what happened?

1 Kings 11:40

Who took over the United Kingdom after Solomon died?

1 Kings 11:42-43

What did Jeroboam and Israel ask of Rehoboam before making him king?

1 Kings 12:2-4

How did Rehoboam respond to the request?

1 Kings 12:13-14

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### The Nation Splits

How did the northern tribes handle Rehoboam's response?

1 Kings 12:20

What did God do when Rehoboam tried to take back the 10 tribes by force?

1 Kings 12:22-24

### Capitals of the Northern Kingdom (Israel)

What city had God chosen to be His capital?

1 Kings 14:21

Where did the northern nation of Israel settle its capital?

1 Kings 12:25

1 Kings 14:17; 15:33

1 Kings 16:23-24, 29

What did the Assyrians later do to the region of Samaria?

2 Kings 17:22-24, 29, 41

How were the Samaritans later viewed by "pure" Jews?

John 4:9

### Temples in Israel

How did Jeroboam keep Israelites from going to Jerusalem for worship?

1 Kings 12:26-30

1 Kings 12:31-33

1 Kings 13:33-34

What happened to the priests, Levites and devout people in Israel?

2 Chronicles 11:13-17

What kind of precedent did Jeroboam set for the kings of Israel?

1 Kings 15:26, 34; 16:19, 26, 31; etc

The evil ways of Israel led to exile and the elimination of Israel

2 Kings 17:21-23

### Standard Format in 1st and 2nd Kings for Israel

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

*Details about the length and location of his reign.*

*He did evil in the eyes of the Lord, and walked in the way of Jeroboam*

*and his sin which he caused Israel to commit.*

*Now the rest of the acts of \_\_\_\_\_, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Israel?*

*A final statement that he slept with his fathers, and that \_\_\_\_\_ reigned in his stead.*

### Three Periods of Israel's History

*Dark section of crumbling earth*

*Golden section of crumbling earth*

*Orange and red section of crumbling earth*

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### *The Period of Civil Strife*

Jeroboam (22 yrs)

*Golden calf*

What did the man of God prophesy to Jeroboam about the altar at Bethel?

1 Kings 13:2

Did this prophecy come true?

2 Kings 23:15-20

What did the prophet Ahijah give as God's judgment for Jeroboam's sins?

1 Kings 14:10

What was the relationship between Israel and Judah during Jeroboam's reign?

1 Kings 14:30

Nadab (2 yrs)

Who was Nadab and how faithful was his reign?

1 Kings 15:25-26

Baasha (24 yrs)

How was Ahijah's prophesy to Jeroboam fulfilled by Baasha?

1 Kings 15:27-29

How faithful was Baasha's reign?

1 Kings 15:34

What did the prophet Jehu give as judgment for Baasha's sins?

1 Kings 16:3-4

What was the relationship between Israel and Judah during Baasha's reign?

1 Kings 15:16

What significant loss did Israel experience because of this civil strife?

1 Kings 15:20

Elah (2 yrs)

Who was Elah and how faithful was his reign?

1 Kings 16:8, 13

Zimri (7 days)

How was Jehu's prophecy to Baasha fulfilled by Zimri?

1 Kings 16:9-12

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Omri (12 yrs)

How did Omri become king of Israel?

1 Kings 16:16

1 Kings 16:17-18

1 Kings 18:21-22

How faithful was Omri's reign?

1 Kings 16:25

What did Omri change that led to a name given to the northern kingdom?

1 Kings 16:24

*Volcano*

Ahab (22 yrs)

Who was Ahab and how faithful was his reign?

1 Kings 16:29-30

How extreme did Ahab's evil get?

1 Kings 16:31-33

1 Kings 18:3-4

1 Kings 21:25-26

*Snake*

*Elijah and Elisha banners*

What significant reconstruction fulfilled earlier prophesy?

1 Kings 16:34 (Joshua 6:26)

How did God support Ahab?

1 Kings 20:1, 13, 21

1 Kings 20:26, 28-29

How did Ahab interfere with God's plan for these victories?

1 Kings 20:34, 42

How was Ahab involved with the end of the strife between the two kingdoms?

1 Kings 22:4-5, 29

2 Kings 8:18

How was the evil of Ahab and Jezebel revealed through Naboth's vineyard?

1 Kings 21:2-3, 11-16

What word from God did Elijah bring to Ahab?

