

LESSONS FROM EPITAPHS

1 KINGS 16 : 23 - 33

THE BREVITY OF LIFE

- Consider the significance of Omri.
- A man's life may be summed up in what his relationship to God is (Heb. 9:27; Ecc. 12:13).
- Eternal perspective helps us see what is important (Lk. 12:13-21).

THE PATH OF LIFE

- Jereboam's departures are minor in comparison to these kings (v. 31).
- But their transgressions are the logical result of what Jereboam started (v. 25-26).
- This is the result of actual departure and not mere danger of it (Deut. 6:10-12).
- God sees sin in terms of the immediate and the long term (Lev. 10:3).

THE ALLIANCES OF LIFE

- Jezebel is given blame for causing Israel to sin.
- Israel needed to maintain two views of outsiders (Lev. 18:3; 19:34).
- We must have an active mind in choosing and pursuing our alliances.