

SURVEY OF THE BIBLE

FAITH AND OBEDIENCE IN THE NEW KINGDOM

THE DIVIDED KINGDOM (1); ELIJAH

Quarter Seven, Lesson Seven

Focus Text: 1 Kings 12 – 22

CONTENT

1. After the death of Solomon, who became king? Who led the people in bringing an appeal to the new king?

How did the elders advise the new king to respond? How did the young men advise him to respond?

What did the new king decide, and how did the people react to his decision?

2. Which tribes remained with Rehoboam and which followed Jeroboam?

When Rehoboam returned to Jerusalem, what was his initial plan? Did he carry it out? Why or why not?

3. What decisions did Jeroboam make that were sinful in God's sight, and why?

4. When God sent a messenger to warn Jeroboam of the consequences of his sin, what sign was given to demonstrate God's displeasure?

What happened at the altar in Bethel?

What happened to God's messenger, and why?

What effect did all these events have on Jeroboam's actions?

5. 1 Kings records the reigns of 12 kings after Solomon. In the two columns below, list the kings of Judah and Israel, give the number of years each reigned, and describe the character of each king's reign.

Kings of Judah / Years	Character of Kingdom	Kings of Israel / Years	Character of Kingdom

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6. Create a timeline showing the reigns of the kings of Judah and Israel through the end of 1 Kings.

7. During which king's reign do we first read of Elijah? What calamity did Elijah proclaim during this king's reign?

How did Elijah himself survive that calamity?

8. How did the widow of Zarephath become convinced that Elijah was, in fact, a prophet of God?

9. To what contest did Elijah challenge the prophets of Baal (in chapter 18)?

What were the results?

10. Why, according to chapter 20, did the Lord help Ahab defeat the Syrians?

According to the prophet who confronted Ahab after Israel's triumph, why would God require the king's life?

11. Why did Naboth refuse to sell his vineyard to Ahab?

How did Ahab gain possession of that vineyard?

12. What did Elijah predict as the result of Ahab's treatment of Naboth, and how did Ahab respond?

13. How did Ahab meet his end?

CONNECTIONS

1. What did God tell Elijah (in chapter 19) when Elijah despaired, thinking that he was God's only remaining faithful servant? How can this account help us when we are discouraged?

2. What was Jezebel's role in Ahab's sin? What can this teach us about selecting friends, associates, and spouses?

3. In what contexts is Elijah mentioned in the New Testament?