

Weeks 25 and following: Sunday, March 19 & Thursday March 23

1 Kings 11.26-2Ks 14; 2 Chronicles 10-25, Jonah, Amos, Hosea

Kingdom DISINTEGRATING

OBSERVATIONS

General Time Line for History of Israel

1050 (1020)	Saul Crowned
1000	David
970 +/-	Solomon
930	Division: Israel (North) & Judah (South)
Southern Kingdom-JUDAH	NORTHERN KINGDOM-ISRAEL
930-913	930-903 Jeroboam
722	Northern Kingdom destroyed by Assyria
586	Southern Kingdom Babylonians destroys Jerusalem/Exile

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1 K 11.9 the Lord became angry with Solomon for following other gods as led to them by wives and told Solomon he was tearing the majority of the Kingdom away. Raised up Hadad of Edom and Rezon of Syria

- 1 K 11.26 **Jeroboam**, one of Solomon's officials in charge of labor force of tribes of Joseph, rebels.
- v. 29 Ahijah meets him and divides new cloak into 12 parts; give Jeroboam 10: God is going to tear the kingdom from Solomon because they worshipped Ashtoreth, Chemosh and Molech.
 - v. 38 If you do what I command and walk in obedience...
 - v. 40 Solomon tried to kill Jeroboam. But Jeroboam fled to Egypt. To Shishak
 - v. 41 Solomon dies.

- 1K 12 **Rehoboam** goes to Shechem to be made king. Confronted by Jeroboam about labor yoke. Rehob gives harsh answer. V. 15 so what Ahijah predicted comes true.
- v. 16 Israel quits alliance with Judah and house of David. Stones Adoniram master of Corvees.
 - Rehoboam** flees from Shechem to Jerusalem.
 - v.20 All "Israel" made Jeroboam King.
 - V21 Rehoboam musters Judah **AND Benjamin** to retake northern Kingdom
 - v. 22 But God sends Shemaiah the "man of God" This is what the Lord says, "Go home, this is my act.
 - v. 25 **Jeroboam** fortifies Shechem and lives there, but sets up two golden calves in Bethel and Dan: "here are the gods who brought you up out of Egypt." Appoints priests who are not Levites and institutes festivals to compete with Jerusalem and Solomon's temple.
- 1K 13 "man of god" from Judah to Bethel: Josiah will destroy altar and sacrifice priests on it. Jeroboam stretches out hand against MOG and it withers. And altar splits. Jeroboam tries to get him to come to his house, but the mog refuses
- v11 "old prophet" at Bethel sidetracks the MOG from Judah, claiming an angel sent him to him. But prophesied the MOG had defied the WORD of the Lord and would not make it home and a lion met and killed him. Old P takes him to Bethel and buries him, mourning, "Alas, my brother."
 - v. 33 Jeroboam did not change
- 1 K 14 **Abijah** son of Jeroboam falls ill and Jeroboam sends his disguised wife to Ahijah the P, who told Jeroboam he would be king, to find out what would happen to his son. Blind, but God tells him

Week 25 observations

Jeroboam's wife is coming. Ahijah prophesies the doom of Jeroboam and the death of Abijah because of Jeroboam's idolatry.

v19 Jeroboam dies

v 20 despite prophecy, Nadab, Jer's son takes his place.

1 K 14.21 **Rehoboam** reigns in Jerusalem his mother is an Ammonite. He is evil. High places with Asherahs and male prostitutes.

v. 25 Shishak from Egypt attacks Jerusalem and takes treasures of the Temple—including the GOLD SHIELDS. So Rehoboam makes bronze shields.

v. 30 continual warfare against Jeroboam...

V31 HIS mother's name and origin are repeated.

1K15 **Abijah** reigns in Jerusalem—he is grandson of Absalom. Did not obey God, but gave him a son and made Jerusalem strong.

v6 War between Abijah & Jeroboam

v9 Asa succeeded Abijah and did right; expelled male shrine prostitutes and got rid of the idols.

Deposed his mother Maakah the Ammonite from "queen mother" because she made Asherah pole. He cut it down and burned in the Kidron Valley. Did not remove high places but was "fully committed to the Lord."

v 16 war with Baasha of the North. Fortified the border at Ramah. ASA sent gold and silver from Temple to Ben-Hadad king of Aram/Syria. "Treaty" to get him to break with North to get Baasha to withdraw. Ben-Hadad conquers Israelite territory.

Abijah fortifies Benjamin against the NORTH.

1K 15.25 **Nadab** becomes king for 2 years and kept the ways of Jeroboam going.

