

1 Bible Discoveries: Detailed OT History Series by Sarah Overstreet Midyett  
*The Divided Kingdom Parts 1 and 2*

**VOLUME I EXPANDED, DETAILED  
OLD TESTAMENT HISTORY**

**Unit 16: THE DIVIDED KINGDOM,  
PART I: Early Years of Northern  
Israel:**

**Selected Passages from I Kings 12 –  
II Kings 1**

**PROJECTS TO COMPLETE  
AS YOU STUDY THIS UNIT:**

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A. **MEMORY WORK:** Learn the following Bible passages as completely as you can. Begin your study of each Basic passage when you see its reference in **bold** print at the bottom of a page; begin your study of each Supplementary passage when you see its reference in **bold italics** anywhere on a page. The lines marked \* may be omitted or done for extra credit if you are in a school class, as your teacher instructs you. Be sure to learn the reference with each verse. A good method is to repeat to yourself (aloud, if possible) the reference alone three times, then the first line three times, then put both together; then say the second line three times, and add it to all you have already learned. Repeat this procedure with each line, until you have learned the entire verse or passage.

1. **Basic Passages for All Pupils:**

a. **What Rehoboam should have done before making his decision:**

**James 1:5:**

If any of you lack wisdom,  
let him ask of God,

\*that giveth to all men liberally,

\*and unbraideth not;

and it shall be given him.

b. **What happened**

**because the man of God**

**disobeyed God: I Kings 13:26b:**

...It is the man of God,

who was disobedient

unto the word of the Lord:

therefore the Lord hath delivered him  
unto the lion,

which hath torn him, and slain him,

\*according to the word of the Lord,

\*which he spake unto him.

c. **Whose example Israel's kings**

**should have followed: III John 11:**

Beloved, follow not that which is evil,  
but that which is good.

\*He that doeth good is of God:

\*but he that doeth evil

\*hath not seen God.

d. **Elijah's challenge to Israel:**

**I Kings 18:21:**

\*And Elijah came unto all the people,  
and said,

How long halt ye

between two opinions?

If the Lord be God, follow him:

but if Baal, then follow him.

\*And the people answered him  
not a word.

e. **What Ahab did not do**

**that we should do: John 6:38:**

For I came...not to do my own will,  
but the will of him that sent me.

2. **Supplementary Passages for  
Advanced Pupils**

(Extra credit if in school class)

a. **How Rehoboam made his great  
decision: I Kings 13:34:**

But he forsook the counsel

of the old men,

which they had given him,

and consulted with the young men

that were grown up with him,

and which stood before him.

b. **What God thought of Jeroboam's  
actions: I Kings 13:34:**

And this thing became sin

unto the house of Jeroboam,

even to cut it off, and to destroy it

from off the face of the earth.

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- c. **How Elijah proved who was the true God: I Kings 18:24b, 37, 38a, 39:**  
24...The God that answereth by fire,  
let him be God...  
37 Hear me, O Lord, hear me,  
that this people may know  
that thou art the Lord God,  
and that thou hast turned their heart  
back again.  
38 Then the fire of the Lord fell...  
39 And when all the people saw it,  
they fell on their faces: and they said,  
The Lord, he is the God;  
The Lord, he is the God.
- d. **How God revealed Himself to Elijah: I Kings 19:11, 12:**  
And He said, Go forth,  
and stand upon the mount  
before the Lord.  
And behold, the Lord passed by,  
and a great and strong wind  
rent the mountains,  
and brake in pieces the rocks  
before the Lord;  
but the Lord was not in the wind:  
and after the wind an earthquake;  
but the Lord was not in the earthquake:  
12 And after the earthquake a fire;  
but the Lord was not in the fire:  
and after the fire a still small voice.
- e. **Why God helped wicked king Ahab: I Kings 20:28**  
...Thus saith the Lord,  
Because the Syrians have said,  
The Lord is God of the hills,  
but he is not God of the valleys,  
therefore will I deliver all this great  
multitude into thine hand,  
and ye shall know that I am the Lord.
- f. **Summary of Ahab's and Jezebel's lives: I Kings 21:20d, 25:**  
20...Thou hast sold thyself to work evil  
in the sight of the Lord.  
25 But there was none like unto Ahab,  
which did sell himself  
to work wickedness

in the sight of the Lord,  
whom Jezebel his wife stirred up.

B. **IMPORTANT EMPHASES OF THE UNIT:**

Learn the following well enough  
to fill in the blanks in completion  
questions:

1. The probable author  
and date of writing  
of the book of I Kings  
(See page 25 B).
2. A two-part outline  
of the book of I Kings (Page 25 C)
3. After the division  
of the kingdom of Israel,  
Jeroboam was first king over the  
10 tribes which composed the  
northern kingdom called Israel; and  
Rehoboam was first king over the  
2 tribes which composed the  
southern kingdom called Judah.

C. **MUSIC:** Learn the words and tunes  
of the following hymns:

**No Peace to the Wicked**

(Tune: **Balerna or Manoah**)

Sinners, the voice of God regard:  
'Tis mercy speaks today;  
He calls you by his sacred word  
From sin's destructive way.

Like the rough sea, that cannot rest,  
You live, devoid of peace;  
A thousand stings within your breast  
Deprive your souls of ease.

Your way is dark, and leads to hell:  
Why will you persevere?  
Can you in endless torments dwell,  
Shut up in black despair?

Why will you in the crooked ways  
Of sin and folly go?  
In pain you travel all your days,  
To reach eternal woe.

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But he that turns to God shall live,  
Through his abounding grace:  
His mercy will the guilt forgive  
Of those that seek his face.

Bow to the scepter of his work,  
Renouncing every sin;  
Submit to him, your sovereign Lord,  
And learn his will divine.  
---John Fawcett (Born 1739; Died 1817)

**Seek Him While He May Be Found**  
(Tune: Capello or any S. M. Tune)  
My son, know thou the Lord,  
Thy father's God obey;  
Seek his protecting care by night,  
His guardian hand by day.

Call, while he may be found;  
Seek him while he is near;  
Serve him with all thy heart and mind,  
And worship him with fear.

If thou wilt seek his face,  
His ear will hear thy cry;  
Then shalt thou find his mercy sure,  
His grace forever nigh.

But if thou leave thy God,  
Nor choose the path to heaven,  
Then shalt thou perish in thy sins,  
And never be forgiven.  
---Robert C. Brackenbury  
(Born 1752; Died 818)

**Quench Not the Spirit**  
(Tune: Ingham or any L. M. Tune)  
Say, sinner, hath a voice within  
Oft whispered to thy secret soul,  
Urged thee to leave the ways of sin,  
And yield thy heart to God's control?

Sinner, it was a heavenly voice,  
It was the Spirit's gracious call;

It bade thee make the better choice,  
And haste to seek in Christ thine all.

Spurn not the call to life and light;  
Regard in time the warning kind;  
That call thou mayst not always slight  
And yet the gate of mercy find.

God's Spirit will not always strive  
With hardened, self-destroying man;  
Ye, who persist his love to grieve,  
May never hear his voice again.

Sinner, perhaps this very day  
Thy last accepted time may be;  
O shouldst thou grieve him now away,  
Then hope may never beam on thee.  
---Mrs. Ann B. Hyde (Died 1872)

**D. RESEARCH PROJECTS:**

Do any or all of these:

1. From Bible Dictionaries, Commentaries, etc., find out all you can about
  - a. the meaning of the word "Baal";
  - b. the origin of Baal worship;
  - c. the elements included in Baal worship—how it was carried out.
2. From the same sources, find out all you can about calf worship.
3. Report your findings to the class when you study pages 9 and 10.
4. List all the prophecies found in I Kings. Be sure you include those concerning Josiah, Jeroboam's household, Israel, Baasha's household, Ahab, his wife, and his household. In future studies, watch for fulfillment of these prophecies.

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**E. MAP STUDIES:**

**1. Basic Studies for All Pupils:**

- a. On Map 21, locate each of the following:
  - (1) The first capital of northern Israel: Shechem
  - (2) The location of Jeroboam's calf idols: Bethel and Dan
  - (3) The later capital of northern Israel: Samaria
  - (4) The brook where Elijah was miraculously fed: Cherith
  - (5) The city where Elijah was miraculously fed: Zarephath
  - (6) The place where Elijah proved God was the true God: Mt. Carmel
- b. Be able to match each of these places with its description as given above.

## EVENTS AFTER THE DEATH OF SOLOMON 1 KINGS 12:1 – 24; 2 CHRONICLES 10:1 – 11:4

Because of the awful sin of Solomon, God had said He would take most of the kingdom away from his son. Read now to see what happened shortly after Solomon's death:

**A. The People's Request of Rehoboam:** Read I Kings 12:1-5

1. After Solomon's death, where did Rehoboam go? I Kings 12:1a  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. Why did he go there? I Kings 12:1b  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. What other important person had come for this great event? I Kings 12:2-3a  
\_\_\_\_\_
5. What did all the people say Rehoboam's father, Solomon, had done to them?  
I Kings 12:4a \_\_\_\_\_
5. What did they request that Rehoboam now do? I Kings 12:4b  
\_\_\_\_\_
6. What did they promise they would do in return? I Kings 12:4c  
\_\_\_\_\_
7. How long did Rehoboam ask that they allow him to consider their request?  
I Kings 12:5 \_\_\_\_\_

**B. Rehoboam's Deliberations Concerning This Request:** Read I Kings 12:6-11

1. With whom did Rehoboam consult first? I Kings 12:6 \_\_\_\_\_
2. What did they advise Rehoboam to do? I Kings 12:7a, b
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_
3. If Rehoboam would do this, what did they promise the people would do?  
I Kings 12:7c \_\_\_\_\_
4. What did Rehoboam do with the older men's advice? *I Kings 12:8a*  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. With whom did he then consult? *I Kings 12:8b*  
\_\_\_\_\_
6. What three things did they advise him to say to the people? I Kings 12:10d, 11
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. \_\_\_\_\_

**C. Rehoboam's Answer to the People:** Read I Kings 12:12-15

1. When the people once more assembled before Rehoboam, how did he speak to them?  
I Kings 12:13a \_\_\_\_\_

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1. In giving his answer to the people, whose advice did Rehoboam follow?

I Kings 12:13b-14 \_\_\_\_\_

2. Who guided that he should answer the people in this way, and why?

I Kings 12:15 \_\_\_\_\_

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**D. The People's Reaction to Rehoboam's Answer:** Read I Kings 12:16-20

1. When the people heard Rehoboam's answer, what two things did most of them do?

I Kings 12:19, 16f \_\_\_\_\_

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2. Notice what they said: I Kings 12:16a-e.

3. When Rehoboam sent the officer over the tribute (taxes) to them, what did they do to him? I Kings 12:18a, b \_\_\_\_\_

4. Then what did Rehoboam do? I Kings 12:18c

\_\_\_\_\_

5. After this, what did the people do? I Kings 12:20a-c

\_\_\_\_\_

6. Who alone continued to follow Rehoboam? I Kings 12:20d, 17, 21b

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**E. Rehoboam's Response to Israel's Action:** Read I Kings 12:21-24

1. After this, what did Rehoboam plan to do? I Kings 12:21c, d

\_\_\_\_\_

2. Why did he not carry out his plans? I Kings 12:22-24

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**QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:**

1. What was wrong with the way Rehoboam made his decision? Whose advice did he fail to seek? (See **James 1:5**, Psalm 1:1a.) Was he responsible for his decision or was God?

