

Lesson 1

ASSIGNMENT: Read 1 Kings 12:1-14:20 and 2 Chronicles 10:1-11:4 and answer the following questions.

Division of the Kingdom (ch. 12, 2 Chronicles 10:1-11:4)

1. What request did Jeroboam and the rest of Israel make to Rehoboam?
2. What two groups of people did Rehoboam go to for advice on this matter? Whose advice did he accept?
3. How did Israel react when they heard that Rehoboam was going to make their burdens even heavier?
4. Who was "working behind the scenes" to bring about this division in the kingdom? (1 Kings 12:15, 22-24).
5. Which tribe joined with Judah in making up one kingdom? (1 Kings 12:21).
6. Why did Jeroboam decide to set up idols at Bethel and Dan? (1 Kings 12:26-29).

A Prophecy Concerning the Altar at Bethel (ch. 13)

7. What was the prophet's message concerning the altar at Bethel?
8. Did Jeroboam have good reason to believe the man of God was telling the truth?
9. What mistake did this man of God make on his way home? How was he punished? How does Galatians 1:8-9 tie in with this story?
10. Did Jeroboam turn from his evil ways?

A Prophecy Against the House of Jeroboam and Against the Kingdom of Israel (14:1-20)

11. Why did Jeroboam want his wife to disguise herself from Ahijah? See if 1 Kings 11:38 will help you answer this question.
12. Ahijah makes three predictions:
 - a. What was the prediction about the house of Jeroboam?
 - b. What was the prediction about the sick child?
 - c. What was the prediction about Israel?

Lesson 2

ASSIGNMENT: Read 1 Kings 14:21-16:20 and 2 Chronicles 11:5-ch. 16 and answer the following questions.

Reign of Rehoboam in Judah (14:21-31, 2 Chronicles 11:5-12:16)

1. What were the first three years of Rehoboam's reign like? (2 Chron. 11:13-17).
2. What did Rehoboam do that was very similar to what his father had done? (2 Chron. 11:18-23).
3. What happened after Rehoboam had become strong? (2 Chron. 12, 1 Kings 14:22-28).
4. Did Rehoboam and Jeroboam get along very well?

Successors of Rehoboam in Judah

Abijam, called Abijah in Chronicles (1 Kings 15:1-8, 2 Chron. 13); Asa (15:9-24, 2 Chron. 14-16)

5. How long did Abijam reign over Judah?
6. Was he a good king?
7. How well did he do in war against Jeroboam?
8. The first ten years of Asa's reign were peaceful. What were some things he did during this period? (2 Chron. 14:1-8).
9. Name one time when Asa failed to show trust in God.
10. How long did Asa reign?

Successors of Jeroboam in Israel up to Omri

Nadab (15:25-31); Baasha (15:32-16:7); Elah (16:8-14); Zimri (16:15-20)

11. What kind of man was Nadab?
12. How did Baasha become king?
13. What prophecy did Baasha help fulfill?
14. What message from the Lord did Jehu deliver to Baasha?
15. How did Elah's short reign come to an end?
16. How did Zimri die?

Lesson 3

ASSIGNMENT: Read 1 Kings 16:21-ch. 19 and answer the following questions.

Omri's Reign (16:21-28); Ahab Begins His Reign (16:29-34)

1. Who did Omri have to compete with for the throne?
2. What city did Omri build?
3. Who did Ahab take for a wife?
4. Who did Ahab begin to worship?

The Great Famine (ch. 17)

5. How long did this drought last? See James 5:16-18.
6. How did God take care of Elijah during this drought?
7. In what two ways was Elijah a blessing to the widow?
8. How did this widow react when her son was brought back to life?

The Contest on Mount Carmel (ch. 18)

9. What did Jezebel do to some of the Lord's prophets?
10. How had Obadiah saved some of the prophets' lives?
11. What challenge did Elijah put before Israel? (v. 21).
12. How did Elijah propose that they find out who was really God?
13. What was the effect on the people when Elijah's sacrifice was consumed with fire? (v. 39).
14. Did God answer Elijah's prayer for rain immediately?

