

KINGS OF ISRAEL AND JUDAH

A BIBLE STUDY

Thank you for downloading the Kings of Israel and Judah Bible Study!

This study is designed to help you gain an understanding of the Kingdom Period of the nation of Israel. In 17 lessons it will walk through the books of 1&2 Samuel, 1&2 Kings and 1&2 Chronicles.

These books are heavily focused on the kings who ruled over God's people, the children of Israel. As you go through the study, you'll gain an understanding of the different kings who ruled, whether they were God-fearing or not, and what kinds of things they did.

This study is designed in 2 parts.

The first part is a reading and question format. Each lesson includes one or more passages out of the Bible to read, then offers questions to explore what happened in the reading. Some of the questions are easily answered out of the reading. Some of the questions will require thought or you to develop an opinion. Alternatively, you may want to do some independent research to see if you can find an answer that fits the question.

The second part is a chart of the kings of Israel and Judah. You can get all of the kings on a single page along with a review of whether they were good or bad (G/B) and what years they ruled. (Hint: put the kings of Judah on the left) You'll need to do some research to pick the dates for each king. It's not a mathematical science. There are a variety of opinions on the dating of different kings. Pick a single system and work with it. You may need to use the biblical text to calculate the length of rule to get the years based on other kings. The goal is to make a thoughtful effort to begin to see how the rulers stack up against each other.

This study is great to do as a family study. My family did it together in 2009 when my kids were in school. Alternatively you could do this in a small group setting and have a fun discussion of the answers as you seek the truth together.

However you choose to pursue this study, my prayer is that God will bless you and strengthen your faith.

Blessings,

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Week 1: Israel demands a King – and God agrees

Read 1 Samuel 8:1-22

1. List at least 2 reasons why the people wanted a king. _____

2. Who was Samuel and what was his job (may need to read previous chapters) _____

3. Why was Samuel upset that the people wanted a king? _____

4. What did God say that made Samuel feel better? _____

5. Why did God say having a king would be a bad idea for the people of Israel? _____

6. Did God expect that the people would be happy with a King? Why? _____

7. Was Samuel able to convince the people of Israel that a King was a bad idea? _____

8. What did God finally tell Samuel to do? _____

Read 1 Samuel 9:1-10:25

9. Fill out Page 1 with as much information as you can about the first King of Israel
10. What do we learn about the man Saul in this passage? _____

11. Why was Saul out with the servant? _____

12. What brought Saul to meet Samuel? _____

13. How did Samuel indicate that Saul would be king? _____

14. What did Samuel do to convince Saul that this would really happen? _____

15. When the time came to announce Saul as king, what did he do? _____

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Week 2: Saul, the First King

Read 1 Samuel 11:1-15

1. Find a map in your bible and identify where Ammon is located. Where is Gilead? _____

2. How did Saul respond to the trouble? What did the people think about it? _____

3. Compare 1 Sam 10:25-27 with 1 Sam 11:14-15. What are the differences? _____

Read 1 Samuel 15:1-35

4. What did God instruct Saul to do through Samuel? Why? _____

5. Did Saul obey God? Explain. _____

6. What were the consequences of Saul's actions? See verses 11, 22, 23, 28 _____

7. What did this event do to Samuel's relationship with Saul? _____

Read 1 Samuel 28:1-25

8. Why did Saul want to consult a Medium? _____

9. Did Samuel have any advice for Saul? What did he tell the King? _____

10. What does Deuteronomy 18:10-14 say about mediums? _____

Read 1 Samuel 31:1-13

11. How did Saul die? _____

12. Why did Saul die? _____

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Week 3: Samuel Selects a New King