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2. When I have a decision to make, with whom do I consult? Whose advice do I seek? What will be the results of such decisions? (See Psalm 1:6.) Is this what I want?

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## **JEROBOAM, FIRST KING OF ISRAEL**

### **I Kings 12:25 - 13:10, 13:33-34**

The judgment of God, which was promised because of the sin of Solomon, had now come to pass as a result of the foolishness of Rehoboam. Therefore, instead of the one great nation, there were now two smaller nations, Israel and Judah. This unit and the next will be devoted to the study of the northern nation, Israel, which was the larger of the two. Read now about her first king, Jeroboam:

**A. The Beginning of Jeroboam's Reign:** Read I Kings 12:25-33

1. When God first promised Jeroboam the ten tribes, what promise had God given him?  
I Kings 11:38 \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. After Jeroboam became king, what did he fear would happen to his kingdom?  
I Kings 12:26 \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. What was he afraid would happen to him as a result? I Kings 12:27b  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. What did he think might cause these things to happen? I Kings 12:27a  
\_\_\_\_\_
5. To keep these things from coming to pass, what did he do? I Kings 12:28a  
\_\_\_\_\_
6. To where did Jeroboam tell them it was too far to travel?  
I Kings 12:28b \_\_\_\_\_
7. According to Jeroboam, what had the idols done for them? I Kings 12:28c  
\_\_\_\_\_
8. As a result of Jeroboam's leadership, what did the people do? I Kings 12:30b  
\_\_\_\_\_
8. What does God in His word call the action of Jeroboam and his people?  
I Kings 12:30a \_\_\_\_\_

**B. God's Message to Jeroboam:** Read I Kings 13:1-10

1. As Jeroboam was making a sacrifice on his altar, what messenger came to him?  
I Kings 13:1 \_\_\_\_\_
2. What did the man of God predict would happen on Jeroboam's altar? I Kings 13:2b  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. What sign did he give that his prediction would actually come to pass? I Kings 13:3  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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4. When king Jeroboam heard the man of God's prediction, what did he do?  
I Kings 13:4a \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
5. As a result of this, what happened to the king? I Kings 13:4b  
\_\_\_\_\_
6. What else happened at about this time? I Kings 13:5  
\_\_\_\_\_
7. What did the king then ask the man of God to do? I Kings 13:6  
\_\_\_\_\_
8. What happened? I Kings 13:6b \_\_\_\_\_
9. After the man of God had done this, what did the king ask him to do? I Kings 13:7  
\_\_\_\_\_
10. Why did the man of God refuse to do this? I Kings 13:8-10  
\_\_\_\_\_

**C. Jeroboam's Response to God's Message:** Read I Kings 13:33, 34

1. After God had warned Jeroboam about his wicked way, what did Jeroboam do? I Kings 13:33a \_\_\_\_\_
1. Whom did he choose to be priests for his high places? I Kings 13:33b,c  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. What did God say would happen to Jeroboam's household as a result of this?  
*I Kings 13:34* \_\_\_\_\_

**QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:**

1. What caused Jeroboam to commit the terrible sin of establishing calf-worship in the place of God-worship?  
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2. If I am so fearful that I fail to trust God to fulfill the promises He has made to me, what terrible sins will I commit? (See Numbers 23:19)  
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## THE MAN OF GOD AND THE OLD PROPHET I Kings 13:11 - 32

The man of God from Judah had proved through his miraculous signs that it was indeed God's message he had brought to Jeroboam king of Israel. Read now to see what happened to him after he gave this message:

**A. God's Message to the Man of God and Its Results:** Read I Kings 13:7-10

1. What three things had the man of God been charged by the word of the Lord?  
I Kings 13:9 \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. Because of this message, what had the man of God done? I Kings 13:7, 8, 10
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_

**B. The Old Prophet's Message to the Man of God and Its Results:**

Read I Kings 13:11-19

1. Who lived in Bethel, where the man of God came? I Kings 13:11a  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. After the man of God left Bethel, what did the above man's sons tell him?
  - a. I Kings 13:11b \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. I Kings 13:11c \_\_\_\_\_
3. What did the prophet then ask them? I Kings 13:12  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. What did he ask his sons to do? I Kings 13:13  
\_\_\_\_\_
5. What did he then do? I Kings 13:14a  
\_\_\_\_\_
6. Where did he find the man of God? I Kings 13:14b  
\_\_\_\_\_
7. After ascertaining that he was indeed the man of God, what did the old prophet invite him to do? I Kings 13:15 \_\_\_\_\_
8. What did the man of God do concerning this invitation? I Kings 13:16 \_\_\_\_\_
9. Why did he say he might not accept the invitation? I Kings 13:17  
\_\_\_\_\_
10. Who did the prophet say had spoken to him? I Kings 13:18b \_\_\_\_\_
11. What did he say he had been told to do? I Kings 13:18c \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
12. But what was the old prophet doing? I Kings 13:18d \_\_\_\_\_

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13. What did the man of God then do? I Kings 13:19 \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**C. God's Second Message to the Man of God and Its Results:** Read I Kings 13:20-25

1. As they were sitting at the table, what happened? I Kings 13:20  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. What two things did the old prophet say the man of God had done?  
I Kings 13:21 \_\_\_\_\_
3. Therefore, what did the old prophet say would happen to the man of God?  
I Kings 13:22d \_\_\_\_\_
4. After the meal, what did the old prophet do for the man of God? I Kings 13:23  
\_\_\_\_\_
5. After the man of God was gone, what happened to him? I Kings 13:24a  
\_\_\_\_\_
6. What was most unusual about this incident? I Kings 13:24b \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
7. When men saw this, what did they do? I Kings 13:25 \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**D. The Old Prophet's Message Concerning the Man of God:** Read I Kings 13:26-32

1. When the old prophet heard this news, who did he say the dead man was?  
I Kings 13:26 \_\_\_\_\_
3. What did he then do? I Kings 13:28-30 \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. What did he afterwards say concerning the man of God's message? I Kings 13:32  
\_\_\_\_\_

**QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:**

1. Why did the man of God accept the prophet's invitation after refusing the king's?  
Was this right? (See **I Kings 13:21, 26.**) Whose instructions was he responsible to follow?  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. Has God spoken a definite message to ME? Am I tempted to do what someone else says instead of obeying God? If I do, what will happen to me? Do I want this?  
\_\_\_\_\_

## LATER EVENTS IN THE REIGN OF JEROBOAM I Kings 14:1 - 20

We have seen that even after God's message and spectacular sign to Jeroboam concerning his altar, he did not turn from his evil ways. Read now to see what happened next:

**A. Events in Jeroboam's Family:** Read I Kings 14:1-3

1. What crisis arose in the family of Jeroboam? I Kings 14:1  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. Therefore, what did Jeroboam tell his wife to do? I Kings 14:2a, b  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. Then where was she to go? I Kings 14:2c \_\_\_\_\_
4. To whom was she to go there? I Kings 14:2d \_\_\_\_\_
5. Notice what she was to take as a present: I Kings 14:3a \_\_\_\_\_
6. What did Jeroboam believe this person could tell her? I Kings 14:3b  
\_\_\_\_\_

**B. God's Message to Ahijah:** Read I Kings 14:4, 5

1. Did Jeroboam's wife do as he had instructed? I Kings 14:4a \_\_\_\_\_
2. What was Ahijah's condition at this time? I Kings 14:4b, c \_\_\_\_\_
3. Yet what happened to Ahijah? I Kings 14:5a \_\_\_\_\_
4. List four things the Lord told him: I Kings 14:5b, c, d, e
  - a. Who was coming: \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Why: \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. What he should say to her; \_\_\_\_\_
  - d. What she would do as she came: \_\_\_\_\_

**C. God's Message to Jeroboam:** Read I Kings 14:6-20

1. How did Ahijah know when Jeroboam's wife arrived? I Kings 14:6a \_\_\_\_\_
2. How did he greet her? I Kings 14:6b, c \_\_\_\_\_
3. What kind of tidings did he say he had for her? I Kings 14:6d \_\_\_\_\_
4. To whom was she to carry this message? I Kings 14:7a \_\_\_\_\_
5. What four things did God say He had done for Jeroboam? I Kings 14:7b-8b
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. \_\_\_\_\_
  - d. \_\_\_\_\_
6. Yet whose example had Jeroboam failed to follow? I Kings 14:8c-f \_\_\_\_\_

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7. What had he done instead? I Kings 14:9  
a. \_\_\_\_\_  
b. \_\_\_\_\_  
c. \_\_\_\_\_  
d. \_\_\_\_\_
8. Therefore, notice what God was going to do to his house: I Kings 14:10
9. What would happen to those of Jeroboam's household who died  
a. in the city? I Kings 14:11a \_\_\_\_\_  
b. in the field? I Kings 14:11b \_\_\_\_\_
10. What would happen to the child about whom they now inquired? I Kings  
a. 14:12 \_\_\_\_\_  
b. 14:13 \_\_\_\_\_
11. What would eventually happen to the house of Jeroboam? I Kings 14:14  
\_\_\_\_\_
12. What would eventually happen to Israel because of Jeroboam's sins?  
I Kings 14:15, 16 \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
13. Did God's prophecy concerning Jeroboam's son come true? I Kings 14:17, 18  
\_\_\_\_\_

**QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:**

1. Was Jeroboam wise to think that God's prophet could foretell his son's future, yet could be deceived concerning his wife's identity? Was this realistic?  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. Am I trying to deceive God? In *any* area of my life? *Can* God be fooled? Does He know what I am doing? Will He let me get away with wrong? (See Galatians 6:7, 8)  
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## THE EARLY KINGS OF ISRAEL

### I Kings 15:25 - 16:34

We have seen the example that was set for the nation Israel during the 22-year reign of her first king, Jeroboam. Now see what kind of men followed him as king:

**A. The Second King of Israel:** Read I Kings 15:25-28

1. What was the name of the second king of Israel? I Kings 15:25a  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. How long did he reign? I Kings 15:25b \_\_\_\_\_
3. How is this king described? I Kings 15:26 \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. What happened to end his reign? I Kings 15:27, 28 \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**B. The Third King of Israel:** Read I Kings 15:29-16:7

1. What was the name of this king? I Kings 15:33a \_\_\_\_\_
2. How long did he reign? I Kings 15:33b \_\_\_\_\_
3. How is this king described? I Kings 15:34 \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. What did he do during his reign? I Kings 15:29, 30 \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**C. The Fourth King of Israel:** Read I Kings 16:8-11

1. What was the name of this king? I Kings 16:8a \_\_\_\_\_
2. How long did he reign? I Kings 16:8b \_\_\_\_\_
3. What happened to end his reign? I Kings 16:9, 10 \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. What was he doing at this time? I Kings 16:9b \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**D. The Fifth King of Israel:** Read I Kings 16:12-20

1. What was the name of this king? I Kings 16:15a \_\_\_\_\_
2. How long did he reign? I Kings 16:15b \_\_\_\_\_
3. As soon as he began to reign, what did he do? I Kings 16:11-13 \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. What happened to end his reign? I Kings 16:16-19 \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
5. How is this king described? I Kings 16:19 \_\_\_\_\_  
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**E. The Sixth King of Israel: Read I Kings 16:21-28**