1 K 15.27 **Baasha**—grandson of Jeroboam foments a *coup d'état* and kills Jeroboam's whole family according to the prophecy of Ahijah.

War with Asa their whole reigns.

1K 16.1 Jehu **THE PROPHET** gets the "word of the Lord." So that Baasha's house will be like Jeroboam's house and the dogs will eat the city dwellers...

1K 16.6 **Elah** succeeds Baasha reigns 2 years

v9—**Zimri**, one of his officials, plots, strikes down Elah who is drunk and becomes King. He kills off all of Baasha's family as predicted in Jehu's prophecy.

v 15 **Zimri** reigned 7 days because Israelites proclaimed **Omri** (commander of army) King ASAP. **Zimri** burned the palace at Tirzah down with himself inside.

CHRONICLES CONCENTRATES ON JUDAH/SOUTHERN KINGDOM

2 Chr 11.1 **Rehoboam** musters both Judah **and Benjamin**. Judah and Benjamin were his, v12c.

v13 The priests and Levites were his. Levites even left their land in the north because Jeroboam had rejected them from being priests. Jeroboam made also goat and calf idols. "Those from every tribe of Israel who set their hearts on seeking the Lord...followed the Levites to Jerusalem to offer sacrifices..." (2 Chr 11. 16) He acted wisely, dispersing his sons in various places, but made Abijah, crown prince.

2 Chr 12.1 **Rehoboam** abandoned the law of the Lord. ***Because they were unfaithful***, Shishak of Egypt attacked Jerusalem... with 1200 chariots.

v 5 Prophet Shemaiah: You abandoned me therefore I am abandoning you to Shishak. King and people humbled themselves and God relents to say that Shishak will not destroy them but merely rule over them so that they would learn the difference between serving God and serving other kings—

THEOLOGICAL HISTORY.

v 12 "Indeed there was some good in Judah."

2 Chr 13.1-20 **Abijah** makes great speech about Judah following the Lord and Israel forsaking him and rejecting the priests. Battle ensues with Judah outnumbered 2:1. But the Lord gives Judah victory text says because Judah “relied on the Lord.”

v20 **Jeroboam** did not regain power and was stricken by the Lord and died.

v 22 Prophet Iddo.

2 Chr 14.1 **Abijah** died and was succeeded by **Asa**

v2 **Asa** did good and right... Removed the foreign altars & high places...Kingdom had peace.

v 9 Cushites attack. Lord strikes down Cushites [Ethiopians] near Mareshah. All the way to Gerar.

2 Chr 15 Spirit of God came on Azariah to encourage Asa. It was not safe to travel because the nations were in turmoil. **Asa** removed the detestable idols from the whole land of Judah and Benjamin...repaired the altar of the Lord that was in front of the portico of the Lord's temple.

v10 Jerusalem gathering for worship and commitment

v 16 deposed his grandmother Maachah for making a repulsive image of Asherah.

v 19 no more war until the 35th year of his reign.

2 Chr 16 Baasha from NK [Northern Kingdom] fortified Ramah as a barrier against northerners continuing to go south.

v. 2 **Asa** makes treaty with Ben-Hadad of Syria to break treaty with NK. Ben-Hadad attacked NK. Apparently the north, near Syria.

v. 6 **Asa** dismantled the barrier at Ramah and fortified Geba and Mispah.

v. 7 Hanani the seer: because you allied with Syria instead of God, you will now have war. Asa put Hanani in prison.

v. 11 **Asa** afflicted in feet. Sought help only from Drs. Died in 39th year.

v. 14 buried in tomb he had made, laid him on a bier covered with spices and various blended perfumes and they made a huge fire in his honor.

1 Kings 16.21 **Omri** now king but faction supported Tibni. **Omri** bested Tibni. In the 31st year of Asa of Judah.

v24 bought the **hill of Samaria** and built a city on a hill named is for the original owner: Samaria.

v25 followed in the ways of Jer. **Ahab** his son succeeds him in the 38th year of Asa of Judah.

v. 30 **Ahab** did more evil than any before him. Married Jezebel of Tyre and started serving Baal.

v 32 built up temple for Baal in Samaria; Asherah pole to go with it.

v. 34 **Hiel of Bethel rebuilt Jericho**. Laid its foundations at the cost of his firstborn son, Abiram and set up its gates at the cost of youngest son Segub, In accord with the WORD of the Lord spoken by Joshua.

1 Kings 17: ELIJAH

v.2 Fed by ravens

v.7 Widow of Zarephath [south of Sidon, north of Tyre]; fed and son raised.