Read 1 Samuel 16:1-13

1. Why did God tell Samuel to go to Bethlehem? Was Samuel excited about it? _____

2. Why did God tell Samuel to bring a heifer (cow)? _____

3. Who did Samuel want to anoint king? What did God tell him about that son of Jesse? _____

4. When David was anointed, did he immediately become the king? _____

Read 1 Samuel 24:1-20

5. Why was David in the cave? Why did Saul go in? _____

6. What did David have the opportunity to do? What did he choose to do? _____

7. How did David feel about what he had done? Why? How did he explain his actions? _____

8. What was Saul's reaction when David told him what had happened? What did he say about David's future? _____

Read 1 Samuel 26:1-25

9. How is this story similar or different from the story in chapter 24? _____

Read 2 Samuel 1:1-16

10. Did the man who came from the battle tell the truth (see 1 Samuel 28)? _____

11. Did David celebrate that Saul was dead? Why? _____

12. What did David do to the man who claimed to have killed Saul? Why? _____

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Week 4: David Becomes King

Read 2 Samuel 2:1-32

1. Why did David ask God if he should go up to any of the cities of Judah? What did he really want to know? _____

2. Did David go to Hebron alone? Who did he take with him? Why? _____

3. What did David learn about the men of Jabesh Gilead? Why did he send messengers to bless them? _____

4. Who is Abner? Who is Ishbosheth? _____

5. What was Ishbosheth made king of? Who made him king? _____

6. Who is Joab? _____

7. What were Abner and Joab doing together in Gibeon? What did the 12 pairs of men do? _____

8. Between Abner and Joab, who won? What might that represent? _____

Read 2 Samuel 3:1-27

9. Between Abner and Ishbosheth, who seemed to have the most power? Why? _____

10. What deal did Abner make with David? _____

11. What did Joab do to Abner? Why? _____

Read 2 Samuel 4:1-12

12. How did Ishbosheth die? _____

13. How did David respond to the news that Ishbosheth? What did he do to the men? _____

Read 2 Samuel 5:1-5

14. What did the leaders of Israel say to David? _____

15. How long was David king? How did it break down? _____

16. Fill in the king chart with David and Ishbosheth's information.

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Week 5: King David

Read 2 Samuel 6:1-23

1. Do you think David's desire to move the Ark of God to Jerusalem was a good idea? _____

2. How did David's first attempt to move the Ark violate God's instruction? See Exodus 25:10-15 and Numbers 4:15, 7:9 _____

3. When the Ark finally did come into Jerusalem, how did David behave? _____
What are 2 ways of interpreting his actions, and who interpreted them that way? _____

Read 1 Chronicles 17:1-15

4. When the Ark came to Jerusalem in 2 Samuel 6, where was it put? _____
Was David happy with this? What did he propose to God? _____

5. How did Nathan respond to David's proposal? _____
What did God later tell Nathan to tell David? _____

6. What did God promise David in verses 11 and 12? _____

7. What did God promise David about his family & his dynasty? _____

Read 1 Chronicles 18:1-14

8. List all the peoples, nations and cities that David conquered: _____

- Find a map and mark all the cities and places David conquered.
9. According to this passage, was David a good king? Why do you think so? _____

Read 2 Samuel 24:1-24

10. What did David do that was sinful? _____
Why do you think it was sinful? _____
Did everyone encourage him to do this? _____
11. When David repented, did God forgive him? _____
What choice did God give David? _____

12. How did David choose? _____

Read 1 Chronicles 22:1-19

13. What were David's instructions to Solomon? _____

Read Acts 13:22

14. How is David described here? _____

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Week 6: Establishing the Davidic Dynasty

Read 1 Kings 1:1-53

1. What did Adonijah attempt to do? Why? _____

2. How did David respond to this? _____

3. Compare Adonijah's declaration of being king to Solomon's declaration. Whose do you think was better? Why? _____

4. How did David respond to this? _____

5. Who was Benaiah? See 2 Samuel 23:8-23? _____

Read 1 Kings 2:10-35

6. Why did Solomon kill Adonijah and Joab? This will require you to develop an opinion. _____

Read 1 Kings 3:1-15

7. Did Solomon love God as much and as obediently as his father David? Why? _____

8. According to the passage the people sacrificed in "high places", and Solomon went to Gibeon because it was a "great high place". What do you think is a "high place"? _____