1. What was the name of this king? I Kings 16:23a \_\_\_\_\_
2. How long did he reign? I Kings 16:23b \_\_\_\_\_
3. What was the outstanding event of his reign? I Kings 16:24 \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. How is this king described? I Kings 16:25, 26 \_\_\_\_\_  
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**F. The Seventh King of Israel: Read 1 Kings 16:29-34**

1. What was the name of this king? I Kings 16:29a \_\_\_\_\_
2. How long did he reign? I Kings 16:29b \_\_\_\_\_
3. How is this king described? I Kings 16:30, 33b \_\_\_\_\_  
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4. Whom did this king marry? I Kings 16:31a \_\_\_\_\_  
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5. What new sin did he introduce into Israel? I Kings 16:31b-33a \_\_\_\_\_  
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**QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:**

1. What did all of these kings have in common? What was the one great reason for their sinfulness? 1 Kings 15:26, 34; 16:19, 26, 31. (See Luke 17:1, 2)  
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2. If people follow *my* example, what kind of lives will they lead? Whose example am I now following? (See **III John 11a**)  
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## GOD'S MESSENGER TO KING AHAB

### I Kings 17

With Jeroboam's idolatrous calf-worship now fully established by his successors, and with Ahab's introduction of Baal-worship as well, Israel as a nation was now very far from God and very little concerned about Him. Notice now what God did about this:

**A. God's Message to Ahab:** Read I Kings 17:1

1. Who was sent by God to Ahab? I Kings 17:1a \_\_\_\_\_
2. Notice that he came from Gilead (probably from the city of Tisbeh), across the Jordan River from the city of Samaria, where Ahab lived. What message did he bring to Ahab? I Kings 17:1b \_\_\_\_\_  
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3. For what sin had God previously warned that such a calamity might come to Israel? Deuteronomy 11:16, 17, 28:14, 15, 23 \_\_\_\_\_
4. What had Elijah done, probably before he made this prediction, to bring this situation to pass? (See James 5:17) \_\_\_\_\_
5. What effect would this have upon the nation Israel? (*THINK!*) \_\_\_\_\_  
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**B. God's First Provision for His Messenger:** Read I Kings 17:2-7

1. From Whom did Elijah then receive a message? I Kings 17:2 \_\_\_\_\_
2. Where was he told to go? I Kings 17:3 \_\_\_\_\_  
(Find the probable (traditional) location of this brook on the map on last page.)
3. In what two ways was he told that his needs would be met there? I Kings 17:4
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_
4. What did Elijah do concerning this message? I Kings 17:5 \_\_\_\_\_
5. What happened as a result? I Kings 17:6 \_\_\_\_\_  
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6. After a time, what happened and why? I Kings 17:7 \_\_\_\_\_  
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**C. God's Second Provision for His Messenger:** Read I Kings 17:8-24

1. What again came to Elijah? I Kings 17:8 \_\_\_\_\_
2. Where was he told to go this time? I Kings 17:9a \_\_\_\_\_  
(Locate this city on the map on last page)
3. What was he told would happen to him there? I Kings 17:9b \_\_\_\_\_  
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4. What did Elijah do concerning this message? I Kings 17:10a \_\_\_\_\_  
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5. When Elijah requested food from the widow, what did she say about her food supply?  
I Kings 17:12a \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
6. After she ate this food, what did she expect to do? I Kings 17:12b \_\_\_\_\_
7. What did Elijah tell her to do first, before doing what she planned? I Kings 17:13  
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8. What did he promise her, on the authority of God? I Kings 17:14 \_\_\_\_\_  
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9. What did the woman do concerning this message? I Kings 17:15a  
\_\_\_\_\_
10. What happened as a result? I Kings 17:15b-16 \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
11. What other provision did God later make for this woman through Elijah?  
I Kings 17:17-23 \_\_\_\_\_
12. What did the woman know about Elijah as a result? I Kings 17:24 \_\_\_\_\_  
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**QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:**

1. Why did God meet the needs of Elijah and the widow, when so many others around them were suffering from the drought? I Kings 17:5a, 9, 10a, 14, 15a  
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2. Am I careful to obey every message from the Lord, so that He will be able to bless me even when others around me suffer?  
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## GOD'S MESSENGER TO ALL ISRAEL

### 1 Kings 18:1-40

God's miraculous provision for Elijah continued throughout the long drought. Read the following to discover how long the drought lasted, and what happened to end it:

**A. God's Message to Elijah:** Read 1 Kings 18:1-16

1. By the time the word of the Lord came to Elijah again, how long had the drought lasted? 1 Kings 18:1, Luke 4:25, James 5:17

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2. As a result, what condition existed in Samaria? 1 Kings 18:2b

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3. During this time, what had King Ahab been doing? 1 Kings 18:10

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4. Either during this time or earlier, what had Jezebel done? 1 Kings 18:4a, 13

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5. What had she done for her own false prophets? 1 Kings 18:19

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6. Where did God tell Elijah to go at this time? 1 Kings 18:1b

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7. What did He say He would do? 1 Kings 18:1c

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8. What did Elijah do concerning this message? 1 Kings 18:2a

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9. When Elijah came to them, what were Ahab and his chief servant doing?  
1 Kings 18:3a, 5, 6

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**B. Elijah's Appearance before Ahab:** Read 1 Kings 18:17-24

1. When Ahab saw Elijah, of what did Ahab accuse him? 1 Kings 18:17

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2. Who did Elijah say had brought the trouble upon Israel? 1 Kings 18:18a

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3. For what reason had it come? 1 Kings 18:18b \_\_\_\_\_

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4. What three groups did Elijah tell Ahab to gather together at Mt. Carmel?  
1 Kings 18:19 \_\_\_\_\_

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5. What did Elijah urge the people to do? 1 Kings 18:21

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6. How did he suggest that they prove who was really God? *1 Kings 18:23, 24b*

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7. Did the people agree that this would be a good test? *1 Kings 18:24c*

**C. The Contest between Baal and God: Read 1 Kings 18:25-40**

1. After Baal's prophets had made ready their bull, what did they do?  
*1 Kings 18:26, 28*

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2. How long did they continue to call upon Baal without getting an answer?  
*1 Kings 18:26, 29*

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3. What did Elijah say Baal might be doing, that he could not hear them?  
*1 Kings 18:27*

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4. After Elijah had repaired God's altar and made ready his bull, what did he tell the people to do? *1 Kings 18:33b-34*

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5. Then what three things did Elijah ask God to do? *1 Kings 18:36, 37*

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6. As soon as Elijah had finished his prayer, what happened? *1 Kings 18:38a*

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7. As a result, what was burned up? *1 Kings 18:38b*

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8. As a result of this contest, what did the people decide? *1 Kings 18:39*

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9. What did Elijah then do with the prophets of Baal? *1 Kings 18:40*

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10. After the people had acknowledged that God was the only true God, what did God send to Israel? *1 Kings 18:41, 45*

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**QUESTION FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:**

1. Can there be any possible doubt today who is the only True God? (See Isaiah 42:8)

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2. Have I been guilty of serving false gods? If so, what will God have to do to me to make me give Him His rightful place in my life? (See Romans 1:18, 25) Is this what I want? What should I do instead? (See **1 Kings 18:21**)

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## **GOD'S MESSAGE TO HIS MESSENGER**

### **I Kings 18:41 – 19:18**

Following Elijah's great victory for God on Mt. Carmel, he himself came to the place that he needed a message from God. Read to see what caused this need, and what God did about it:

**A. Elijah's Problem:** Read I Kings 18:41–19:2

1. Following the contest on Mt. Carmel, what had Elijah done to make possible the coming of the great rain? I Kings 18:42, James 5:18

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2. How long would you guess he continued this? I Kings 18:43-44a

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3. When Ahab finally left Mt. Carmel to go to Jezreel, what did Elijah do?  
I Kings 18:46

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4. Locate these two places on the map on the last page, and, using the scale of miles, determine the approximate number of miles Elijah ran: \_\_\_\_\_

5. What would be the effect on Elijah of this great spiritual battle, and physical exertion? (*THINK!*)

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6. When Ahab told wicked Queen Jezebel what Elijah had done, what did she threaten to do to him? I Kings 19:2

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**B. Elijah's Reaction to His Problem:** Read I Kings 19:3, 4

1. As soon as Elijah heard the queen's threat, what he did do? I Kings 19:3

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2. Did God tell him to do this? (*THINK!*)

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3. Trace Elijah's journeys on the map on the last page. When he arrived in the wilderness, what did he request of God? I Kings 19:4

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**C. God's Provisions for His Prophet:** Read I Kings 19:5-18

1. What did Elijah do next, that would help his physical condition? I Kings 19:5a

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2. After this, what did God miraculously provide for him? I Kings 19:5b-7

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3. Then where did he go? I Kings 19:8, 9a

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4. How long did it take him to complete this journey? I Kings 19:8b  
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5. After he arrived there, what did the Lord ask him? I Kings 19:9b  
\_\_\_\_\_
6. Judging from Elijah's answer, how did he feel? I Kings 19:10 and *THINK!*  
\_\_\_\_\_
7. Where did God then tell him to stand? *I Kings 19:11a*  
\_\_\_\_\_
8. What three great demonstrations of God's power then came? I Kings 19:11b-12a  
\_\_\_\_\_
9. What is said of each of these? *I Kings 19:11b-12b*  
\_\_\_\_\_
10. After these three great things, what then came to Elijah? *I Kings 19:12c*  
\_\_\_\_\_
11. When Elijah heard this, what three things did he do? I Kings 19:13a-e  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
12. What question was again asked of him? I Kings 19:13f-h  
\_\_\_\_\_
13. From his answer, would you say that his attitude had changed at all? I Kings 19:14  
\_\_\_\_\_
14. What five jobs did the Lord then give Elijah to do? I Kings 19:15, 16  
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15. What did God say the ones Elijah anointed would do to the worshippers of false gods in Israel? I Kings 19:17  
\_\_\_\_\_
16. What encouraging message did God also give Elijah? I Kings 19:18  
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**QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:**

1. What brought on this period of great discouragement in Elijah's life?  
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2. What is the cure for any discouragement I may have in my life? (See Psalm 42:5, 11; 43:5) \_\_\_\_\_

## A GREAT CRISIS IN ISRAEL

### I Kings 20

After Elijah's discouragement was cured and he went back to work for the Lord, a great crisis arose in Israel. Read now about this crisis and its results:

**A. The Threat to Ahab and Samaria:** Read I Kings 20:1-12

1. What king decided to make war against Ahab and his forces? I Kings 20:1  
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2. After he had besieged the city of Samaria, what did he threaten to take? I Kings 20:3  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. What did Ahab say to this threat? I Kings 20:4  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. What privilege did Ben-hadad's messengers then demand? I Kings 20:5, 6  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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5. After consulting with his officers, what did Ahab reply to this? I Kings 20:9  
\_\_\_\_\_
6. As a result, what did Ben-hadad decide to do? I Kings 20:12f-g  
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**B. The First Battle:** Read I Kings 20:13-21