1 K 18

Obadiah called “palace administrator”

v.1 Rain coming: go present yourself to **Ahab**; Elijah tries to send Obadiah to **Ahab** to tell him Elijah is here: “what have I done wrong...”? But Obadiah goes anyway to Ahab with the message. Jezebel is killing the prophets of the Lord.

v. 16: Elijah presents himself to **Ahab** who calls him the “troubler of Israel.” Issues the summons the Mt. Carmel: 450 prophets of Baal and 400 prophets of Asherah who eat at Jezebel's table. Ahab summons them from throughout Israel...

v.21 Elijah issues challenge, If the Lord is God, follow him and if Baal is God follow him. Note the different words for “god”. The people said nothing.

v. 41 go eat and drink because there is the sound of a heavy rain. Elijah ran ahead of **Ahab** to Jezreel.

1 K 19 Elijah flees to Beersheba and then to Horeb in the Sinai

v 4 “I have had enough, Lord.”

v 10 & 14—I have been very zealous. I'm the only one left... Go anoint Hazael king over Aram and Jehu and Elisha. Jehu will kill those who escape from Hazael and Elisha will kill those who escape Jehu. But know I have 7000 who have not bowed the knee to Baal...".
V19 Elijah found Elisha plowing with 12 yoke of oxen. Killed the oxen, roasted them with implements and went and followed Elijah.

- 1 K 20 Ben-Hadad, king of Aram Threatens **Ahab**: "one who puts on his armor should not boast like the one who takes it off."
v. 13 Ben-Hadad attacks. A "prophet" predicts victory for **Ahab** so you will know that I am Lord. Junior officers led the charge and Ben-Hadad ran.
v. prophet comes back and warns Ben-Hadad will be back next spring... Ben-hadad listens to his advisers who tell him Israel's gods are gods of the hills. Fight them in the valleys.
the prophet comes back and promises that the Lord will show the Syrians that he is God of the valleys as well. Israelites camped opposite Syrians like two small flocks of goats. The Israelites inflicted 1000 casualties and the Syrians fled to Aphek where the wall collapsed on 27,000. Ben-Hadad negotiates in sackcloth for his life and promises markets in Damascus; so **Ahab** makes a treaty.
- 1 K 20.35: Prophetic sign of "strike me" and finally he gets someone to strike him and waits for **Ahab**. "You have set free a man I had determined should die. Therefore it is your life for his." Ahab went home sullen and angry.
- 1 K 21.1 Naboth's vineyard. Jezebel sets up Naboth and takes his vineyard for **Ahab**. God sends Elijah to tell **Ahab** the dogs will lick up his blood where the licked up Naboth's.
v20 I have found you because you sold yourself to do evil in the eyes of the Lord.... Dogs will devour Jezebel by the wall of Jezreel.
v25 There was never anyone like Ahab—who sold himself to do evil...urged on by Jezebel. Ahab humbled himself and God gave him a reprieve—his children will reap the sentence.
- 1 K 22 Enter **Jehoshaphat** after three years of peace between Syria and Israel.
v.4 **Jehoshaphat** makes alliance with **Ahab** to retake Ramoth Gilead—but first enquire of the Lord. **Ahab** brings in **400 prophets**.
v. 7 Jehoshaphat gets Micaiah to come in.
v. 17 "all Israel... like sheep without a shepherd..."
v. 19ff. The LORD says, who will entice Ahab... I saw a deceiving spirit come before the Lord
v 29ff **Ahab** killed at Ramoth Gilead. Ahab enters battle disguised. Syria seeks only to kill King of Israel, mistake Jehoshaphat who cries out and saves himself.
Random arrow wounds Ahab and he lingers all day, dies, taken to Samaria and blood lapped by dogs.
v. 36—battle abandoned...
v. 39 ivory palace...
v. 40 **Ahaziah Ahab's** son succeeds to throne of Israel.
- 1 K 22.41 **Jehoshaphat**, son of Asa, King of Judah in 4th year of Ahab; reigned 25 years. Did right but did not remove high places. At peace with king of Israel.
v. 46 removed male shrine prostitutes who still remained after Asa, his father.
v. 48 built fleet of ships to get gold at Ophir, Wrecked at Ezion Geber.
v. 50 dies and replaced by son Jehoram.
- 2 Chr 17 **Jehoshaphat** devoted to the Lord. Removed high places, Asherah poles...
v 7 sent teachers through the land and took with them the Book of the Law...
v. 10 powerful. Philistines paid tribute. Judah and Benjamin permanent army.
- 2 Chr 18 **Jehoshaphat** had great wealth and honor and allied to Ahab.
v. 5 400 prophets pro war with Syria at Ramoth Gilead. Story of the iron horns.
v. 16 Micaiah "sheep without a shepherd..."
v. 33ff random arrow kills Ahab.

