

Lesson 7

Two Kings of Judah and Five Kings of Israel
(1 Kings 15:1 – 16:28; 2 Chronicles 13:1 – 16:14)

Questions

1. What kind of king was Abijam (Abijah) and why did God allow his son to rule in Jerusalem (1 K. 15:1-6; 2 Chron. 13:1-2)?
2. With whom did Abijam make war (1 K. 15:7-8; 2 Chron. 13:2)?
3. What did Abijam say to Jeroboam and the army of Israel that showed his great faith in God (2 Chron. 13:3-12)?
4. Who helped Judah to defeat Israel and why (2 Chron. 13:13-21)?
5. What kind of king was Asa, what reforms did he make in Judah, and what did he build in Judah (1 K. 15:9-15; 2 Chron. 14:1-8; 15:16-19)?
6. Who won the battle between Asa and Zerah and why (2 Chron. 14:9-15)?
7. What did Azariah the prophet tell Asa, Judah, and Benjamin to do (2 Chron. 15:1-7)?
8. What good things did Asa do after he heard the words of Azariah (2 Chron. 15:8-15)?
9. With whom did Asa make war and to whom did he send silver and gold to get help in this war (1 K. 15:16-22, 32; 2 Chron. 16:1-6)?

10. What rebuke did Asa receive from Hanani concerning Asa's actions during this war (2 Chron. 16:7-10)?
11. What happened to Asa in his old age and what did he refuse to do (1 K. 15:23-24; 2 Chron. 16:11-14)?
12. What kind of king was Nadab and how did he die (1 K. 15:25-32)?
13. What kind of king was Baasha (1 K. 15:33-34)?
14. How was the house of Baasha destroyed just like the house of Jeroboam and why (1 K. 16:1-7)?
15. How did Elah die and what prophecy was fulfilled by his death (1 K. 16:8-14)?
16. How long did Zimri reign, what kind of king was he, and how did he die (1 K. 16:15-20)?
17. Why was Israel divided (1 K. 16:21-22)?
18. What did Omri build and what kind of king was he (1 K. 16:23-28)?

Digging Deeper

1. What are the approximate dates for the reigns of Abijam (1 K. 15:1-8; see also 1 Chron. 3:10 and Mt. 1:7) and Asa (1 K. 15:9-24; see also 1 Chron. 3:10 and Mt. 1:7-8), kings of Judah?

2. What are the approximate dates for the reigns of Nadab (1 K. 15:25-32), Baasha (1 K. 15:33 – 16:7), Elah (1 K. 16:8-14), Zimri (1 K. 16:15-20), and Omri (1 K. 16:21-28), kings of Israel?
3. Who was the other well-known “Nadab” in the Old Testament?
4. How many kings are members of the Omri “dynasty” (1 K. 16:21-28)?
5. Was Maacah the daughter of Abishalom related to David (1 K. 15:2, 10)?
6. What is a “covenant of salt” (2 Chron. 13:5)?
7. How could Abijam (Abijah) sin and not have a perfect heart for God, but still have such a great faith in God (compare 1 Kings 15:3 with 2 Chronicles 13:4-12)?
8. What was the “Asherah” (1 K. 15:13)? What were the “high places” and what was done there (1 K. 15:14)? What were the “dedicated things” (1 K. 15:15)?
9. Where previously in 1 Kings did Ahijah the prophet predict that the house of Jeroboam would be destroyed (1 K. 15:29-30)?
10. How is the best way to reckon the 35th and 36th years of Asa in 2 Chronicles 15:19 and 16:1? Is it from the beginning of his reign (911 B.C.), or from the beginning of the divided kingdom (930 B.C.)? If the 36th year of Asa is c. 875 B.C., how could Baasha build Ramah about 10 years after Baasha died?

11. What is mentioned in Jeremiah 41:9 about Asa and Baasha? What is mentioned in Micah 6:16 about Omri?

Applications for Today

1. A heart that is not perfect or completely devoted to God will cause a person to sin (1 K. 15:3, 14; 2 K. 20:3; Psa. 101:2; 119:80).
2. Do not forsake following the Lord even if your brethren have forsaken him (2 Chron. 13:10-12; Neh. 10:39).
3. If you fight against God, you will not prosper (2 Chron. 13:12; Acts 5:39).
4. Rely upon the Lord and he will help you to gain victory over your enemies (2 Chron. 13:18; 14:11-12; 16:8-9; Prov. 3:5; Isa. 31:1; 50:10).
5. A heart that is perfect and completely devoted to God will cause a person to make reforms and bring people back to the right way (1 K. 15:11-15; 2 Chron. 14:1-5; 15:8-19; Psa. 101:2; 119:80).
6. Seeking the Lord results in peace, rest, and prosperity (2 Chron. 14:1-8; 20:4; Ezra 6:21; Prov. 28:5).
7. Seek the Lord and he will seek you. Forsake the Lord and he will forsake you (2 Chron. 15:2; 24:20; Josh. 24:20; Jer. 5:19; 16:11).
8. A life without the true God and his word, is a life full of problems (2 Chron. 15:3-6; Eph. 2:12).
9. Be strong and don't be lazy (2 Chron. 15:7; Prov. 10:4; Zeph. 3:16).
10. Take heed to the sermon right after you hear it and then later in life as well (2 Chron. 15:1-15; 16:1-10; Jas. 1:22-25).
11. Rely upon God in hard and difficult times, not man (2 Chron. 16:7-10, 12; Heb. 13:5-6).
12. God's prophetic word and punishment of sin will always come to pass (1 K. 15:29-30; 16:1-4, 12-13; Mt. 25:46; Rev. 21:8).