Elijah at Mount Horeb (ch. 19)

15. What did Jezebel intend to do to Elijah?
16. Why was Elijah so discouraged at this time?
17. Was Elijah as alone as he thought he was? (v. 18). See also Romans 11:2-4.
18. What three actions was Elijah to take? (vv. 15-16).

Lesson 4

ASSIGNMENT: Read 1 Kings 20-22:40 and answer the following questions.

War With Syria (ch. 20)

Events Leading to War (20:1-15); The First Battle (20:16-31); Syria Changes Strategy (20:22-25); Second Battle (20:26-30); Ahab's Treaty With Ben-Hadad (20:31-34); A Prophet Rebukes Ahab (20:35-43)

1. What advice did the elders and all the people give Ahab about the demands Ben-Hadad was making?
2. Why was God going to give victory to Ahab? (v. 13).
3. Who attacked whom in the first battle?
4. What two changes of strategy were suggested by Ben-Hadad's advisers?
5. How many Syrians were killed in the second battle?
6. Did God want Ahab to make this treaty with Ben-Hadad?

Naboth's Vineyard (ch. 21)

7. Why did Naboth refuse to give up his vineyard?
8. How did Jezebel arrange for Ahab to get this vineyard?
9. What judgment was to come upon the house of Ahab?
10. Why was this judgment delayed?

The Battle of Ramoth Gilead and the Death of Ahab (22:1-40)

11. Why was this battle fought? (vv. 1-4).
12. What did Micaiah predict would happen in this battle?
13. What explanation does Micaiah give for why the 400 prophets lied? (vv. 19-23).
14. What was done with Micaiah?
15. Did Micaiah's prediction come true?

Lesson 5

ASSIGNMENT: Read 1 Kings 22:41-2 Kings 1 and 2 Chronicles 17-20 and answer the following questions.

Jehoshaphat of Judah (1 Kings 22:41-50, 2 Chron. 17-20)

Some Accomplishments of Jehoshaphat's Reign (22:41-50, 2 Chron. 17:1-9)

1. Was Jehoshaphat a good king?
2. How did Jehoshaphat see to it that the people were taught the Law of the Lord?
3. In what ways was Jehoshaphat blessed by the Lord?

Jehoshaphat's Power (2 Chron. 17:10-19)

4. What kind of regard did the neighboring nations have for Jehoshaphat?

Jehoshaphat's Alliance With Ahab (2 Chron. 18:1-19:3)

5. How did God feel about Jehoshaphat helping Ahab out in battle?

Jehoshaphat Sets Up Judges (2 Chron. 19:4-11)

6. Where did Jehoshaphat set up judges?

Victory Over Moab and Ammon (2 Chron. 20:1-30) ; Summary of Jehoshaphat's Reign (2 Chron. 20:31-34); Jehoshaphat's Alliance With Ahaziah (2 Chron. 20:35-37)

7. What was Jehoshaphat's response when he found out that he was about to be attacked?
8. What is meant by the statement, "The battle is not yours, but God's"?
9. How long did it take Jehoshaphat's men to gather all the spoil of this battle against the Ammonites and Moabites?
10. How did the Lord feel about Jehoshaphat's alliance with Ahaziah?

Ahaziah's Reign Over Israel (1 Kings 22:51-2 Kings 1)

Summary of Ahaziah's Reign (22:51-53); Confrontation Between Ahaziah and Elijah (2 Kings 1)

11. Was Ahaziah a good king?
12. Who did Ahaziah send his messengers to inquire of?
13. How was Ahaziah punished for this?

Lesson 6

ASSIGNMENT: Read 2 Kings 2-5 and answer the following questions.

Elijah Taken Up Into Heaven (2:1-14); Elisha Takes the Place of Elijah (2:15-25)

1. What evidence is given that there was a close relationship between Elijah and Elisha?
2. What request did Elisha make of Elijah? (v. 9).
3. Describe the manner in which Elijah was taken up into heaven?
4. What did the sons of the prophets in Jericho say about Elisha?
5. What happened to some young people who mocked Elisha?

