

Divided Kingdom

Lesson 3

The Reign of Ahab/The Work of Elijah

Divided Kingdom: Kings of Israel

- **Jeroboam** – 22y
 - Nadab - 2y
 - **Baasha** – 24y
 - Elah – 2y
 - **Zimri** – 1w
 - **Omri** – 12y
 - Ahab – 22y
 - Ahaziah – 2y
 - Jehoram (Joram) – 12y
 - **Jehu** – 28y
 - Jehoahaz – 17y
 - Joash (Jehoash) – 16y
 - Jeroboam II – 41y
 - Zechariah – 6m
 - **Shallum** – 1m
 - **Menahem** – 10y
 - Pekahiah – 2y
 - **Pekah** – 20y
 - **Hoshea** – 9y
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The Reign of Ahab:

- Ahab's character
 - Jezebel
 - Introduction of baal worship
 - Hiel rebuilds Jericho
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Ahab's character:

- [1Ki 16:30 NASB] 30 Ahab the son of Omri did evil in the sight of the LORD more than all who were before him.
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Jezebel:

- [1Ki 21:25 NASB] 25 Surely there was no one like Ahab who sold himself to do evil in the sight of the LORD, because Jezebel his wife incited him.
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Introduction of baal worship:

- [1Ki 16:31 NASB] 31 It came about, as though it had been a trivial thing for him to walk in the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, that he married Jezebel the daughter of Ethbaal king of the Sidonians, and went to serve Baal and worshiped him.
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Hiel rebuilds Jericho:

- [1Ki 16:34 NASB] 34 In his days Hiel the Bethelite built Jericho; he laid its foundations with the [loss of] Abiram his firstborn, and set up its gates with the [loss of] his youngest son Segub, according to the word of the LORD, which He spoke by Joshua the son of Nun.
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The Work of Elijah:

- Elijah foretells a drought
 - Contest on Mt. Carmel
 - Elijah flees from Jezebel
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Elijah foretells a drought:

- [1Ki 17:1 NASB] 1 Now Elijah the Tishbite, who was of the settlers of Gilead, said to Ahab, "As the LORD, the God of Israel lives, before whom I stand, surely there shall be neither dew nor rain these years, except by my word."
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Elijah foretells a drought:

- [1Ki 17:24 NASB] 24 Then the woman said to Elijah, "Now I know that you are a man of God and that the word of the LORD in your mouth is truth."
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Contest on Mt. Carmel:

- [2Ch 17:10, 12-13 NASB] 10 Now the dread of the LORD was on all the kingdoms of the lands which [were] around Judah, so that they did not make war against Jehoshaphat. ... 12 So Jehoshaphat grew greater and greater, and he built fortresses and store cities in Judah. 13 He had large supplies in the cities of Judah, and warriors, valiant men, in Jerusalem.
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Contest on Mt. Carmel:

- [1Ki 18:17-18 NASB] 17 When Ahab saw Elijah, Ahab said to him, "Is this you, you troubler of Israel?" 18 He said, "I have not troubled Israel, but you and your father's house [have,] because you have forsaken the commandments of the LORD and you have followed the Baals.
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Contest on Mt. Carmel:

- [1Ki 18:21 NASB] 21 Elijah came near to all the people and said, "How long [will] you hesitate between two opinions? If the LORD is God, follow Him; but if Baal, follow him." But the people did not answer him a word.
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Contest on Mt. Carmel:

- [1Ki 18:29 NASB] 29 When midday was past, they raved until the time of the offering of the [evening] sacrifice; but there was no voice, no one answered, and no one paid attention.
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Contest on Mt. Carmel:

- [1Ki 18:36-37 NASB] 36 At the time of the offering of the [evening] sacrifice, Elijah the prophet came near and said, "O LORD, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Israel, today let it be known that You are God in Israel and that I am Your servant and I have done all these things at Your word. 37 "Answer me, O LORD, answer me, that this people may know that You, O LORD, are God, and [that] You have turned their heart back again."
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Contest on Mt. Carmel:

- [1Ki 18:39 NASB] 39 When all the people saw it, they fell on their faces; and they said, "The LORD, He is God; the LORD, He is God."
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Elijah flees from Jezebel:

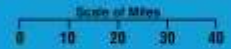
- [1Ki 19:9-10 NASB] 9 Then he came there to a cave and lodged there; and behold, the word of the LORD [came] to him, and He said to him, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" 10 He said, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the sons of Israel have forsaken Your covenant, torn down Your altars and killed Your prophets with the sword. And I alone am left; and they seek my life, to take it away."
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Elijah flees from Jezebel:

- [1Ki 19:13-14 NASB] 13 When Elijah heard [it,] he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood in the entrance of the cave. And behold, a voice [came] to him and said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" 14 Then he said, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the sons of Israel have forsaken Your covenant, torn down Your altars and killed Your prophets with the sword. And I alone am left; and they seek my life, to take it away."
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DIVIDED KINGDOM IN THE DAYS OF REHOBOAM OF JUDAH AND JEROBOAM OF ISRAEL



Mediterranean Sea



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Applications/Points of Interest:

- God keeps His promises
 - The power of influence; the long-lasting consequences of sin
 - Be careful with the word of God
 - Recognizing the cost of obedience; Trust in God
 - God's longsuffering; God's desire to save
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