1 Kings 21:17-24

How was this prophesy fulfilled?

1 Kings 22:37-38

2 Kings 9:24-26

2 Kings 9:30, 33, 35-37

2 Kings 10:7, 10-11, 14

What other prophesy was fulfilled with Ahab's death?

1 Kings 22:12, 19-22, 34, 37

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### *Elijah and Elisha*

Elijah (*Prophet to Ahab, Ahaziah*)

What judgments did Elijah give to Ahab and Ahaziah for their evil?

- 1 Kings 17:1
- 1 Kings 18:40
- 1 Kings 21:19-24
- 2 Kings 1:16-17

What miracles did God produce through Elijah?

- 1 Kings 18:1, 41-45
- 1 Kings 17:11-16
- 1 Kings 17:17-24
- 1 Kings 18:25-26, 33-35, 38
- 2 Kings 1:9-15
- 2 Kings 2:8

How did God take care of Elijah?

- 1 Kings 17:2-6
- 1 Kings 19:1-8
- 1 Kings 19:11-13
- 2 Kings 2:11

Elisha (*Prophet to Joram, Jehu, Jehoahaz, Jehoash*)

How did Elisha become the successor to Elijah?

- 1 Kings 19:16, 19

What did Elisha inherit from Elijah?

- 2 Kings 2:9-10

How was this inheritance evident during Elisha's life?

- 2 Kings 6:15-18

How was this inheritance evident even after Elisha's death?

- 2 Kings 13:20-21

What miracles and prophesies did God produce through Elisha?

- 2 Kings 2:13-14
- 2 Kings 2:19-22
- 2 Kings 2:23-24

2 Kings 3:9, 16-17, 20

2 Kings 3:22-24

2 Kings 4:2-4, 7

2 Kings 4:14-17

2 Kings 4:32-35

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Elisha (*Prophet to Joram, Jehu, Jehoahaz, Jehoash*)

What miracles and prophesies did God produce through Elisha?

2 Kings 4:39-41

2 Kings 4:42-44

2 Kings 5:1, 10, 14

2 Kings 5:20, 26-27

2 Kings 6:5-6

2 Kings 6:8-12

2 Kings 6:19-20

2 Kings 6:24-25; 7:1-2, 16-17

2 Kings 8:1-2, 6

2 Kings 8:9-10, 13, 15

2 Kings 9:1-3

2 Kings 13:15-19

### ***The Period of Wealth and Prosperity***

Ahaziah (2 yrs)

Who was Ahaziah and how faithful was his reign?

1 Kings 22:51-52

Why didn't God heal Ahaziah from injuries from falling through lattice?

2 Kings 1:16

Joram (12 yrs)

Who was Joram (Jehoram) and how faithful was his reign?

2 Kings 3:1-2

2 Kings 8:18

2 Kings 8:26

How did he respond to Moab's refusal to pay tribute when he took over?

2 Kings 3:4-9

Why was Joram given success by God over Moab?

2 Kings 3:13-14

How was Joram helped by God through Elisha?

2 Kings 6:19-20

2 Kings 6:24-25; 7:6-7, 16-17

What other help did Joram receive and how did it turn out?

2 Kings 8:28-29

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Jehu (28 yrs)

Who was Jehu and how was he chosen to become king?

2 Kings 9:1-6

What was Jehu's first responsibility and how successful was he?

2 Kings 9:7-10

2 Kings 9:24, 27

2 Kings 9:30, 33

2 Kings 10:7

2 Kings 10:12-14

What did Jehu do to eliminate the prophets and priests of Baal?

2 Kings 10:19, 25

What did Jehu do with the temple of Baal?

2 Kings 10:26-27

How did God bless Jehu in response to the purge of Ahab and Baal?

2 Kings 10:30

Why was Jehu still considered evil in the eyes of the Lord?

2 Kings 10:29

What significant loss occurred during Jehu's reign?

2 Kings 10:32-33

Jehoahaz (17 yrs)

Who was Jehoahaz and how faithful was his reign?

2 Kings 13:1-2,6

How did God respond to Jehoahaz's unfaithfulness?

2 Kings 13:3, 7

Jehoash (16 yrs)

Who was Jehoash and how faithful was his reign?

2 Kings 13:10-11

How was Jehoash helped by Elisha?