9. What kinds of things did God think Solomon might ask for? Was he happy that Solomon didn't? _____

10. What did Solomon ask for and why? _____

11. What did God grant to Solomon? _____

Read 1 Kings 8:1-21, 62-66

12. How did God respond to the Temple which Solomon built for Him? _____

13. How did Solomon celebrate the opening of the temple? _____

Read 1 Kings 9:1-9

14. What promise or covenant did God make with Solomon? It has 2 parts _____

Read 1 Kings 11:1-13

15. What did Solomon do that was evil in God's eyes? Why did he do it? _____

16. What did God say would be the consequences of his sin? _____

Complete the Kings Chart for Solomon

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Week 7: The Kingdom Divided

Read 1 Kings 11:26-40

1. What kind of family did Jeroboam come from? What kind of man was he? _____

2. What prophecy did the prophet Ahijah make to Jeroboam? How did he illustrate it?

3. Why did Solomon persecute Jeroboam and drive him to Egypt? _____

Read 1 Kings 12:1-15

4. 1 Kings 11:43 says that Rehoboam was the son of Solomon, and became the king when Solomon died. What question did Jeroboam ask him (in your words) in Shechem when he was to be made king? _____
5. How did the old advisors suggest Rehoboam answer the question? _____

6. How did the young advisors suggest Rehoboam answer the question? _____

7. What did Rehoboam choose to do? _____

Read 1 Kings 12:16-24

8. How did the people of Israel respond to Rehoboam when he answered their question?

9. What did 10 of the 12 tribes do after they returned home? _____

10. Which tribes remained loyal to Rehoboam and David's Dynasty? _____

Read 1 Kings 14:1-20

11. Was Jeroboam a good king? What makes you answer that way? _____

Complete the Kings Chart for Jeroboam.

Read 1 Kings 14:21-31

12. Was Rehoboam a good king? What makes you answer that way? _____

13. What did Shishak (Pharaoh of Egypt) do to Rehoboam and the temple (for reference see 1 Kings 10:16,17) _____
14. How did Rehoboam respond? Do you think it was a good move? _____

Complete the Kings Chart for Rehoboam.

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Week 8: 43 Years and 7 Kings

Read 1 Kings 15:1-8

1. List all the things you learn about Abijam. _____

Complete the Kings Chart for Abijam

Read 1 Kings 15:9-24

2. What did Asa do to show he was a good king? _____

3. What did Asa do to show that he did not completely follow God? _____

4. What did Asa do to prevent Baasha from attacking? _____

Complete the Kings Chart for Asa

Read 1 Kings 15:25-31

5. List all the things you learn about Nadab. _____

6. How did Nadab's reign end? _____
7. Why did Baasha kill all Nadab's family? (see also 14:10-13) _____

Complete the Kings Chart for Nadab

Read 1 Kings 15:32-16:7

8. Was Baasha a good king? Why or why not? _____

9. What message did God give to Jehu against Baasha – what would happen to his dynasty? _____

Complete the Kings Chart for Baasha

Read 1 Kings 16-28

10. How long did Elah reign as a king of Israel? _____
11. How did his reign end? _____
12. How did Zimri complete a prophecy? (see vv 2&3) _____

Complete the Kings Chart for Elah

13. How long did Zimri reign as a king of Israel? _____

14. How did Zimri die? _____

Complete the Kings chart for Zimri

15. Half the people wanted Omri to be king and the other half wanted Tibni to be king. How did they decide who got to be king? _____

16. What city did Omri build? _____
17. Where did Omri have his capital during the 2nd half of his reign? _____
18. How was Omri rated in terms of Good/Evil? _____