1. Before the battle, what did a prophet of God promise that the Lord would do?  
I Kings 20:13a-d  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. For what reason would he do this? I Kings 20:13e  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. Notice the specific instructions given by God, I Kings 20:14. Did Ahab obey these instructions? I Kings 20:15  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. What were Ben-hadad and his helpers doing at this time? I Kings 20:12, 16  
\_\_\_\_\_
5. What orders did he give to his army? I Kings 20:18  
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6. What were four outcomes of this first battle? I Kings 20:20, 21  
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**C. The Second Battle:** Read I Kings 20:22-34

1. What did the prophet then tell Ahab he should do? I Kings 20:22a-c  
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2. What did he warn would happen? I Kings 20:22d  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. Why did the Syrians believe they had lost the first battle? I Kings 20:23-25  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. Notice the comparative size of the two armies: I Kings 20:27.
5. In spite of this, what wonderful promise did God send to Ahab? I Kings 20:28a-c, g  
\_\_\_\_\_
6. Why was God going to do this? **I Kings 20:28d-f**  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
7. As a result of this victory, what would Ahab and the Israelites know? I Kings 20:28g  
\_\_\_\_\_
8. What were four results of this battle? I Kings 20:29, 30  
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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
9. When Ahab discovered that Ben-hadad was still alive, what two things did he do?  
I Kings 20:34d, e  
\_\_\_\_\_

**D. God's Evaluation of Ahab's Actions:** Read I Kings 20:35-43

1. Be able to tell the story the disguised prophet told Ahab: I Kings 20:39, 40.
2. What did God say would happen because Ahab had not carried out God's plan?  
I Kings 20:42a, c  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. What was Ahab's reaction to this message? I Kings 20:43  
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**QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:**

1. How long did God help even wicked King Ahab?  
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Why? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Am I ever so busy "here and there" with my own plans and desires that I fail to do what God has planned for me to do? (See Luke 21:34; **John 6:38**)  
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## AHAB AND NABOTH I Kings 21

Although Ahab was heavy and displeased about God's message foretelling the destruction of himself and his people, he did not turn to God. See what he did do:

**A. Ahab's Negotiations with Naboth:** Read I Kings 21:1-4

1. Who owned a vineyard next to Ahab's palace? I Kings 21:1  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. What did Ahab ask Naboth to do? I Kings 21:2a, b  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. For what did Ahab want to use the vineyard, and why? I Kings 21:2c, d  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. What two options did Ahab offer Naboth in return?  
I Kings 21:2e, f
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_
5. Why did Naboth not want to give up the property? I Kings 21:3c, 4d  
(See Leviticus 25:23-34)  
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6. After receiving Naboth's answer, how did Ahab feel? I Kings 21:4a  
\_\_\_\_\_
7. Therefore, what four things did he do? I Kings 21:4a-e
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. \_\_\_\_\_
  - d. \_\_\_\_\_

**B. Jezebel's Actions Concerning Naboth:** Read I Kings 21:5-16

1. Who noticed Ahab's unusual behavior, and asked about it? I Kings 21:5  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. When Ahab told her the reason for his actions, what did she promise to do? I Kings 21:7  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. To whom did she then write letters in Ahab's name, using his official seal?  
I Kings 21:8  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. What did she ask them to get people to accuse Naboth of doing?  
I Kings 21:9, 10b  
\_\_\_\_\_
5. Then what did she ask them to do? I Kings 21:10c  
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6. Did the elders do this? I Kings 21:11-13 \_\_\_\_\_
7. When Jezebel heard this news, what did she tell her husband to do?  
I Kings 21:14, 15 \_\_\_\_\_
8. Did Ahab do as she said? I Kings 21:16 \_\_\_\_\_

**C. God's Message to Ahab:** Read I Kings 21:17-24

1. To whom did God then speak? I Kings 21:17 \_\_\_\_\_
2. What did God tell him to do? I Kings 21:18 \_\_\_\_\_
3. What question was he to ask Ahab? I Kings 21:19a-c \_\_\_\_\_
4. What message was Elijah then to give him? I Kings 21:19d-f \_\_\_\_\_
5. When Elijah found Ahab, what did he say Ahab had done? ***I Kings 21:20f*** \_\_\_\_\_
6. What did he say would happen to
  - a. Ahab himself? I Kings 21:21a \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. His posterity (descendants)? I Kings 21:21b-22, 24 \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. His wife, Jezebel? I Kings 21:23 \_\_\_\_\_

**D. Ahab's Response to God's Message:** Read I Kings 21:25-29

1. How did Ahab compare with all others? ***I Kings 21:25*** \_\_\_\_\_
2. Like whom did he behave? I Kings 21:26 \_\_\_\_\_
3. Yet when he heard God's message, what five things did he do? I Kings 21:27 \_\_\_\_\_
4. Therefore, notice what God said about the promised punishment:  
I Kings 21:28, 29 \_\_\_\_\_

**QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:**

1. Was Naboth's vineyard worth the price Ahab and his family had to pay for it? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Have I ever insisted on having something God in His all-wise providence had withheld from me? What sin(s) did I commit in order to get it? What was the result? Could the punishment have been lighter? On what condition? \_\_\_\_\_



## AHAB'S LATER REIGN I Kings 22:1 - 40

With God's promise of impending doom hanging over him, Ahab continued to reign over Israel. Read to see what took place following this:

**A. Deliberations Concerning Battle:** Read I Kings 22:1-4

1. How long had it been since Israel's last battle with Syria, when Ahab had let Ben-hadad live, and God pronounced doom as a result? I Kings 22:1  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. After this, who came to visit Ahab? I Kings 22:2  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. After talking with his servants, what did Ahab ask his visitor if he would do? I Kings 22:3, 4b  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. From Jehoshaphat's answer, would you say he agreed to go? I Kings 22:4c, d  
\_\_\_\_\_

**B. The Prophets' Advice Concerning the Battle:** Read I Kings 22:5-12

1. What did Jehoshaphat ask Ahab to do before going to battle? I Kings 22:5  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. From whom did Ahab then seek advice? I Kings 22:6a-c  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. What was their advice? I Kings 22:6d, e  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. Was Jehoshaphat satisfied to follow this advice? Why? I Kings 22:7  
\_\_\_\_\_
5. How did Ahab say he felt about the one prophet of the Lord, and why? I Kings 22:8  
\_\_\_\_\_
6. After Ahab sent for Micaiah, notice what the other prophets did: I Kings 22:9-12  
\_\_\_\_\_

**C. Micaiah's Advice Concerning the Battle:** Read I Kings 22:13-23

1. When the messenger told Micaiah what the other prophets and said, and asked him to do likewise, what did he say? I Kings 22:13, 14  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. When the king asked his advice, what was his first answer? I Kings 22:15  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. Did Ahab seem to believe him? I Kings 22:16 (Try to figure out why.)  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. What did Micaiah then indicate would happen if they went to battle? I Kings 22:17  
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5. Notice Ahab's comment, 1 Kings 22:18. Be able to tell the story Micaiah then told: 1 Kings 22:19-22. What did Micaiah say the Lord had done to all Ahab's prophets?
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**D. The Decision Concerning the Battle:** Read 1 Kings 22:24-29

1. What did Ahab's prophet Zedekiah do to God's prophet, Micaiah? 1 Kings 22:24a, b

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  2. Notice his remark: 1 Kings 22:24c. What did Micaiah indicate would tell whether the Spirit of the Lord had spoken through him? 1 Kings 22:25 and *THINK!*

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  3. Where did Ahab then order Micaiah to be placed? 1 Kings 22:26, 27b

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  4. Notice how he was to be treated, and for how long: 1 Kings 22:27c, d
  5. If Ahab returned from battle in peace, what did Micaiah say it would prove? 1 Kings 22:28

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  6. Whose advice did the kings choose to follow? 1 Kings 22:29
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**E. Events during the Battle:** Read 1 Kings 22:30-40

1. Before Ahab went into battle, what did he do? 1 Kings 22:30

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  2. What did the king of Syria command his captains? 1 Kings 22:31

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  3. Against whom did they first fight? 1 Kings 22:32, 33

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  4. What two things then happened to Ahab? 1 Kings 22:34, 35

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  5. Therefore, where did all Israel go? 1 Kings 22:36

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  6. When Ahab's chariot was washed, what happened? 1 Kings 22:38
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**QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:**

1. Was there any prophecy concerning Ahab that was not fulfilled? Did his disguise prevent God from finding him to fulfill these prophecies?

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  2. Has God made any predictions concerning me? Will they come to pass? Can anything I do prevent this? What should I then do? Am I willing to do this? If not, why?
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## **AHAZIAH, EIGHTH KING OF ISRAEL** **I Kings 22:51 – 53; II Kings 1:1 - 18**

After the death of Ahab, the most wicked king of Israel, his son Ahaziah became king of Israel. Study to discover what kind of king he was, and what happened during his reign:

**A. General Description of Ahaziah's Reign:** Read I Kings 22:51-53, II Kings 1:1

1. How long did Ahaziah reign over Israel? I Kings 22:51  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. How is this king described? I Kings 22:52a  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. Whose example did he follow? I Kings 22:52b-e
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. \_\_\_\_\_
4. Of what particular sin was he guilty? I Kings 22:53a  
\_\_\_\_\_
5. How did God feel about Ahaziah's actions? I Kings 22:53b  
\_\_\_\_\_
6. What country, which had served Israel since David's day (II Samuel 8:2), rebelled against Israel during Ahaziah's reign? II Kings 1:1  
\_\_\_\_\_

**B. Ahaziah's Illness:** Read II Kings 1:1-2

1. What happened to make Ahaziah sick? II Kings 1:2a-b  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. To whom did he send messengers to find out whether he would recover from his illness? II Kings 1:2c-d  
\_\_\_\_\_

**C. God's Message to Ahaziah: Read II Kings 1:3, 4**

1. Whom did the Lord give a message for Ahaziah? II Kings 1:3a-c  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. Why did the Lord suggest that Ahaziah had sent the messenger to a heathen god? II Kings 1:3d, e \_\_\_\_\_
3. Because Ahaziah had done this thing, what did God say was going to happen to him? II Kings 1:4 \_\_\_\_\_

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**D. Ahaziah's Reaction to God's Message:** Read 2 Kings 1:5-18

1. When Ahaziah's messengers brought him the message Elijah had given them, what did he ask them? II Kings 1:7  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. After the messengers described him, what did Ahaziah know about him?  
II Kings 1:8b \_\_\_\_\_
3. After this, whom did Ahaziah send to Elijah? II Kings 1:9a  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. What did they ask Elijah to do? II Kings 1:9b-g  
\_\_\_\_\_
5. What was Elijah's answer? II Kings 1:10a-d  
\_\_\_\_\_
6. What happened as a result? II Kings 1:10e, f  
\_\_\_\_\_
7. What did the king do next? II Kings 1:11  
\_\_\_\_\_
8. What happened to these men? II Kings 1:12  
\_\_\_\_\_
9. When the king sent a third captain to Elijah, what did he do before presenting his request? II Kings 1:13, 14  
\_\_\_\_\_
10. After this, what did the angel of the Lord tell Elijah to do? II Kings 1:15  
\_\_\_\_\_
11. After Elijah went to the king and gave him God's message in person, what happened?  
II Kings 1:17a  
\_\_\_\_\_

**QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:**

1. After this, what two things would Ahaziah's armies realize? II Kings 1:3b, 6b, \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. When I need advice or help with the problems of my life, to whom do I go?  
To whom *should* I go? (See Psalm 63:1a)  
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## REVIEW OF THE EARLY YEARS OF NORTHERN ISRAEL AND OF THE BOOK OF I KINGS

As you come to the end of your study of this section, look back over the entire unit, and try to get an overall picture of what you have studied:

### A. Major Persons in This Unit: EARLY KINGS OF NORTHERN ISRAEL:

1. Be able to match these people with their descriptions given below:

1-Jeroboam    2-Nadab    3-Baasha    4-Elah    5-Zimri  
6-Omri    7-Ahab    8-Ahaziah    9-Jehoram    10-Rehoboam

- \_\_\_\_\_ a. Solomon's son under whom Israel was divided  
\_\_\_\_\_ b. First king of Northern Israel, who made Israel to sin  
\_\_\_\_\_ c. King who killed all Jeroboam's household  
\_\_\_\_\_ d. King who killed all Baasha's household  
\_\_\_\_\_ e. Worst king of Northern Israel, who sold self to do evil
2. For extra credit, be able to list in order the first nine kings of Northern Israel as listed under #1.