Jehoram's Reign Over Israel (3:1-3); The Moabite Rebellion (3:4-27)

6. In what way was Jehoram different from his father and mother?
7. Who were Israel's two allies in the battle against Moab?
8. What was Elisha's attitude toward the king of Israel?
9. What two things did Elisha say the Lord would do for them? (vv. 17-18).
10. What horrible thing did the king of Moab do to his eldest son?

Miracles of Elisha (ch. 4)

11. Why would it be so important for Elisha to perform so many different miracles?
12. List the different miracles recorded in this chapter. Give a short description of each one.

Naaman's Cleansing (ch. 5)

13. In what position did Naaman serve?
14. How did he find out about Elisha?
15. What was Naaman told to do in order to be cleansed of his leprosy? What was his reaction to these instructions?
16. What happened to Naaman when he finally obeyed Elisha's instructions?
17. What was Gehazi's sin? How was he punished?

Lesson 7

ASSIGNMENT: Read 2 Kings 6:1-8:24 and 2 Chronicles 21 and answer the following questions.

The Floating Ax Head (6:1-7); Elisha's Deliverance From The Syrians (6:8-23)

1. Briefly describe the miracle of the floating ax head.
2. Why did the king of Syria want to capture Elisha?
3. Explain Elisha's statement in v. 16. 2 Chronicles 32:7-8 may help.
4. What was Elisha's prayer for his servant?
5. What was Elisha's prayer concerning Syria's army?

The Siege of Samaria (6:24-ch. 7)

Conditions During the Siege (6:24-33); Elisha's Prediction (7:1-2); The Siege Lifted (7:3-15); Elisha's Prediction Comes True (7:16-20)

6. How bad did conditions get during this siege?
7. What was Elisha's prediction? Actually, he made two predictions.
8. Why did the Syrian army flee?
9. How was it discovered that the Syrians were gone?
10. Did Elisha's predictions come true?

The Shunammite Woman's Property Is Restored (8:1-6); Meeting Between Elisha and Hazael of Syria (8:7-15); Jehoram's Reign Over Judah (8:16-24, 2 Chron. 21)

11. What request did the king make of Gehazi? (8:4).
12. What did Elisha predict that Hazael would do? (8:12).
13. Who did Jehoram marry?
14. What did Jehoram do to his brothers?
15. How did Jehoram die?
16. Were the people upset at all when he died?

Lesson 8

ASSIGNMENT: Read 2 Kings 8:25-ch. 10 and 2 Chronicles 22:1-9 and answer the following questions.

The Fall of the House of Omri and The Victory Over Baalism In The Northern Kingdom

Ahaziah of Judah (8:25-29, 2 Chron. 22:1-6)

1. Who did Ahaziah receive counsel from?
2. How long did Ahaziah reign over Judah?

Jehu Is Anointed King (9:1-10); Jehu's Conspiracy (9:11-16); Death of Jehoram of Israel (9:17-26); Death of Ahaziah of Judah (9:27-28, 2 Chron. 22:7-9); Death of Jezebel (9:30-37)

3. What did Elisha tell one of the sons of the prophets to do?
4. What mission was Jehu to carry out?
5. Where did Jehoram and Ahaziah meet Jehu?
6. How did Jehu kill Jehoram?
7. Was Ahaziah able to escape?
8. Describe how Jezebel was killed.
9. What did they find when they went to bury her?

Slaughter of Ahab's Sons and Supporters (10:1-11); Death of Ahaziah's Brothers (10:12-14); Destruction of Baalism (10:15-28); Reign of Jehu (10:29-36)

10. Who killed Ahab's 70 sons?
11. What was done with the heads of Ahab's 70 sons?
12. Who else was included in this slaughter? (v. 11).
13. How many brothers did Ahaziah have? What happened to them?
14. Explain how Jehu got all the Baal worshippers together?
15. Who killed these worshippers of Baal?
16. What sins of Jeroboam did Jehu continue in?
17. How was Hazael being used by the Lord?

Lesson 9

ASSIGNMENT: Read 2 Kings 11-15:7 and 2 Chronicles 22:10-ch. 26 and answer the following questions.