Complete the Kings Chart for Omri

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The Geography of the Land

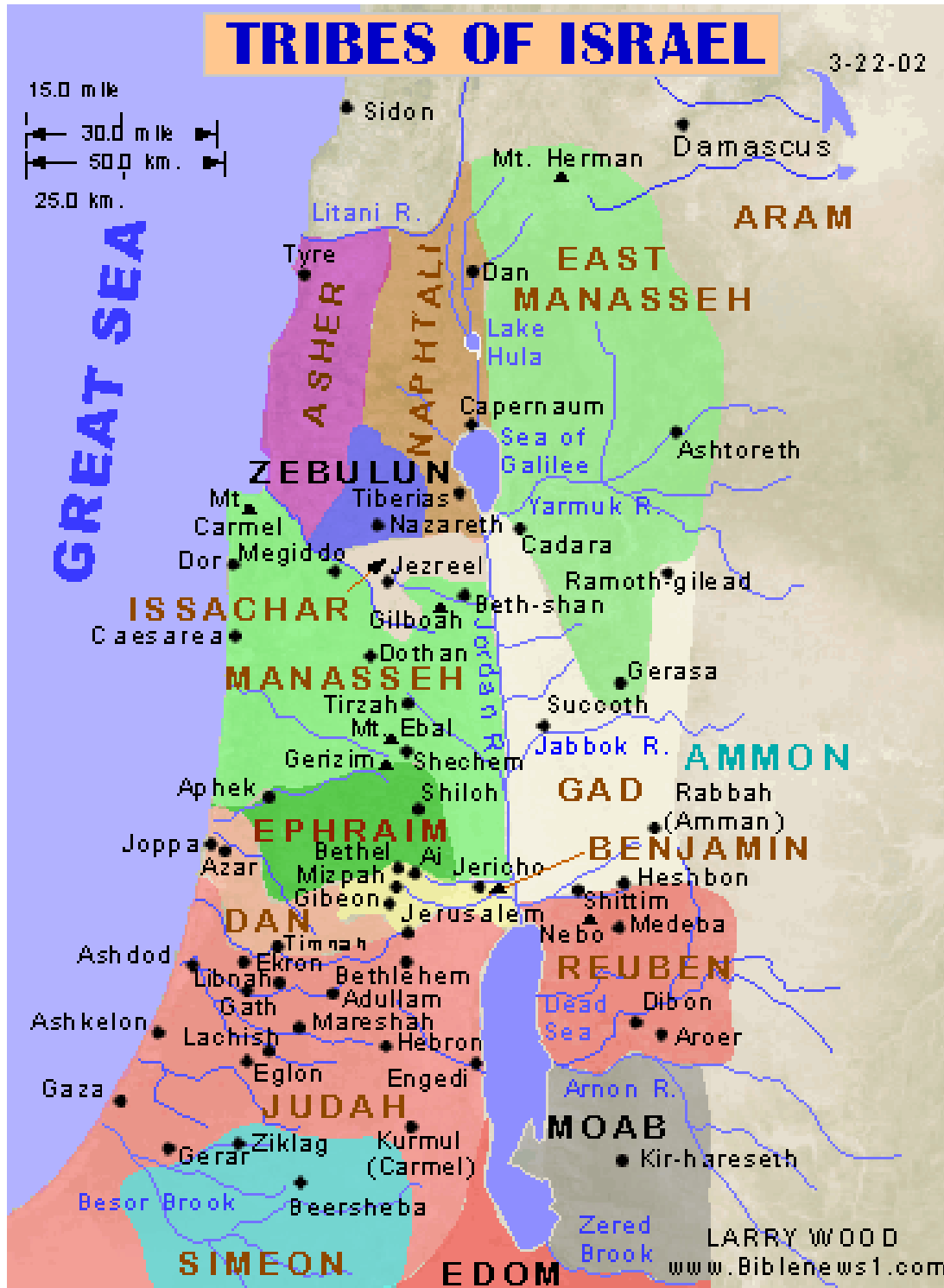
1. Use the map below (Caanan divided by it's tribes) to outline the territorial divisions of the Kingdom of Judah and the Kingdom of Israel.