### B. Authorship and Date of Writing of the Book of 1 Kings:

1. 1 and 2 Kings were one book in the Hebrew Scriptures. Jewish tradition says Jeremiah was their author. They are similar in style to the book of Jeremiah.
2. Was Solomon's temple still standing when the first part of 1 Kings was written? (See 1 Kings 8:8, and *THINK!*) \_\_\_\_\_
3. Therefore, was this book written before or after the destruction of Jerusalem? \_\_\_\_\_

### C. Outline and Key Verse of the Book of 1 Kings:

1. Fill in the blanks to form a two-part outline of the book of 1 Kings:
- a. Chapters 1–11: The \_\_\_\_\_ kingdom under \_\_\_\_\_.
- b. Chapters 12–22: The early years of the \_\_\_\_\_ kingdom.
2. Read 1 Kings 9:4-9. Notice the two choices God placed before Israel, and the promised result of each choice. Which did they choose? \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
3. Notice how the above passage is a good summary of the books of 1 and 2 Kings.

### D. Major Events and Theme of This Unit:

1. For what act was Jeroboam, first king of Northern Israel, noted? 1 Kings 12:28-30  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. What did the next six kings do? 1 Kings 15:25-26, 34; 16:7, 19, 26, 31a  
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3. In addition to the above, what did the seventh king do? I Kings 16:31e-32  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. What two kinds of idolatry thus became established in Northern Israel?  
\_\_\_\_\_
5. Whom did God raise up to bear His messages to
- |                           |                     |
|---------------------------|---------------------|
| a. Jeroboam: 13:1 _____   | c. Ahab: 18:1 _____ |
| 14:2 _____                | 18:36 _____         |
| b. Baasha: 16:7, 12 _____ | 20:13, 22 _____     |
|                           | 20:35 _____         |
6. Besides predicting future events, what miracles were wrought by or for these?
- a. Man of God 13:3, 5 \_\_\_\_\_  
from Judah: 13:4, 6 \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Elijah: 17:3-6 \_\_\_\_\_  
17:11-16 \_\_\_\_\_  
17:17-24 \_\_\_\_\_  
18:30-39 \_\_\_\_\_  
18:46 \_\_\_\_\_  
2 Kings 1:10, 12 \_\_\_\_\_
7. Yet did any of Israel's kings turn back to God because of the prophets? \_\_\_\_\_
8. Therefore, what did God promise He would do to all those of
- a. Jeroboam's household? 1 Kings 14:10, 11 \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Baasha's household? 1 Kings 16:3, 4 \_\_\_\_\_
- c. Ahab's household? 1 Kings 21:21-24 \_\_\_\_\_
- d. The nation Israel? 1 Kings 14:15, 16 \_\_\_\_\_

**QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:**

1. Did it pay Israel's kings to put something other than God first in their lives?  
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2. Have I put something else besides God first in *my* life? Has God warned me about this? What have I done concerning His warnings? Why does it matter that I take the warnings seriously?  
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## THE END OF ELIJAH'S MINISTRY

### 1 Kings 19:15 – 21; 2 Kings 2:1 - 25

It was inevitable that Elijah, the great prophet of God, must sometime end his wonderful ministry on earth. Read the following to discover how this came about, and what unusual circumstances were connected with the close of his ministry:

**A. Elijah's Successor Appointed:** Read 1 Kings 19:15-21

1. While Elijah was at Mt. Horeb (or Sinai), where he had fled from wicked queen Jezebel, whom had God told him to anoint to succeed him as prophet?  
1 Kings 19:16b \_\_\_\_\_
2. What was this man doing when Elijah found him? 1 Kings 19:19b  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. What did Elijah do when he saw him? 1 Kings 19:19b  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. What did Elisha ask to be allowed to do before he began following Elijah?  
1 Kings 19:20, 21 \_\_\_\_\_

**B. The End of Elijah's Ministry:** Read 2 Kings 2:1-12

1. What did the Lord plan to do to end Elijah's ministry? 2 Kings 2:1a  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. From Gilgal, to what city did Elijah say the Lord had called him to go?  
2 Kings 2:2a (Locate both on a map.)  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. What did Elijah tell Elisha to do? 2 Kings 2:2a  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. Did Elisha agree to this? 2 Kings 2:2b  
\_\_\_\_\_
5. What did the sons of the prophets at Bethel tell Elisha? 2 Kings 2:3a  
\_\_\_\_\_
6. Was this news to Elisha? 2 Kings 2:3b  
\_\_\_\_\_
7. What did Elisha say when Elijah told him the Lord had sent him on to Jericho?  
2 Kings 2:4 \_\_\_\_\_
8. What did the sons of the prophets there tell Elisha? 2 Kings 2:5  
\_\_\_\_\_
9. What did Elisha say when Elijah told him the Lord had sent him on to the Jordan River? 2 Kings 2:6  
\_\_\_\_\_
10. What did Elijah do as they came to the Jordan River? 2 Kings 2:8a  
\_\_\_\_\_

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11. What did this make it possible for the two of them to do? 2 Kings 2:8b

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12. When Elijah asked what he should do for Elisha before he was taken from him, what did Elisha request? 2 Kings 2:9b

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13. On what condition did Elijah say he would receive this? 2 Kings 2:10

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14. As they talked together further, what happened to separate them? 2 Kings 2:11a

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15. Then what happened to Elijah? 2 Kings 2:11b

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16. Did Elisha see this? 2 Kings 2:12a

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**C. The Beginning of Elisha's Ministry:** Read 2 Kings 2:13-15, 23-25

1. What fell from Elijah as he went up? 2 Kings 2:13a

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2. What did Elisha do with this before crossing the Jordan River again? 2 Kings 2:14

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3. What did the sons of the prophets who were watching know about him as a result?  
2 Kings 2:15

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4. What did he do that would prove to the men of Jericho that this was true?  
1 Kings 2:19-22

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5. Notice also how those at Bethel could be sure of this: 2 Kings 2:23, 24

**QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:**

1. What was Elisha's main concern in life? (See 2 Kings 2:9b; Psalm 63:1, 2, 8)

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2. Am I so eager for God's best for me that I give up ease and personal comfort?

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## ELISHA AND JEHORAM, NINTH KING OF ISRAEL

### 2 Kings 3

Since Ahaziah, Ahab's son, had no son to reign in his stead, his brother Jehoram (aka Joram) was chosen to lead Israel after Ahaziah's death (2 Kings 1:17). Study his reign below:

#### A. General Description of Jehoram's Reign: Read 2 Kings 3:1-3

1. How long did Jehoram reign? 2 Kings 3:1  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. How did his reign compare with that of his parents? 2 Kings 3:2a  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. What sin, which his parents had introduced into Israel, did he remove?  
2 Kings 3:2b \_\_\_\_\_
4. Yet, what sin did he continue to commit? 2 Kings 3:3  
\_\_\_\_\_

#### B. Jehoram's Great Purpose: Read 2 Kings 3:4-9a

1. What had the king of Moab been giving to the King of Israel until Ahab's death?  
2 Kings 3:4 \_\_\_\_\_
2. What had he done after Ahab died? 2 Kings 3:5  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. Therefore, what did Jehoram decide to do? 2 Kings 3:7b  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. Whom did he ask to help him in this project? 2 Kings 3:7a  
\_\_\_\_\_
5. What other king also joined them? 2 Kings 3:9a  
\_\_\_\_\_

#### C. Jehoram's Great Problem: Read 2 Kings 3:9, 10

1. What great problem arose after these kings and their armies had been travelling seven days? 2 Kings 3:9  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. What did the king of Israel believe was going to happen to all of them as a result?  
2 Kings 3:10 \_\_\_\_\_
3. Who did he feel had brought this problem upon them? 2 Kings 3:10a  
\_\_\_\_\_

#### D. Jehoshaphat's Proposed Solution: Read 2 Kings 3:11-19

1. What did Jehoshaphat, king of Judah, suggest that they should do? 2 Kings 3:11a  
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2. What prophet was there to help at this time? 2 Kings 3:11b  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. When they went to see him, for whose sake did Elisha say he would consider helping Jehoram, king of Israel? 2 Kings 3:14  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. After receiving God's message, what did Elisha tell the three kings to do? 2 Kings 3:16  
\_\_\_\_\_
5. What two things did he promise would happen? 2 Kings 3:17, 18
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_

**E. The Results of Following Jehoshaphat's Proposal:** Read 2 Kings 3:20-27

1. What happened the next morning when they offered their sacrifice unto the Lord? 2 Kings 3:20  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. What did the Moabites see when they came out to fight later on? 2 Kings 3:22  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. What did they think it was, and what did they think had happened? 2 Kings 3:23a  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. What did they come to the camp of Israel expecting to do? 2 Kings 3:23b  
\_\_\_\_\_
5. But what did the Israelites do when their enemies came into their camp? 2 Kings 3:24  
\_\_\_\_\_
6. What did the king of Moab do when he saw that he could not win the battle? 2 Kings 3:27  
\_\_\_\_\_

**QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:**

1. For whose sake did God through Elisha help Jehoram in this way? (See 2 Kings 3:14)  
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2. Am I so wicked that God would not consider helping me except for the godly people who seek Him on my behalf? If so, what should I do? (See Isaiah 55:6, 7 )  
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## ELISHA'S MINISTRY TO THE SONS OF THE PROPHETS

### 2 Kings 4:1 - 7, 38 - 44; 6:1 - 7

In four different ways, Elisha performed a special ministry to meet a need of some of the sons (or pupils) of the prophets. Read about these ministries below:

**A. The Ministry to the Family of a Son of the Prophets:** Read 2 Kings 4:1-7

1. What double problem faced the wife of one of the sons of the prophets?
  - a. 2 Kings 4:1a \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. 2 Kings 4:1b \_\_\_\_\_
2. To whom did the woman go in her distress? 2 Kings 4:1a  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. What did he discover was her only possession? 2 Kings 4:2  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. What did he tell her to do with this? 2 Kings 4:3, 4  
\_\_\_\_\_
5. After she done this, what did Elisha tell her to do with the oil? 2 Kings 4:7a  
\_\_\_\_\_
6. What two things was she then to do with the money? 2 Kings 4:7b  
\_\_\_\_\_