Athaliah Takes Over The Throne in Judah (ch. 11, 2 Chron. 22:10-ch. 23)

1. What did Athaliah do when she saw that her son was dead?
2. Which one of Ahaziah's sons was taken and hidden?
3. What kind of protection was given to Joash?
4. What happened to Athaliah?
5. How old was Joash when he began his reign?

Reign of Joash (Jehoash) in Judah (ch. 12, 2 Chron. 24)

6. Who was the real power behind the throne during Joash's early years as king?
7. Why was the temple in need of repair? (2 Chron. 24:7).
8. What was Joash like before Jehoida's death? (2 Kings 12:1, 2 Chron. 24:2).

What was he like after Jehoida's death? (2 Chron. 24:15-22).

9. Why did Joash's servants conspire to kill him? (2 Chron. 24:22, 25).

Jehoahaz of Israel (13:1-9); Joash (Jehoash) of Israel (13:10-25)

10. In whose sins did Jehoahaz follow?
11. Did Israel change their ways after the Lord gave them a deliverer?
12. Why did Elisha get angry with Joash?

13. Why was God still having compassion on Israel?

Amaziah of Judah (14:1-22, 2 Chron. 25); Jeroboam II of Israel (14:23-29)

14. Explain 2 Chronicles 25:2.

15. What action did Amaziah take soon after the kingdom was established in his hand?

16. What was the outcome of the battle between Israel and Judah at Beth Shemesh? Why did it turn out that way? (2 Chron. 25:20).

17. Who succeeded Amaziah on the throne?

18. What important work did Jeroboam II do for Israel? (2 Kings 14:25, 28).

Azariah (Uzziah) of Judah (15:1-7, 2 Chron. 26)

19. Who seems to have had a good influence on Azariah during his early years? (2 Chron. 26:5).

20. What affliction came upon Azariah? What did he do to receive this punishment?

Lesson 10

ASSIGNMENT: Read 2 Kings 15:8-ch. 17 and 2 Chronicles 27-28 and answer the following questions.

Zechariah and Shallum (15:8-16); Menahem (15:22-26); Pekahiah (15:23-26); Pekah (15:27-31); Jotham (15:32-38, 2 Chron. 27)

1. How long did Zechariah reign? How did his reign end?
2. How long did Shallum reign? How did his reign end?
3. What nation came against Israel during Menahem's reign? What caused this nation to turn back?
4. How did Pekahiah's reign end?
5. What cities were conquered by Assyria during Pekah's reign?
6. What were some of Jotham's building projects? (2 Kings 15:35; 2 Chron. 27:3-4).
7. What explanation is given for Jotham's might? (2 Chron. 27:6).

Ahaz (ch. 16, 2 Chron. 28)

8. What terrible thing did Ahaz do to his son?
9. What measure was taken by Ahaz to meet the threat from Syria and from Israel?
10. What did Ahaz like that he saw in Damascus?
11. What were some changes Ahaz made in the temple arrangement?

The Fall of Samaria (17:1-6); Reasons for the Fall of Israel (17:7-23); The Samaritans and Their Worship (17:24-41)

12. What was the name of the Assyrian king who took Samaria captive?
13. What were the causes for Israel being carried away into captivity? (vv. 7-12).
14. How did Israel and Judah respond to the prophets who testified against them?
15. Who was brought in to dwell in the cities of Samaria?
16. Did these people serve the Lord faithfully?

Lesson 11

ASSIGNMENT: Read 2 Kings 18-20 and 2 Chronicles 29-32 and answer the following questions.

Reforms of Hezekiah (18:1-8, 2 Chron. 29-31); Fall of Israel (18:9-12)

1. What kind of shape was Judah's worship in when Hezekiah came to the throne? (2 Chron. 29:5-7).
2. What particular feast had Judah not observed properly for a long time?
3. How did Hezekiah compare with kings before and after him?