THE 12 TRIBES OF ISRAEL

■ Reuben	□ Judah	□ Naphtali	■ Issachar	■ Zebulun
□ Simeon	■ Dan	□ Gad	■ Asher	■ Benjamin
□ Ephraim	□ Manesseh			

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On the map above identify the following cities:

2. Mark the 5 main cities of the Philistines (1 Sam 6:17).
3. The first city where David was made king (2 Samuel 2:1-7)
4. The city where Abner and Joab had their little "competition" (2 Samuel 2:12-17)
5. The city where David reigned over all of Israel (2 Samuel 5:1-6). Who lived in that city before David came? _____
Did they just let David have the city? _____
6. Circle the territories or other kingdoms which David conquered around the kingdom of Israel. (2 Samuel 8)
7. In what city was Rehoboam made king? (1 Kings 12:1)
8. In what city did Jeroboam reign? In what cities did Jeroboam place the golden calves? (1 Kings 12:25-29)
9. In which city did Baasha become king (and make his capital)? (1 Kings 15:33)
Where did his son Elah become king and reign (1 Kings 16:8)
10. What city did Omri build and make the capital of the Kingdom of Israel? (1 Kings 16:23-28) Mark this city of the first of the 2 maps above.

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Week 9: King Ahab in Israel

Read 1 Kings 16:29-33

1. List four things you learn about Ahab in verse 29 _____

2. On a scale of 1 (Good) to 10 (Evil), rate Ahab's reign. _____
3. Ahab married Jezebel, a princess from Sidon. Was this a good choice? Why or why not? _____

Read 1 Kings 18:17-19:4

4. Who supported (fed, gave them a place to sleep, etc) the 450 prophets of Baal and 400 prophets of Asherath? _____ When Elijah challenged the prophets of Baal and Asherath, who else was he challenging? _____
5. What did Elijah do to the prophets of Baal (450 men)? _____
_____ Why did he do this (see Deuteronomy 13:1-5)? _____

6. How did Jezebel respond to Elijah? How did Elijah react to her? _____

Read 1 Kings 20

7. What demands did the king of Aram (Syria) make of Ahab? _____
_____ Do you think it would be good for Ahab to agree to these demands? _____
8. When Ahab refused, what did Ben-hadad do? _____

9. What reasons did the Arameans give to explain why Ahab was able to defeat them? _____

10. What did the prophet say to Ahab that made him go home sullen and vexed? What was the meaning? _____

Read 1 Kings 21

11. Ahab wanted Naboth's garden. What did he do to try and get it? _____

12. When Jezebel, his wife heard of it, what did she do? _____

13. What 3 things did Elijah prophesy about Ahab and Jezebel? _____

Read 1 Kings 22

14. What did the 400 prophets of God say about Ahab going to battle? What did Micaiah have to say about the battle? _____

15. When he went into battle, how did Ahab try to protect himself? _____

16. How did Ahab die? How was Elijah's prophecy fulfilled? _____

17. Complete the Kings Chart for Ahab

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Week 10: King Jehoshaphat in Judah

Read 2 Chronicles 16:11-14, 171-19

1. What wicked thing did Asa king of Judah do before he died? _____

2. When Jehoshaphat became king of Judah, what is one of the first things he did? Why do you think he did this? _____

3. How did King Jehoshaphat behave toward God? How did God treat him? _____

4. In his third year, what program did Jehoshaphat implement throughout Judah? _____

Read 2 Chronicles 18:1-19:3

5. How is this chapter similar or different from 1 Kings 22? _____

6. What do you think the prophet Jehu meant in 19:2-3? _____

Read 2 Chronicles 20

7. When Jehoshaphat heard that Moab and Ammon had allied to attack him, what did he do first? How did it turn out? _____

8. How did Jehoshaphat and the people of Judah respond? _____

9. How did God take care of Moab and Ammon? _____

10. What did the people do when they discovered it? _____

11. How did God's action affect Judah in the eyes of all the surrounding kingdoms? _____

12. What is the final assessment of Jehoshaphat, king of Judah? _____

Remember 2 Chronicles 18:28-34 and Read 2 Chronicles 18:1, 21:6, 20:35-37

13. Jehoshaphat made 3 alliances with king Ahab of Israel. What were they? _____

14. What was the outcome of these three alliances? _____

15. What lesson could we learn from these 3 alliances? _____

16. Complete the Kings Chart for Jehoshaphat

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Week 11: The Children of Ahab

Read 1 Kings 22:51-53

1. Who became king after Ahab in the Northern 10 tribes? Where was his capitol city located? _____
2. Was he a good or bad king, and what did he do to earn that title? _____
3. Complete the Kings Chart for him.