2 Kings 13:15-19, 25

How did Jehoash respond to Amaziah's (king of Judah) challenge to fight?

2 Kings 14:10-14

Jeroboam (41 yrs)

Who was Jeroboam (II) and how faithful was his reign?

2 Kings 14:23-24

How did Jeroboam fulfill a prophesy by Jonah?

2 Kings 14:25

*Amos and Hosea banners*

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### *The Period of Rapid Decline*

Zechariah (6 months)

Who was Zechariah and how faithful was his reign?

2 Kings 15:8-9

How did Zechariah's short reign fulfill a promise of God?

2 Kings 15:12

Shallum (1 month)

Who was Shallum and how did he become king?

2 Kings 15:10

Menahem (10 yrs)

Who was Menahem and how did he become king?

2 Kings 15:14

*Erupting volcano*

*Two coins at base of volcano*

2 Kings 15:19-20

Pekahiah (2 yrs)

Who was Pekahiah and how faithful was his reign?

2 Kings 15:23-24

Pekah (20 yrs)

Who was Pekah and how did he become king?

2 Kings 15:25

What territory did Pekah lose to Tiglath-Pileser (Pul) of Assyria?

2 Kings 15:29

*Manuscript peg*

2 Kings 15:37; 16:5-9

*Isaiah banner*

Isaiah 7:1-9



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Hoshea (9 yrs)

Who was Hoshea and how did he become king?

2 Kings 15:30

*Manuscript peg*

2 Kings 17:3-4

What did Assyria (Shalmaneser) do in response to Hoshea's actions?

2 Kings 17:4-5

2 Kings 17:6

2 Kings 17:24

*Dark red color*

*Overall portrayal of crumbling kingdom*

Summary - *The Crumbling North*

*Dark section of crumbling earth*

*Golden section of crumbling earth*

*Orange and red section of crumbling earth*

*Golden calf on Jeroboam*

*Volcano on Omri*

*Snake on Ahab*

*Elijah and Elisha banners*

*Amos and Hosea banners*

*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*

Why did all of this happen?

2 Kings 17:7-23

InDepth Research:

*Find examples where the Bible points out that the spiritual life of the people followed that of the king.*

Closing Prayer

Distribute Materials

Next Week - *The Crumbling South*

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### Kings of the Northern and Southern Kingdoms

Judah (South)		Israel (North)		Yr	Rule	Prophets	Eras	King	Yr	Rule	Prophets	Eras
Yr BC	King	King	King									
931	Rehoboam		Solomon Dies									
913	Abijah	17	Bad Mostly	Jeroboam	22	Bad						Civil Strife
911	Asa	3	Bad Mostly									" "
910		41	Good									" "
909				Nadab	2	Bad						" "
888				Baasha	24	Bad						" "
887				Elah	2	Bad						" "
886				Zimri	7d	Bad						" "
876				Omri	12	Extra Bad						" "
871	Jehoshaphat	25	Good	Ahab (Jezebel)	22	The Worst						" "
853				Ahaziah	2	Bad			Elijah			" "
853				Jehoram	12	Bad Mostly			" "			Wealth & Prosperity
851	Jehoram	8	Bad						" "			" "
843	Ahaziah	1	Bad	Baalism								" "
842	Athaliah	6	Devilish	" "								" "
837	Joash	40	Good Mostly	" "								" "
816				Golden Age								" "
800				" "								" "
798	Amaziah	29	Good Mostly	" "								" "
785				" "								" "
780	Uzziah	52	Good	" "								" "
744				" "								" "
736	Jotham	16	Good	" "								" "
735	Ahaz	16	Wicked	Decline								" "
734				" "								" "
732				" "								" "
721	Hezekiah	29	The Best	" "								" "
693	Manasseh	55	The Worst	Isaiah & Micah								" "
640	Amon	2	The Worst	" "								" "
638	Josiah	31	The Best	" "								" "
609	Jehoahaz	3m	Bad	Nahum & Zephaniah								" "
608	Jehoiakim	11	Wicked	Jeremiah								" "
598	Jehoiachin	3m	Bad	" "								" "
597	Surrender to Babylon		" "	Habakkuk								" "
	Zedekiah	11	Bad	Jeremiah								" "
586	Gedaliah			" "								" "
561	Jehoiachin Freed			" "								" "
				Haggai & Zechariah								" "