2 Chr 19—**Jehoshaphat** returns to Jerusalem and Jehu the seer meets him: “should you help the wicked and love those who hate the LORD?” The wrath of the Lord is on you, but you have some good in you.

V4ff appointed judges and turned the people back to the Lord. Appoints Levites and priests to be judges. Separates religious from political in courts.

2 Chr 20. Moab, Edom and Ammon comes against Judah, but **Jehoshaphat** gathers people and prays in Temple.

v. 14 The Spirit of the Lord came on Jahaziel, son of Zechariah, a Levite and descendent of Asaph and promises victory because the battle is the Lord's. **Jehoshaphat** appoints singers to praise the Lord.

v. 24: They slaughtered each other and when the men of Judah came to the battle field, they found only dead bodies.

v. 26 Named the Valley Berakah—praise. They went to the Temple to rejoice together with the King.

v. 29 The fear of the Lord went abroad and **Jehoshaphat** had peace.

v. 35 **Jehoshaphat** allies with Ahab's son, **Ahaziah** to make a fleet, but Eliezer of Mareshah prophesies that it will be destroyed and they were.

1K 22.51-53 **Ahaziah**, Ahab's son reigns in Samaria for 2 years and does evil because he follows in the ways of his parents and of Jeroboam.

2K 1 Injured **Ahaziah** consults with Baal-Zebub, god of Ekron. But Elijah intervenes: **Is it because there is no God in Israel?** Therefore, you will die...

v. 8 Elijah described: “he had a garment of hair and a leather belt around his waist.”

v. 9 **Ahaz...** sends captain and 50 men to capture Elijah sitting on top of a hill. Fire comes down on the troop. Sends three times and the third time God tells Elijah to go with him.

v.16: “Is it because there is no God in Israel that you consult Baal-Zebub? You will die and Ahaziah did.

v. 17 **Ahaziah** has no son, therefore **Joram**—another of Ahab's sons— [Jehoram] succeeds him.

2K 2 Elijah taken up to heaven and cloak falls on Elisha. Elisha means “God is salvation”

v. 3 Company of Prophets at Bethel—keep telling Elisha that Elijah will be taken. 50 of them stood at Jordan

v8 Elijah rolls up his cloak and divides the Jordan so they can cross.

v.9b Elisha asks for a double portion of Elijah's spirit.

v.12 “My father! My father! The chariots and horsemen of Israel.” Elisha took his own garment and tore in it two. Picked up Elijah's cloak and struck the water. “Where is now the Lord, the God of Elijah? The water parted again.

v.15 company of prophets confirm the Elisha has the spirit of Elijah. Search for Elijah's body proves futile, as foreseen by Elisha.

v.19 Elishah staying at Jericho But the water was bad. Put salt in bowl and cleansed the water forever.

v. 23 Jeered by a pack of boys, Elisha cursed them and two bears came out of the woods and mauled them. [Yikes!—don't mess with the Prophet]

2K3 **Joram**, son of Ahab becomes king of Israel 7 reigns 12 years, did evil in way of Jeroboam.

v. 4 Mesha of Moab stopped paying tribute so Joram gets Jehoshaphat to join him in a campaign through the desert of Edom joined by king of Edom and they ran out of water. So Jehoshaphat calls in Elisha. Elisha tells them to go to... the prophets of Ahab and Jez. For the sake of Jehosh, Elisha calls a harpist who plays while Elisha get into the hand of the Lord. You'll get pools of water w/out rain and you will destroy Moab and cut down the trees and stop all the springs and every fortified city. The water fooled Moabites into thinking their enemies had slaughtered themselves.

v.26 King of Moab attacks with 700, but fails. Then he sacrifices his firstborn son on the city wall. “The fury against Israel was great; they withdrew and returned to their own land...???????

2K4 The widow's olive oil that would not quit. Calls out to Elisha.

v. 8 ff After Elisha promises her a son in her old age, the boy dies. Shunammite's son restored to life. She finds “the man of God” on Mt. Carmel...

v. 38 Company of prophets—gourds unknown give “death in the pot” but Elisha heals it with some flour. [*Prophet stew and gravy?*]



v 42 Elisha feeds 100 men with 20 loaves of barley bread. And had leftovers.—**NT Story?**

2K 5 Naaman healed of leprosy, but Elisha’s greedy Gehazi is given the disease for his greed.