Read 2 Kings 1:17, 3:1-3, 9:1-10:11

4. Who was the next King of Israel and what was his relationship to the previous king? _____
5. What did Elisha send one of the sons of the prophets to do to Jehu? _____
6. When Jehu went to meet Jehoram the King, why did he send all the messengers to follow behind him? _____
7. Who was with Jehoram the King of Israel when he rode out to meet Jehu? _____
8. What did Jehu do to the two kings? _____
9. What happened to Jezebel, Jehoram's mother? _____
10. Why did Jehu write the first letter to the nobles who were raising Ahab's 70 children? What happened as a result? _____
11. Why did Jehu write the second letter to the nobles who were raising Ahab's 70 children? What happened as a result? _____
12. Complete the Kings Chart on Jehoram

The children of Jehoshaphat

Read 2 Kings 8:16-29, 11:1-16

13. Does the passage say that Jehoshaphat died before Joram became King? What can you conclude about that? _____
14. Was Joram a good king or a wicked king? How is he compared? _____
15. Complete the Kings Chart for Joram.
16. What do you learn about Ahaziah in verses 25 and 26? _____
17. King Ahaziah went to war with King Jehoram of Israel against Hazael, king of Aram. Given what you read in chapter 9, do you think this was a good idea? Why? _____
18. What did Athaliah do when she heard her son the King was dead? _____
19. How did God preserve the dynasty of David? _____
20. How did Athaliah's reign end? _____
21. Complete the Queens chart for Athaliah

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Week 12: Joash the Boy King

Read 2 Kings 11:1 – 12:21 & 2 Chronicles 24:1-27

1. Who were the 2 people who saved the baby Joash? What did they do? _____

2. What does it say about the reign of Athaliah that Joash was hidden in the same city, in the Temple and she didn't find him? _____
3. What did Jehoiada the High Priest do to get Joash's reign off to a very good start? _____

4. How did the people respond to Jehoiada? What did they do? _____

5. Joash (Jehoash) did right before God as long as one condition was satisfied. What was that condition? _____
6. What do you think it means in 2 Kings 12:3 when it says that the "high places were not taken away" and that the people still sacrificed and burned incense there? _____

7. What problem did Joash want to fix when he gave the command about the money? What was his plan? _____

8. Did his plan work as he expected? What happened? _____

9. How did they correct the plan? _____

10. When Hazael of Aram (Syria) attacked, Joash did 2 things to make him go away. What were they and which one worked? _____

11. Jehoiada lived a very long life. Who took his place advising the king when he died? What kind of advice did they give? _____

12. When Joash turned from following God, how did God try to turn him back? _____

13. What message did Zechariah, the son of Jehoiada have for Joash (in your words)? _____

14. Did Joash give him any consideration for being the son of the High Priest who advised him for so long? What did he do? _____

15. How did Joash die? Why did it happen? _____

16. Complete the Kings chart for Joash.

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Week 13: The rest of the Kings of Israel

Read 2 Kings 13:1-25

1. What king is Jehoahaz compared to? _____
2. How was Israel punished for his behavior? _____

3. What good thing did he do? How did God respond? _____

4. Jehoash became the next king of Israel. He went to Elisha (just before Elisha died) and had a funny encounter. Describe, in your own words, what happened. _____

5. Complete the Kings chart for Jehoahaz and Jehoash.

Read 2 Kings 14:23-29

6. Jeroboam (sometimes called Jeroboam II) expanded the borders of the northern Kingdom. Even though he was wicked, how did God use him according to verses 26 and 27? _____

7. Complete the Kings chart for Jeroboam

Read 2 Kings 15:8-31, 17:1-6

8. What kind of king was Zechariah? _____
9. Why did he reign for such a short time? _____

10. Read 2 Kings 10:30 and the Promise God made to Jehu. Who are the 4 generations that God promised would sit on the throne? _____

