

## Lesson 20

One King of Judah and the Last King of Israel  
( 2 Kings 16:1 – 17:41; 2 Chronicles 28:1-27 )

### Questions

1. How long did Ahaz king of Judah reign and what kind of king was he (2 K. 16:1-4; 2 Chron. 28:1-4)?
2. Who made war with Ahaz and Judah, what happened to them during this war, and why (2 K. 16:5-6; 2 Chron. 28:5-6)?
3. What did Oded the prophet say to Israel's army who returned from this war with captives (2 Chron. 28:8-15)?
4. Who did Ahaz turn to for help against his enemies, why did Ahaz have so many enemies at this time, and did Ahaz get the help he wanted (2 K. 16:7-9; 2 Chron. 28:16-21)?
5. What did Ahaz see in Damascus that he wanted for himself in Jerusalem and what did he do to get it (2 K. 16:10-16)?
6. Why did Ahaz want to offer sacrifices to the gods of Damascus (2 Chron. 28:22-27)?
7. What other changes did Ahaz make in the temple and why (2 K. 16:17-20)?
8. How long did Hoshea reign over Israel and what kind of king was he (2 K. 17:1-2)?
9. What did the king of Assyria do to Hoshea and Samaria and why (2 K. 17:3-6)?

10. What did the children of Israel do against the Lord that caused them to go into Assyrian captivity (2 K. 17:7-12, 19-23)?
11. What did the Lord do to get the children of Israel to turn from their evil ways and how did they respond (2 K. 17:13-18)?
12. What did the king of Assyria do with the inhabitants of Israel (in and around Samaria) and what happened (2 K. 17:24-26)?
13. What did the king of Assyria do regarding the religion of Israel's mixed population and what happened (2 K. 17:27-33)?
14. What specific sin of Israel's mixed population is mentioned (2 K. 17:34-41)?

### **Digging Deeper**

1. What are the approximate dates for Ahaz's reign over Judah (2 K. 16:1-20) and Hoshea's reign over Israel (2 K. 17:1-6)?
2. What "major" prophet and what two "minor" prophets ministered during the reign of Ahaz king of Judah?
3. What message did Isaiah have for Ahaz king of Judah concerning Pekah king of Israel and Rezin king of Syria who came to make war with him (2 K. 16:5; see Isa. 7:1-9)?
4. Who was the other well-known "Hoshea" in the Old Testament?

5. Who was Tiglath-pileser king of Assyria (2 K. 16:7, 10; see also 15:29)? Who was Shalmaneser king of Assyria (2 K. 17:3; see also 18:9)? Who was So king of Egypt (2 K. 17:4)?
  
6. Locate the following on a map: Elath (2 K. 16:6), Beth-shemesh, Aijalon, Gederoth, Soco, Timnah, and Gimzo (2 Chron. 28:18), Damascus (2 K. 16:10), Bethel (2 K. 17:28), and the cities of 2 Kings 17:30-31.

### **Applications for Today**

1. Follow the example of godly men, not the example of ungodly men (2 K. 16:2-4; Jn. 13:15; Acts 20:35; 1 Cor. 4:16; 11:1; Eph. 5:1; Phil. 3:17; 1 Thess. 1:6; 2:12; Heb. 6:12; Jas. 5:10; 1 Pet. 2:21).
2. Turn to the Lord for help with your enemies, not to men (2 K. 16:5-9; Psa. 118:8; 146:3; Prov. 3:5; Isa. 2:22; Jer. 17:5).
3. The Lord will punish his people for their sins (2 K. 17:7-18; 2 Chron. 28:19; Ezek. 18:20; Mt. 25:46; Rom. 6:23; Gal. 6:7; 2 Thess. 1:9).
4. When you try to get help from people in the world, you sometimes get nothing but more trouble (2 Chron. 28:20; Prov. 6:12-15).
5. Follow the Lord's pattern, not the pattern of men (2 K. 16:10-16; Ex. 25:9, 40; Num. 8:4; 1 Chron. 28:11-12, 19; Ezek. 43:10; 2 Tim. 1:13; Heb. 8:5).
6. Make changes to please the Lord, not to please men (2 K. 16:18; Gal. 1:10; Eph. 6:6).
7. The Lord tries to turn his people from their evil ways (2 K. 17:13; Prov. 4:27; Jer. 18:8; 23:22; 26:3; Ezek. 33:11; Jonah 3:8-10; 1 Pet. 3:11).
8. Do not follow your brethren to do evil (2 K. 17:19; 2 K. 13:2; Ex. 23:2; 2 Pet. 2:2).
9. People who do not know or worship the one, true God will have problems (2 K. 17:24-26; Rom. 1:21, 28; Tit. 1:16; 1 Jn. 4:6-8).
10. Mixing true and false religion is pluralism and compromise and displeasing to the Lord (2 K. 17:27-41; Mt. 6:24; Acts 17:24).