Sennacherib and the Assyrian Invasion of Judah (18:13-19:37, 2 Chron. 32:1-23)

4. What did Hezekiah give to Sennacherib?
5. When the Assyrian army came to Jerusalem, what two sources of power did they advise the people of Judah that they could not trust? (2 Kings 18:19-25).
6. Why did the people not answer the Rabshakeh? (2 Kings 18:36).
7. When Hezekiah sent messengers to Isaiah, what encouraging message did Isaiah bring back?
8. What did Hezekiah do when he received the letter from the Assyrian king?
9. How did God respond to Hezekiah's prayer?
10. How did Sennacherib meet his death?

Hezekiah's Illness and Recovery (20:1-11); The Embassy from Babylon (20:12-21, 2 Chron. 32:24-33)

11. When Hezekiah was sick, what message did God send to him through Isaiah?
12. What did Hezekiah do when he received this message?
13. How many years did God say he would add to his life?
14. What sign was Hezekiah given?
15. What prophecy does Isaiah make concerning Babylon?
16. Who followed Hezekiah to the throne of Judah?

Lesson 12

ASSIGNMENT: Read 2 Kings 21-23:30 and 2 Chronicles 33-35 and answer the following questions.

Reign of Manasseh (21:1-18, 2 Chron. 33:1-20)

1. How old was Manasseh when he began to reign?
2. List some of the sins committed by Manasseh?
3. What event in Manasseh's life helped him turn to God?
4. List some good things Manasseh did after he returned to Jerusalem.

Reign of Amon (21:19-26, 2 Chron. 33:21-25)

5. What kind of king was Amon?
6. How did Amon's reign end?
7. What happened to those who killed Amon?
8. Who was made king in Amon's place?

Reign of Josiah (22-23:30, 2 Chron. 34-35)

Early Years and General Character of Josiah (22:1-2, 2 Chron. 34:1-2); Book of the Law Is Found (22:3-20, 2 Chron. 34:8-28)

9. What general description is given of Josiah's reign?
10. What did Hilkiah the high priest find in the temple?
11. What was Josiah's reaction when he heard the words of the Book of the Law?
12. What message did Huldah the prophetess send back to Josiah?

Renewal of the Covenant (23:1-3, 2 Chron. 34:29-33); Idols and Altars Removed (23:4-20, 2 Chron. 34:3-7); The Passover Kept (23:21-23, 2 Chron. 35:1-19); Josiah's Last Days (23:24-30, 2 Chron. 35:20-27)

13. What did Josiah do with the Book of the Law that had been found? (2 Kings 23:2).
14. Go back and read 1 Kings 13:1-2. Locate the fulfillment of this prophecy.
15. Josiah made a lot of reforms in Judah, but did the Lord turn away from his wrath?
16. Who killed Josiah?

Lesson 13

ASSIGNMENT: Read 2 Kings 23:31-ch. 25 and 2 Chronicles 36 and answer the following questions.

Reign of Jehoahaz (23:31-35, 2 Chron. 36:1-4)

1. What did Pharaoh Necho do to Jehoahaz?
2. Whom did Pharaoh Necho make king of Judah? What name did he give him?

Reign of Jehoiakim (23:36-24:7, 2 Chron. 36:5-8); Reign of Jehoiachin (24:8-17, 2 Chron. 36:9-10); Reign of Zedekiah (24:18-20, 2 Chron. 36:11-21)

3. What king came up against Jehoiakim?
4. What did Nebuchadnezzar do to Jehoiakim personally?
5. How long did Jehoiachin reign before Nebuchadnezzar laid siege to Jerusalem?
6. Name some of the different people and items taken by Nebuchadnezzar into Babylon.
7. Did Zedekiah respond at all to the preaching of Jeremiah?
8. Whom did Zedekiah rebel against?

Siege of Jerusalem (25:1-7); Destruction of Jerusalem and Temple (25:8-21); Government of Gedaliah (25:22-26); Jehoiachin in Captivity (25:27-30)

9. How long was the siege against Jerusalem carried out?
10. Was Zedekiah able to escape?
11. How was Zedekiah punished?
12. List some of the things done by Nebuzaradan in Jerusalem.
13. What was done to some of Zedekiah's officers and friends? (2 Kings 25:18-21).
14. What position was Gedaliah given?
15. What did the people do following the death of Gedaliah?
16. How did Jehoiachin come to be treated in Babylon?