

# Divided Kingdom

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**Lesson 25 – Review of the Divided Kingdom**

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**2<sup>nd</sup> Chronicles 10-28**

**Jonah, Amos, Hosea, Obadiah & Joel**

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### Divided Kingdom - for our learning and admonition

**Rom. 15:4** For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope. (NKJV)

**1Cor. 10:11** Now all these things happened to them as examples, and they were written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the ages have come. (NKJV)

- Admonish – To warn. To reprove mildly. – Webster
- “When you’re cautioned or warned about some mistake you might be just about to make, or some looming danger, you’re receiving an admonition.” [Vocabulary.com](http://Vocabulary.com)

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### Take advantage of the great blessing that is God's word

- God provided great wisdom & insight for these kings
  - From David: Deep spiritual insight/instruction
  - From Solomon: God's wisdom in proverbs
  - Proverbs 14:34 **“Righteousness exalts a nation, But sin is a reproach to any people.”**
  - Proverbs 16:12 **“It is an abomination for kings to commit wickedness, For a throne is established by righteousness.”**
  - Proverbs 13:6 **“Righteousness guards him whose way is blameless, But wickedness overthrows the sinner.”**

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### Why were Israel's kings so unwilling to repent?

- 19 Kings in Israel over 200 years
- Many prophets brought God's message clearly/powerfully
- Yet not one of them turned from Jeroboam's sin
- What obstacles to our repentance?

**Heb. 12:1 “...let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us...”**

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### Why did so many good kings end so badly?

- Solomon, Asa, Joash, Amaziah, Uzziah
  - Began following in David's footsteps then stumbled
  - What can I do to avoid starting well and ending badly?
    - "Poor in spirit"
    - "Mourn"
    - "Hunger and thirst for righteousness"
    - "Peacemakers"
  - "To whom much is given..."
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**Having the ability to worship God as directed is essential**

- **Those in Judah could worship faithfully**
    - **Result: Strong contingent of faithful**
  - **Those in Israel deprived of this**
    - **Result: Strong contingent of wicked**
  - **Defending the faithfulness of the work & worship of the church is vital**
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### Who really shines during this period?

- The faithful
  - Elijah, Elisha, Amos, Hosea, Joel
  - Jehosheba and Jehoiada
- God
  - God is slow to anger, full of lovingkindness and mercy
  - God is faithful to His promises
  - God is not to be trifled with

**Ga 6:7 “Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap.”**

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### Promise and admonition

- We will either seek Him or forsake Him

2Ch 15:2 And he went out to meet Asa, and said to him: "Hear me, Asa, and all Judah and Benjamin. The LORD is with you while you are with Him. If you seek Him, He will be found by you; but if you forsake Him, He will forsake you.



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### The Message of the Prophets

- Holiness of God – God’s expectations of His People
  - Repentance – Before judgment God offered opportunity to repent
  - Judgment – Day of the Lord (Day of Reckoning and Judgment)
  - Concern for the Nations – God does not tolerate wickedness
  - Prophecy of Future Deliverance – Through the promised Messiah
  - A kingdom to come – Messiah would establish an enduring kingdom that would overshadow all others
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### The Message of the Prophets

- Jonah – Message of Repentance to Nineveh
  - Amos – Message of Imminent Judgment on Israel
  - Hosea – Adultery/Idolatry of Israel – Judah warned
  - Obadiah – Edom to be punished for arrogance
  - Joel – Repent or be destroyed by a terrible enemy
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# Divided Kingdom: Kings of Judah

- **Rehoboam** – 17y
  - Abijam (Abijah) – 3y
  - Asa – 41y
  - Jehoshaphat – 25y
  - Jehoram (Joram) – 8y
  - Ahaziah – 1y
  - **(Athaliah)** – 6y
  - Joash (Jehoash) – 40y
  - Amaziah – 29y
  - Uzziah (Azariah) – 52y
  - Jotham – 16y
  - Ahaz – 16y
  - Hezekiah – 29y
  - Manasseh – 55y
  - Amon – 2y
  - Josiah – 31y
  - Jehoahaz (Shallum) – 3m
  - Jehoiakim (Eliakim) – 11y
  - Jehoiachin (Coniah, Jeconiah)-3m
  - Zedekiah (Mattaniah) - 11y
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# 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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