**B. The Ministry to the Sons of the Prophets at Gilgal:** Read 2 Kings 4:38-44

1. As Elisha was teaching the sons of the prophets at Gilgal, what did he ask his servant to do? 2 Kings 4:38  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. What did one of them put into the pot? 2 Kings 4:39  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. What did they realize when they began eating their meal? 2 Kings 4:40  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. Since there was scarcity or famine in the land (2 Kings 4:38), could they afford to throw away this food? (*THINK!*)  
\_\_\_\_\_
5. Therefore, what did Elisha do to remedy the situation? 2 Kings 4:41a  
\_\_\_\_\_
6. What was the result after this? 2 Kings 4:41b  
\_\_\_\_\_
7. At another time, how much food did some one bring to their group? 2 Kings 4:42a  
\_\_\_\_\_
8. What did he tell his servant to do with this food? 2 Kings 4:42b  
\_\_\_\_\_
9. Why did the servant hesitate to do this? 2 Kings 4:43a  
\_\_\_\_\_

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10. What prediction did Elisha make? 2 Kings 4:43b

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11. Did this come to pass? 2 Kings 4:44

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**C. The Ministry to an Individual Son of the Prophets:** Read 2 Kings 6:1-7

1. What did the sons of the prophets decide about the place where they were living with Elisha? 2 Kings 6:1

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2. What did they decide to do about this situation? 2 Kings 6:2

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3. What did one of them ask Elisha to do? 2 Kings 6:3

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4. What happened as one of them was cutting down a tree? 2 Kings 6:5a

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5. Why was he especially concerned about this? 2 Kings 6:5b

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6. What did Elisha do, and what was the result? 2 Kings 6:6, 7

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**QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:**

1. What did each of those studied above do when a need arose? (See Psalm 63:1, 2)

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2. Do I seek the Lord concerning each need of mine? Am I careful to obey His instructions, even if it seem a miracle is needed to meet the need?

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## ELISHA AND THE SHUNAMMITE WOMAN

### 2 Kings 4:8-37

Not only did Elisha minister to the Kings of Israel and the sons or pupils of the prophets, but to the common people as well. Notice this part of his ministry now:

**A. The Woman's Actions toward Elisha:** Read 2 Kings 4:8-10

1. What did a woman with great possessions ask Elisha to do one day when he went to Shunem? (Locate on a map) 2 Kings 4:8b

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2. How often did he do this afterward? 2 Kings 4:8c

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3. What did the woman and her husband realize after a time? 2 Kings 4:9

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4. What did the woman want to do for him? 2 Kings 4:10

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**B. Elisha's Actions toward the Woman:** Read 2 Kings 4:11-17

1. What did Elisha ask the woman after he had enjoyed the comforts of the room which had been furnished for him? 2 Kings 4:13a

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2. Could the woman think of anything she wanted? 2 Kings 4:13b

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3. What did Elisha's servant Gehazi suggest? 2 Kings 4:14

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4. What did Elisha promise the woman after she had been called again?  
2 Kings 4:16a

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5. Did the woman seem to believe this at first? 2 Kings 4:16b

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6. Nevertheless, what happened? 2 Kings 4:17

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**C. The Woman's Later Contact with Elisha:** Read 2 Kings 4:18-37

1. When the child was grown, what happened to him one day when he was out in the field?  
2 Kings 4:18, 19a

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2. What happened after he was brought to his mother? 2 Kings 4:19b-20

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3. What did his mother then do with him? 2 Kings 4:21  
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4. What did she tell her husband she planned to do? 2 Kings 4:22  
\_\_\_\_\_
5. What was her answer to him when he asked why she wanted to do this? 2 Kings 4:23  
\_\_\_\_\_
6. What was her answer to Gehazi, when, after probably five or six hours of hard riding, he asked her of the welfare of herself, her husband, and her child? 2 Kings 4:26  
\_\_\_\_\_
7. After hearing of her trouble, what did Elisha tell Gehazi to do? 2 Kings 4:29  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
8. Did this satisfy the woman? 2 Kings 4:30  
\_\_\_\_\_
9. What was the result of Gehazi's efforts? 2 Kings 4:31  
\_\_\_\_\_
10. What did Elisha do when he arrived where the boy was? 2 Kings 4:33  
\_\_\_\_\_
11. Then what happened after Elisha had stretched himself over the child's body?  
2 Kings 4:34b \_\_\_\_\_
12. What happened after he had done this the second time? 2 Kings 4:35  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:**

1. What might the Shunammite woman have missed if she had not shown kindness to Elisha? (See Hebrews 11:35a; 13:2, Ephesians 4:32)  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. Am I always careful to show my appreciation for the kind things which are done for me?  
What about kindnesses received recently?  
(See Romans 12:10)  
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## ELISHA AND NAAMAN THE SYRIAN

### 2 Kings 5:1-19

The effect of Elisha's wonderful miracles was felt not only in the land of Israel, but even in lands beyond its borders. Read now the story of how this came about:

**A. The Condition of Naaman:** Read 2 Kings 5:1

1. What position did Naaman have? 2 Kings 5:1a  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. How was he esteemed in the sight of his master the King of Syria? 2 Kings 5:1b  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. What had he done to bring this about? 2 Kings 5:1c  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. Although he was a mighty warrior, what great problem did he have? 2 Kings 5:1d  
\_\_\_\_\_

**B. The Recommendation to Naaman:** Read 2 Kings 5:2-7

1. Who waited on Naaman's wife? 2 Kings 5:2  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. What did she recommend that Naaman should do about his great problem?  
2 Kings 5:3 \_\_\_\_\_
3. When the King of Syria heard about this, what did he decide to do? 2 Kings 5:5a  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. To whom did he send Naaman? 2 Kings 5:6  
\_\_\_\_\_
5. Could he do anything to help Naaman? 2 Kings 5:7a  
\_\_\_\_\_
6. Why did he think the King of Syria had sent Naaman to him? 2 Kings 5:7b  
\_\_\_\_\_

**C. The Instructions to Naaman:** Read 2 Kings 5:8-13

1. Who heard about the King of Israel's problem? 2 Kings 5:8a  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. What did he say Naaman should do? 2 Kings 5:8b  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. What would be the result if he did this? 2 Kings 5:8c  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. What did Elisha do when Naaman arrived at his house? 2 Kings 5:10a  
\_\_\_\_\_
5. What instructions were given to Naaman? 2 Kings 5:10b  
\_\_\_\_\_

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6. How did Naaman feel about what was done? 2 Kings 5:11a

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7. What had he thought would be done for him? 2 Kings 5:11b

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8. What did he think would be just as good as what Elisha had told him to do?  
2 Kings 5:12a

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9. What was his first reaction to these instructions? 2 Kings 5:12b

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10. Who caused him to re-consider? 2 Kings 5:13a

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11. Of what did they remind him? 2 Kings 5:13b

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**D. The Results to Naaman:** Read 2 Kings 5:14-19

1. What happened when Naaman finally obeyed Elisha's instructions? 2 Kings 5:14

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2. What did he know as a result of this experience? 2 Kings 5:15c

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3. What did he want to give Elisha? 2 Kings 5:15d, 16

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4. What did he promise that he would do in the future? 2 Kings 5:17

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**QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:**

1. Have I ever had a disease as terrible as Naaman's leprosy? (See Isaiah 1:4-6)

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2. Do I really *want* to be rid of this disease? Enough to forsake my own ideas and obey God's instructions? (See Isaiah 1:16-18; Psalm 51:2, 7; 1 John 1:7, 9)

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## ELISHA AND GEHAZI

### 2 Kings 5:20-27

The coming of Naaman the Syrian to Elisha aroused certain thoughts in the heart of Gehazi, Elisha's servant. Read about these thoughts and their results below:

**A. Gehazi's Purpose:** Read 2 Kings 5:20

1. What part of Elisha's dealings with Naaman did Gehazi feel was not right?  
2 Kings 5:20a \_\_\_\_\_
2. What did he purpose to do to correct this situation? 2 Kings 5:20b  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. Was there anything wrong with Gehazi's behavior thus far? (See Exodus 20:17)  
\_\_\_\_\_

**B. Gehazi's Method of Carrying Out His Purpose:** Read 2 Kings 5:21-24

1. What did Naaman do when he saw Gehazi running after him? 2 Kings 5:21a  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. What did he ask Gehazi? 2 Kings 5:21b  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. What was Gehazi's first statement in explaining why he had come? 2 Kings 5:22a  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. Was this true? What was he doing when he said that? (See Exodus 20:16)  
\_\_\_\_\_
5. What was the second statement of his explanation? 2 Kings 5:22b  
\_\_\_\_\_
6. Was this true?  
\_\_\_\_\_
7. For whom did he say the gifts were to be used? 2 Kings 5:22c  
\_\_\_\_\_
8. Was this true? \_\_\_\_\_
9. How did Naaman feel about giving the gifts to Gehazi? 2 Kings 5:23a  
\_\_\_\_\_
10. Whom did he send to carry the gifts for Gehazi? 2 Kings 5:23b  
\_\_\_\_\_
11. Why did Gehazi not allow them to carry the gifts all the way to Elisha's house?  
(*THINK!*) \_\_\_\_\_
12. What did he do with them before he arrived at home? 2 Kings 5:24  
\_\_\_\_\_

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**C. The Results of Gehazi's Purpose:** Read 2 Kings 5:25-27

1. What did Elisha ask Gehazi after he returned to the house? 2 Kings 5:25a  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. What did he answer? 2 Kings 5:25a  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. Was this true? Why did he tell Elisha this? (*THINK!*)  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. How did Elisha feel about what Gehazi had done? 2 Kings 5:26a and *THINK!*  
\_\_\_\_\_
5. What should Gehazi have been concerned about, rather than receiving gifts?  
2 Kings 5:26c and *THINK!*  
\_\_\_\_\_
6. What did Elisha say was to be his punishment for this? 2 Kings 5:27a  
\_\_\_\_\_
7. Did this come to pass? How soon? 2 Kings 5:27b  
\_\_\_\_\_
8. Was what Gehazi received worth this price which he had to pay for it? (*THINK!*)  
(See Romans 6:23)  
\_\_\_\_\_

**QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:**

1. Did Gehazi really *need* the things he coveted? If he had needed them, was there any *right* way he could have gotten them? (See Philippians 4:19)  
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2. What do I want, that God has not seen fit to give me? Do I pursue figuring out how to get it in my own way, without God's permission? \_\_\_\_\_

## ELISHA AND THE ARMIES OF SYRIA

### 2 Kings 6:8 - 23

Ever since the days of King Ahab, the Syrians and the Israelites had fought periodically against each other. Read now to see what happened between these two countries after the cleansing of Naaman the leper:

#### A. The King of Syria's Problem: Read 2 Kings 6:8-12

1. Who started the conflict between the two countries at this time? 2 Kings 6:8  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. After this king planned where he would put his camp, or headquarters, who told the king of Israel about his plans? 2 Kings 6:9  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. How do you suppose this person learned of the enemy king's plans? (*THINK!*)  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. What happened because the king of Israel learned about his enemy's plans?  
2 Kings 6:10 \_\_\_\_\_
5. How did the king of Syria feel about this? 2 Kings 6:11a  
\_\_\_\_\_
6. What did he think was happening? 2 Kings 6:11b  
\_\_\_\_\_
7. To what extent were his plans known to his enemies? 2 Kings 6:12b  
\_\_\_\_\_