11. Shallum son of Jabesh became King. How did he do it? _____

12. Menahem became king by assassinating Shallum. How did he deal with Pul King of Aram (Tiglath-pileser III)? _____

13. What do we learn about Pekaiiah the king of Israel? _____

14. What happened to the Kingdom of Israel while Pekah, son or Remaliah, was king? _____

15. How did Pekah die and who became King after him? _____

16. What does it mean when it says "Hoshea became his servant and paid him tribute"? _____

17. Where did Hoshea look for help? How did Shalmaneser respond when he learned of it? _____

18. What happened to the people of Israel? _____

19. Complete the chart for Zechariah, Shallum, Menahem, Pekaiiah, Pekah & Hoshea

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Week 14: Amaziah and Uzziah (Azariah)

2 Chronicles 25:1-28, 26:1-23

1. In 25:3 it says "as soon as the kingdom was firmly in his hands" (referring to Amaziah). What do you think this means about his rise to being the king? _____

2. Amaziah took revenge and killed the servants who murdered his father Joash. Why might he have wanted to kill their children? Why did he not (see Deuteronomy 24:16) _____

3. Amaziah took a census (count) of all the men of Judah. Why do you think he did this? What did he find out? _____
4. Was Amaziah satisfied with the census of his kingdom? What did he do? _____
5. What did the man of God tell Amaziah to do with the soldiers from Israel? What was the real message about trust? _____

6. How did God answer Amaziah's question about the money he paid for the soldiers (120,000 oz of silver)? _____
7. Amaziah decided to attack the people of Seir (the Edomites). How many died and how did they die? _____
8. How did Amaziah's relationship with God change when celebrating the victory in the battle? _____
9. What did God do to address this situation? How did Amaziah respond? _____

10. Amaziah decided to attack Joash, King of Israel. What parable did Joash answer him with, and what did it mean? See also 2 Kings 14:9-10 _____

11. How did the battle with Joash, King of Israel, turn out? What happened after? _____

12. Even though Joash of Israel defeated Amaziah, Amaziah continued to reign as king, living 15 years longer than Joash of Israel. How did Amaziah die? _____

13. When Amaziah died, who became king in his place? How well prepared do you think he was? _____
14. Uzziah followed God so long as one thing happened. What was that? _____

15. List some of the things that showed God favored Uzziah? _____

16. What caused Uzziah to finally reject God? _____
17. What sinful thing did Uzziah do? Why was it so bad? _____

18. How did God punish Uzziah for doing this? _____
19. Read verse 26:21. Do you think Uzziah was king while he had leprosy? Or was his son really the king? _____
20. Complete the Kings Chart for Amaziah and Uzziah

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Week 15: Isaiah, Jotham & Ahaz

Read Isaiah 6:1-13

1. Isaiah was a prophet of God. What happened to him in the year that King Uzziah died?

2. What did Isaiah see? _____

3. What was Isaiah's problem? _____

4. What was the solution? _____

5. What question did God ask and what answer did Isaiah give? _____

6. What was Isaiah's message? _____

Read 2 Chronicles 27-28

7. Jotham did as his father (Uzziah) had done and followed God. However he did one thing differently, what was that? _____

8. Was Jotham successful as a king? Explain your answer. _____

9. How would you describe the religious alignment of King Ahaz of Judah? _____

10. Which 2 kings were able to defeat him militarily? _____

11. When he was defeated by the Nation of Israel, what did they do to the people of Judah?

12. Who spoke up for the people of Judah, and what did he say? _____

13. Who listened and what did they do? _____

14. Who did Ahaz ask for help when he needed military support. Do you think this was a good idea? Why? _____

15. What did Ahaz have to do to try to obtain freedom again? _____

16. Did it work? _____

17. What brilliant idea did Ahaz have to try to gain the power of Aram? _____

18. Where did Ahaz like to worship his gods? _____

19. Complete the Kings chart for Jotham and Ahaz

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Week 16: Hezekiah

Read 2 Chronicles 29:1-31:1

1. What act did Hezekiah do in the first month of his reign? _____

2. In 29:10 Hezekiah explains what he wanted to do. What is it and what reason did he give for it? _____

3. After the Priests and Levites consecrated the temple, King Hezekiah called a great meeting to worship God. What did they do at this meeting? Read Leviticus 4:1-21 for more details. _____

4. After the sin offerings, Hezekiah offered "sacrifices and thank offerings to the house of the Lord". What is the difference between these offerings and the earlier sacrifices? _____

5. Who did Hezekiah invite to come to the Passover celebration in Jerusalem? Who came? _____

6. Why do you think the assembly decided to extend the Passover celebration from 7 to 14 days? What do you think was done with the bulls and sheep? _____

7. What was the problem that Hezekiah had over and over again with the Priests? _____

Read 2 Kings 18:13-19:37

8. The first time Sennacherib invaded Judah, he captured the fortified cities of Judah (but not Jerusalem). What did Hezekiah do to make him go away? _____

9. The second time Sennacherib invaded Judah, he sent 3 of his generals with a large army to Jerusalem to besiege the city. What did they say to Eliakim, Hilkiyah and Shebna? _____

10. Why did Eliakim, Hilkiyah and Shebna make such a fuss about what language they were speaking? _____

11. How did Rabshakeh respond to the request to speak Aramean? _____

12. How did Hezekiah respond to the threats of Sennacherib? _____

13. What did Isaiah say would happen to Rabshakeh? What happened? _____

14. Later, Sennacherib was worried that Hezekiah had an alliance with Tirhakah king of Cush (Egypt/NE Africa). He sent a message to Hezekiah threatening him. What was the theme of his message? _____

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15. In 19:32 what did Isaiah say would (not) happen? How did it come to pass? _____

Read 2 Kings 20:1-21

16. How did Hezekiah respond when he learned he was sick to death? _____

17. How did God respond? What promise did he make? _____

18. Based on the timing of how long he reigned, how much time God gave him and other events in his life, what else was going on around him when this illness happened?

19. What sign did Hezekiah request to prove that God was serious about his offer of salvation from the mortal illness? _____

20. When the Babylonians came to visit, how did Hezekiah respond? What did he show them? _____

21. What did Isaiah tell him would happen involving Babylon? _____

22. How did Hezekiah react to this prophecy? Do you think it was a good response?

23. Complete the King chart for Hezekiah.

Kings of Israel and Judah
A Bible Study

Week 17: Manasseh through Zedekiah

Read 2 Chronicles 33, 34, 35:20-27, 36

1. List at least 5 things Manasseh did which dishonored God or displeased God. _____

2. What did God do to punish Manasseh? _____
3. What happened to Manasseh in Babylon? How did God respond? _____

4. How did Judah change when he returned? _____
5. Do you believe Manasseh really had a change of heart? Why? _____

6. How did Amon treat his father's change of heart when he became king? _____
7. How old was Josiah when the following events happened?
 - He began to seek God _____
 - Purging Judah and Jerusalem of idols _____
 - Repaired the House of God _____
8. How did Josiah respond when he heard the Law read to him? _____

9. Why do you think Josiah asked his servants to inquire of the Lord about the words of the law? (See Deuteronomy 28:15-68 for more insight) _____

10. What did God promise Josiah? Have we heard this promise before? _____

11. Josiah swore a covenant with all of Judah and Jerusalem to be faithful to God. How long did they keep this covenant? _____
12. Was Josiah's decision to fight Neco, Pharaoh of Egypt a good one? Why? _____

13. What were the consequences of his decision? _____
14. What ended Joahaz's reign? Who became king after him? _____

15. How did Jehoikim's reign end? _____
16. How did Jehoiachin's reign end? _____
17. Zedekiah swore allegiance to Nebuchadnezzar, then decided to rebel against Babylon. How did this end for him? See 2 Kings 25:7 for more info. _____

18. During the reign of Zedekiah, how was the worship of God doing in the temple? _____

19. Who was the king after Zedekiah?
20. Complete the Kings chart for Manasseh, Amon, Josiah, Joahaz, Jehoiakim, Jehoiachin and Zedekiah