#### B. The King of Syria's Plan: Read 2 Kings 6:13, 14

1. When the king of Syria learned that it was Elisha who was revealing his secrets to the king of Israel, what did he plan to do? 2 Kings 6:13  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. What did he send to Dothan to accomplish this purpose? 2 Kings 6:14a  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. What did they do when they arrived there? 2 Kings 6:14b  
\_\_\_\_\_

#### C. The Results of the King of Syria's Plan: Read 2 Kings 6:15-23

1. What did Elisha's servant say when he discovered what had happened during the night? 2 Kings 6:15  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. What did Elisha tell him? 2 Kings 6:16  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. What did Elisha ask the Lord to do for his servant? 2 Kings 6:17a  
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4. What did his servant see after this? 2 Kings 6:17b

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5. Then what did Elisha pray that the Lord would do? 2 Kings 6:18a

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6. Did the Lord do this? 2 Kings 6:18b

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7. What did Elisha then tell the enemies? 2 Kings 6:19a

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8. What did he promise to do if they would follow him? 2 Kings 6:19b

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9. Where did he lead them? 2 Kings 6:19c

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10. When they arrived there, what did Elisha then pray? 2 Kings 6:20

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11. What did the king of Israel ask when he saw all his enemies captured by the one prophet? 2 Kings 6:21

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12. What was he told to do instead? 2 Kings 6:22

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13. What happened because of this incident? 2 Kings 6:23b

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**QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:**

1. What was the secret of Elisha's complete defeat of his enemy? (See Psalm 46:1, 2a)

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2. Are there any supernatural forces available to me for the defeat of the great enemy of my soul? How do I obtain such help? (See 2 Kings 6:17a, 18a, 20a)

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## ELISHA AND THE PEOPLE OF SAMARIA

### 2 Kings 6:24 - 7:20

Although Elisha's capture of the roving bands or companies of Syrians kept them from invading Israel any more, this event did not stop the king of Syria and his trained army from coming to Israel. Read now about their next attack on Israel:

#### A. Conditions in the City of Samaria: Read 2 Kings 6:24-33

1. What did the king of Syria and his armies do against Israel at this time? 2 Kings 6:24  
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2. What came to Samaria because of this? 2 Kings 6:25a  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. What two things were they selling for food at this time? 2 Kings 6:25b  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. Do you think these prices were high, or low? 2 Kings 6:25b  
\_\_\_\_\_
5. To whom did a woman of the city cry out for help? 2 Kings 6:26  
\_\_\_\_\_
6. Who did he say was the only one who could help her? 2 Kings 6:27  
\_\_\_\_\_
7. Notice the agreement she and another woman had made: 2 Kings 6:28.  
What had they actually done to her son? 2 Kings 6:29a  
\_\_\_\_\_
8. But what had happened when the time came to eat the other woman's son?  
2 Kings 6:29b \_\_\_\_\_
9. What did the king do when he heard how bad conditions had become in the city?  
2 Kings 6:30a \_\_\_\_\_
10. What did the people notice he was wearing? 2 Kings 6:30b  
\_\_\_\_\_
11. Whom did the king blame for conditions in the city? 2 Kings 6:31  
\_\_\_\_\_
12. What did he plan to do to him, and when? 2 Kings 6:31, 32a  
\_\_\_\_\_
13. Read Leviticus 26:21, 29 and Deuteronomy 28:15, 53 and tell what really had caused these terrible conditions:  
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#### B. Elisha's Prediction: Read 2 Kings 7:1, 2

1. After the king had sent messengers to kill Elisha, what two things did Elisha say they would have to eat by that time the next day? 2 Kings 7:1  
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2. Would they be sold for high prices, or low? 2 Kings 7:1

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3. Who did Elisha say had promised these things? 2 Kings 7:1a

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4. What did the servant of the king say God would have to do to make such a thing come to pass? 2 Kings 7:2b

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5. Do you think he believed Elisha's prediction? What did Elisha tell him after this? 2 Kings 7:2c

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**C. The Results of Elisha's Prediction:** Read 2 Kings 7:3-20

1. Who were lingering outside the city gate? 2 Kings 7:3

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2. Since they were sure to die regardless of where they went, where did they decide to go? 2 Kings 7:4

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3. What did they discover when they arrived there? 2 Kings 7:5b

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4. What had the Syrians heard that had caused them to flee? 2 Kings 7:6a-7

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5. What did the lepers do at first? 2 Kings 7:8a

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6. After they began to think, what did they decide to do? 2 Kings 7:9b

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7. After sending messengers to investigate, whom did the king appoint to have charge of the gate of the city? 2 Kings 7:17a

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8. What did the people do to him in their eagerness to get to the food which was now so plentiful? 2 Kings 7:16, 17b

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**QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:**

1. Has God ever made promises to me concerning the meeting of my great needs?

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2. What will happen to me, if I do not believe His Word? (See Hebrews 3:19, 4:1)

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## **ELISHA'S FURTHER MINISTRY**

### **2 Kings 8:1-15**

Following the siege of Samaria, Elisha continued his ministry, even going beyond the limits of his own country, Israel. See now just where he went and to whom he spoke:

**A. Elisha and Events in Israel:** Read 2 Kings 8:1-6

1. To whom did Elisha speak? 2 Kings 8:1a  
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2. What did he say the Lord was going to send in Israel? 2 Kings 8:1c  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. How long would this last? 2 Kings 8:1d  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. Therefore, what did he advise her and her household to do? 2 Kings 8:1b  
\_\_\_\_\_
5. Did the woman do as Elisha had suggested? 2 Kings 8:2a  
\_\_\_\_\_
6. Where did she go? 2 Kings 8:2b  
\_\_\_\_\_
7. When the seven years had passed, what two things did the woman do? 2 Kings 8:3
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_
8. With whom was the king talking? 2 Kings 8:4a  
\_\_\_\_\_
9. What had the king asked him to tell him? 2 Kings 8:4b  
\_\_\_\_\_
10. What was one of the incidents Gehazi related to the king? 2 Kings 8:5a  
\_\_\_\_\_
11. What happened as he was telling of this event? 2 Kings 8:5b, c  
\_\_\_\_\_
12. After questioning the woman, what did the king appoint an officer to do? 2 Kings 8:6  
\_\_\_\_\_

**B. Elisha and the Kings of Syria:** Read 2 Kings 8:7-15

1. To what city did Elisha then journey? 2 Kings 8:7a  
(Locate on a map.) In what country was it located? 2 Kings 8:7b  
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2. What was the condition of Ben-hadad, king of Syria, at this time? 2 Kings 8:7b  
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3. When he heard that Elisha was there, what did he tell Hazael to ask him?  
2 Kings 8:7c-8  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. What did Hazael take with him as he went to see Elisha? 2 Kings 8:9  
\_\_\_\_\_
5. What two things did Elisha tell Hazael? 2 Kings 8:10
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_
6. When Elisha looked piercingly at Hazael, how did Hazael feel? 2 Kings 8:11a  
\_\_\_\_\_
7. Then what did Elisha do? 2 Kings 8:11b  
\_\_\_\_\_
8. When Hazael asked him why he did this, what did Elisha say? 2 Kings 8:12a, b  
\_\_\_\_\_
9. What four things did Elisha say Hazael would do to the Israelites? 2 Kings 8:12c
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. \_\_\_\_\_
  - d. \_\_\_\_\_
10. When Hazael asked how this could be, what did Elisha tell him? 2 Kings 8:13  
\_\_\_\_\_
11. Did Hazael report all of Elisha's message to the king? 2 Kings 8:14  
\_\_\_\_\_
12. What did Hazael do the very next day? 2 Kings 8:15
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_

**QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:**

1. Through whose power did Elisha predict the coming famine in Israel? The change of kings in Syria? Who arranged that the Shunammite woman arrived just as the king was hearing what Elisha had done for her son?  
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2. Is God's power at work in behalf of those who live today? Can God reveal *my* future, and arrange details of my life, so that they work out perfectly? (See Romans 8:28)  
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## ELISHA AND JEHU, TENTH KING OF ISRAEL

### 2 Kings 8:28 - 10:30

It was not long before Elisha's predictions concerning Hazael's treatment of the Israelites began to be fulfilled. Read about the first recorded contact and its results:

**A. Israel's Battle with Syria:** Read 2 Kings 8:28, 29

1. What did Joram (Jehoram) king of Israel do? 2 Kings 8:28a

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2. Where did this battle take place? 2 Kings 8:28a

\_\_\_\_\_ (Locate this place on a map)

3. What happened in this battle? 2 Kings 8:28b

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4. Where did Joram go after this? 2 Kings 8:29a

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5. Who came to see him there? 2 Kings 8:29b

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**B. Elisha's Message to Jehu:** Read 2 Kings 9:1-10

1. Whom did Elisha send to Ramoth-gilead? 2 Kings 9:1

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2. To whom did he send him? 2 Kings 9:2

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3. What was he to do and say to him? 2 Kings 9:3a, b

a. \_\_\_\_\_

b. \_\_\_\_\_

4. Then what was he to do? 2 Kings 9:3c

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5. When the messenger did as Elisha had said, what did he say Jehu should do?

2 Kings 9:7 \_\_\_\_\_

6. Notice the extent to which Ahab's descendants were to be smitten: 2 Kings 9:8-10

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**C. Jehu's Response to Elisha's Message:** Read 2 Kings 9:11-10:30

1. When Jehu told the other captains of Elisha's message (11-12), what did they do?

2 Kings 9:13 \_\_\_\_\_

2. After asking them to make sure word did not get to Jezreel (15c), what did Jehu do?

2 Kings 9:16 \_\_\_\_\_

3. When the watchman of Jezreel spied him coming, what did the king send a messenger to ask? 2 Kings 9:17, 18a

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4. When neither this messenger nor the second returned, what did Joram and his visitor do? 2 Kings 9:21b  
\_\_\_\_\_
5. Where did they meet Jehu? 2 Kings 9:21c  
\_\_\_\_\_
6. After Joram discovered Jehu's intentions and began to flee (22, 23) what did Jehu do to him? 2 Kings 9:24  
\_\_\_\_\_
7. Where did Jehu tell his captain to cast Joram, and why? 2 Kings 9:25, 26  
\_\_\_\_\_
8. When Ahaziah, king of Judah, also a descendant of Ahab 2 Kings 8:25-27 fled, what did Jehu's men do? 2 Kings 9:27  
\_\_\_\_\_
9. When Jezebel heard of Jehu's arrival in Jezreel, what did she do? 2 Kings 9:30  
\_\_\_\_\_
10. When Jehu heard her jeers (31), what did he ask those on his side to do?  
2 Kings 9:32, 33a  
\_\_\_\_\_
11. When they obeyed, what two things happened to her? 2 Kings 9:33c, d
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_
12. When Jehu later sent men to bury her, what did they find, and why? 2 Kings 9:35-37  
\_\_\_\_\_
13. What was then done to the seventy sons of Ahab, and why? 2 Kings 10:6-7, 10  
\_\_\_\_\_
14. Who else was also killed? 2 Kings 10:11, 17  
\_\_\_\_\_
15. What others did Jehu also destroy from the land? 2 Kings 10:18-28  
\_\_\_\_\_
16. Because Jehu had done what God commanded him, what did God promise him?  
2 Kings 10:30 \_\_\_\_\_

**QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:**

1. Was there anything lacking of all God's promised punishments to Ahab?  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. Could I ever expect to avoid God's promised punishments to me?  
(See Numbers 23:19; Hebrews 10:26, 27; Ezra 18:4b; Romans 6:23a; Hebrews 9:27;  
Matthew 24:35, 5:18; 1 Peter 1:23, 25)  
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## ELISHA AND THE DESCENDANTS OF JEHU

### 2 Kings 10:28 – 36, 13:1 – 25, 14:23 – 29, 15:8 – 12

Now that Ahab and all who supported him were destroyed, Jehu and his descendants had full control of Israel. Read now to see how they reigned as kings:

**A. The Later Reign of Jehu:** Read 2 Kings 10:28-36

1. How did Jehu live after he had received God's wonderful promise? 2 Kings 10:28-31  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. Therefore, what did God begin to do to Israel in his days? 2 Kings 10:32, 33  
\_\_\_\_\_

**B. The Reign of Jehoahaz, Eleventh King of Israel:** Read 2 Kings 13:1-9

1. What kind of king was Jehoahaz, son of Jehu? 2 Kings 13:2  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. Therefore, how did the Lord feel toward Israel? 2 Kings 13:3a  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. What did He allow to happen to them? 2 Kings 13:3b, 7  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. What did Jehoahaz finally do? 2 Kings 13:4a  
\_\_\_\_\_
5. What did the Lord then do for Israel? 2 Kings 13:4b, 5  
\_\_\_\_\_
6. Yet what did Israel do after this? 2 Kings 13:6  
\_\_\_\_\_

**C. The Reign of Jehoash, Twelfth King of Israel:** Read 2 Kings 13:10-25

1. What kind of king was Jehoash? 2 Kings 13:11  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. What happened to Elisha during his reign? 2 Kings 13:14a  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. When Jehoash went to see Elisha, what did Elisha tell him to do? 2 Kings 13:15-17a  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. What did Elisha then say the arrow represented? 2 Kings 13:17b  
\_\_\_\_\_
5. Then what did he tell Jehoash to do with the arrows? 2 Kings 13:18a  
\_\_\_\_\_
6. How many times did Jehoash do this? 2 Kings 13:18b  
\_\_\_\_\_
7. What did Elisha say he should have done? 2 Kings 13:19a  
\_\_\_\_\_

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8. What would happen because he had stopped after three times? 2 Kings 13:19b  
\_\_\_\_\_
9. What happened to Elisha after this? 2 Kings 13:20a  
\_\_\_\_\_
10. What happened when they later hastily buried a man in Elisha's grave? 2 Kings 13:21  
\_\_\_\_\_
11. Why was the Lord gracious to Israel at this time? 2 Kings 13:23  
\_\_\_\_\_
12. What did he allow Jehoash to do? 2 Kings 13:25  
\_\_\_\_\_

**D. The Reign of Jeroboam, Thirteenth King of Israel:** Read 2 Kings 14:23-29

1. What kind of king was Jeroboam? (called Jeroboam 2) 2 Kings 14:24  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. What prophet prophesied during his days? 2 Kings 14:25b  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. Although God allowed Israel to be bitterly afflicted, what did he still refuse to do ?  
2 Kings 14:26, 27 \_\_\_\_\_

**F. The Reign of Zachariah, Fourteenth King of Israel:** Read 2 Kings 15:8-12

1. What kind of king was Zachariah? 2 Kings 15:9  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. What happened to end his reign after only six months? 2 Kings 15:10  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. Notice what promise of God had now been fulfilled: 2 Kings 15:12  
\_\_\_\_\_

**QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:**

1. Why did the Lord not allow Jehu's descendants to continue being kings?  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. How do I react to the wonderful promises God has given me? Do I show my appreciation for them by the way I live? (See 1 Samuel 12:24)  
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## THE LAST KINGS OF ISRAEL

### 2 Kings 15:13 – 31, 17:1 – 41

After Jehu's descendants lost the throne of Israel, others continued as kings of that nation. Read to see who they were, and what happened during their reigns:

**A. The Reign of Shallum, Fifteenth King of Israel:** Read 2 Kings 15:13-15

1. How long did this king reign? 2 Kings 15:13  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. What happened to end his reign? 2 Kings 15:14  
\_\_\_\_\_

**B. The Reign of Menahem, Sixteenth King of Israel:** Read 2 Kings 15:16-22

1. How long did this king reign? 2 Kings 15:17  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. What kind of king was he? 2 Kings 15:18  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. Notice what he did to the women of Tiphseh, a city on the Euphrates River just below Haran, because the city would not open to him: 2 Kings 15:16
4. What enemy came against Israel during his reign? 2 Kings 15:19a;  
1 Chronicles 5:6, 26 \_\_\_\_\_
5. What did Menahem give him to cause him to turn back? 2 Kings 15:19b, 20  
\_\_\_\_\_
6. To whom should he have looked during this crisis, according to the prophet Hosea?  
(See Hosea 5:13, 7:1, 8:9)  
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**C. The Reign of Pekahiah, Seventeenth King of Israel:** Read 2 Kings 15:23-26

1. How long did this king reign? 2 Kings 15:23  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. What kind of king was he? 2 Kings 15:24  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. What happened to end his reign? 2 Kings 15:25  
\_\_\_\_\_

**D. The Reign of Pekah, Eighteenth King of Israel:** Read 2 Kings 15:27-31

1. How long did this king reign? 2 Kings 15:27  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. What kind of king was he? 2 Kings 15:28  
\_\_\_\_\_

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3. What did the king of Assyria do to parts of Israel during his reign? 2 Kings 15:29b  
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4. What happened to end this king's reign? 2 Kings 15:30  
\_\_\_\_\_

**D. The Reign of Hoshea, Nineteenth King of Israel:** Read 2 Kings 17:1-41

1. How long did this king reign? 2 Kings 17:1b  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. What kind of king was he? 2 Kings 17:2  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. What was his relationship to the King of Assyria? 2 Kings 17:3  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. What did this king do when Hoshea rebelled against him? 2 Kings 17:4b, 5  
\_\_\_\_\_
5. What did this king do in the ninth year of Hoshea's reign? 2 Kings 17:6a  
\_\_\_\_\_
6. On a map, find where the Israelites were placed: 2 Kings 17:6b  
\_\_\_\_\_
7. For what great sin did this happen to Israel? 2 Kings 17:7b, 10a, 12a, 16b  
\_\_\_\_\_
8. What made Israel even more guilty in God's sight? 2 Kings 17:13, 14  
\_\_\_\_\_
9. What did the people whom Assyria afterwards placed in the cities of Israel do?  
2 Kings 17:33, 41  
\_\_\_\_\_
10. Of what New Testament people were these people the ancestors? (See John 4:9)  
\_\_\_\_\_
11. Do you think Israel ever returned to her own land?  
\_\_\_\_\_

**QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:**

1. Was there anything that God might have done for Israel that He did not do?  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. Why is it serious if I refuse to heed God's warnings?  
(See Proverbs 29:1; Hebrews 9:27)  
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## REVIEW OF THE LATER YEARS OF NORTHERN ISRAEL AND OF 2 KINGS (chapters 1-17)

As you come to the end of your study of this section, look back over the entire unit, and try to get an overall picture of what you have studied:

### A. Major Persons in This Study:

1. Match these people with their descriptions below (not all answers are used).

10-Jehu    11-Jehoahaz    12-Jehoash    13-Jeroboam 2    14-Zachariah  
15-Shallum    16-Menahem    17-Pekahiah    18-Pekah    19-Hoshea

- \_\_\_\_\_ a. Wicked son of Ahab.  
\_\_\_\_\_ b. King of Israel who destroyed all Ahab's household.  
\_\_\_\_\_ c. King of Israel during time of greatest prosperity.  
\_\_\_\_\_ d. King of Israel when it was carried captive.

Fill in the blank with the correct name.

- \_\_\_\_\_. Main prophet of the later years of Northern Israel.  
\_\_\_\_\_. Servant of this prophet.  
\_\_\_\_\_. Woman who made a room for Elisha.  
\_\_\_\_\_. Man Elisha healed from leprosy.  
\_\_\_\_\_. King of Syria who besieged Samaria.

2. Be able to list in order the last 10 kings of Northern Israel as listed under #1.

### B. Outline and Key Verse of the Book of 2 Kings:

1. Fill in the blanks to form a two-part outline of the book of 2 Kings:  
a. Chapters 1-17: The later years of the \_\_\_\_\_ kingdom  
until the \_\_\_\_\_ of Northern Israel:  
b. Chapters 18-25: The later years of Southern \_\_\_\_\_ until her  
captivity.
2. What were the two main events in Israel during 2 Kings? 2 Kings 17:22, 23  
a. \_\_\_\_\_  
b. \_\_\_\_\_
3. What was the main event in Judah during 2 Kings? 2 Kings 24:2  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. Notice how these passages make a good summary of 2 Kings. (See also 10:10,32)

### C. Authorship, Date of Writing and Purpose of the book of 2 Kings:

1. Remember that 1 and 2 Kings were one book in the Hebrew Scriptures,  
with Jeremiah as their author.
2. Evidently Jeremiah wrote the book not long before the captivity of Judah.

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3. The purpose of the book was to warn Judah that if she continued in her sin, the same fate would overtake her which overtook the northern kingdom, Israel.

**D. Major Events and Theme of This Study:**

1. What two things were true of all the kings of Israel studied in the study?  
2 Kings 8:18c, 3:2, 3, 19:31, 13:2, 5, 13:11, 14:24, 15:9, 18, 28,17:2  
a. \_\_\_\_\_  
b. \_\_\_\_\_
2. Who seems to have followed the example of the kings? 2 Kings 17:7-12, 22, 13:6  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. What was the main sin of Israel? 2 Kings 17:12, 10, 16  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. Whom did God raise up to bear His messages to:  
a. Jehoram, Jehu, Jehoahaz and Jehoash? 2 Kings 3:11b, 9:1-20, 13:14  
\_\_\_\_\_
- b. Jeroboam? 2 Kings 14:25c, Hosea 1:1, Amos 1:1  
\_\_\_\_\_
5. Besides predicting future events, what miracles were wrought by Elisha?  
a. 2:14 \_\_\_\_\_ h. 4:42, 44 \_\_\_\_\_  
b. 2:19-22 \_\_\_\_\_ i. 5:10-14 \_\_\_\_\_  
c. 2:23, 24 \_\_\_\_\_ j. 5:20-27 \_\_\_\_\_  
d. 3:16-20 \_\_\_\_\_ k. 6:5-7 \_\_\_\_\_  
e. 4:2-7 \_\_\_\_\_ l. 6:18-20 \_\_\_\_\_  
f. 4:32-37 \_\_\_\_\_ m. 13:21 \_\_\_\_\_  
g. 4:38-41 \_\_\_\_\_
6. Yet did any of Israel's kings turn back to God because of the prophet?  
\_\_\_\_\_
7. Therefore, what did God finally do to all those of  
a. Ahab's household? 2 Kings 10:11, 17  
\_\_\_\_\_
- b. the nation of Israel? 2 Kings 17:6, 18, 23  
\_\_\_\_\_

**QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:**

1. Did it pay Israel to continue in sin after God had repeatedly warned her about it?  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. Do I ever keep on doing something after I have been warned that it is wrong? What can I do to avoid the consequences of my wrong or foolish choices?  
\_\_\_\_\_