2K 6 Arrowhead floats: the “company of prophets” seeks a larger meeting place at the Jordan.

v. 8 Elisha knows movement of the King of Syria and tells the King of Israel. Syrian king finds Elisha in Dothan where his army surrounds Elisha—“Don’t be afraid, those with us are greater than those with them.” Stricken with blindness, Elisha leads them to city and feeds them and sends them away.

v.24 – 2K7 Ben-Hadad Syrian king mobilizes to lay siege to Samaria where famine became extreme. Women on the wall eating their sons. King blames Elisha sitting in his house with the ELDERS. Elisha predicts the lifting of the siege. 4 men with leprosy at the gate discover the Syrian had fled leaving the camp with everything in it because God had caused the Syrians to hear the sound of an army and a rumor spread that the Hittite army was coming. It checked out when the King of Israel sent horsemen to follow the Syrian army.

2K8 Elisha had sent Shunammite widow to Philistines to avoid the severe famine and she returns to have the reclaim her land which Gehazi helps her do.

v. 7 Elisha goes to Damascus; Ben-Hadad was ill. Sends Hazael to give a gift of huge proportions. Elisha tells Hazael to lie to Ben-Hadad that he would recover and weeps for the destruction Hazael will wreck on Israel when he becomes king.

v.14 Hazael smothers Ben-Hadad and becomes Syrian King.

2K8.16 In the fifth year of **Joram**, Ahab’s son, **Jehoram**, son of Jehoshaphat became King in Judah. Reigned 8 years. He followed the ways of Ahab because he married Ahab’s daughter, Athaliah. Edom rebelled against Judah and set up its own king. **Jehoram** fled back to Jer. He died there and was buried.

v. 25 **Ahaziah**, **Jehoram’s** son becomes King of Judah. He reigns 1 Year and dies of wounds suffered in battle against Hazael of Syria. He goes to Jezreel to see **Joram**, son of Ahab because he was wounded.

2K 9 Elisha anoints **Jehu**: You are to destroy the house of Ahab your master. The whole house of Ahab will perish. As for Jezebel, dogs will devour her at Jezreel because no one will bury her.

v. 14 **Jehu** conspired against **Joram** (Israel) killing him at Jezreel; **Jehu** drives like a maniac to Jezreel; **Joram** and **Ahaziah** ride out to meet him. They meet at the land of Naboth. “How can there be peace as long as all the idolatry and witchcraft of your mother Jezebel abound?” Shoots **Joram** and he dies on the land of Naboth, as God predicted. **Ahaziah** flees; Jehu chases and wounds him and he rides all the way to Megiddo and dies.

v.30 **Jehu** goes to Jezreel where Jezebel **puts on her eye makeup**. She looks out window to taunt Jehu who tells the servants to throw her down and her blood spattered on the wall, and the horses

trampled her, *but at least her hair was combed and she was all made up*. Jehu and company went in to eat and returned later to bury her, but found only her skull, hands and feet.

2K10 In Samaria were 70 descendants of Ahab. **Jehu** wrote to Samaria to set up the best one of them to be King, but they were terrified and refused saying we'll do anything you want—heads of the 70 sons brought to Jezreel. Put the heads in baskets and took them to Jezreel where Jehu ordered they be put into two piles by the entrance to the city until morning. **Jehu** continues the slaughter all the way to Samaria.

v.18 **Jehu** kills the servants of Baal. Makes the temple of Baal a latrine.

v.28 Keeps the golden calves at Bethel and Dan.

v.30 the Lord promises Jehu four generations of kings.

v.32 the Lord reduced Israel. Hazael of Syria took back the Trans-Jordan.

v. 35 **Jehu** reigned 28 years in Samaria and his son Jehoahaz succeeded him.

2Chr 21.1 **Jehoram** succeeds Jehoshaphat and kills all his brothers. He reigns 8 years and does what Ahab did. He married a daughter of Ahab. **Athaliah**.

v. 8 Edom rebels.

v. 12 Elijah writes a letter telling **Jehoram** of his doom. Bowels will fall out.

v. 16 Philistines and Arabs near Cush invaded and killed all his sons except **Ahaziah** the youngest.

v. 20 **He passed away to no one's regret.**

2Chr 22 The people made **Ahaziah** king in his place. He reigned one year.

v. 2 His mother's name was **Athaliah** granddaughter of Omri and daughter of Ahab and Jezebel.

9 Jehu kills all the house of Ahab including **Ahaziah**, and no one in the house of Ahaziah with enough power to reign.

ENTER ATHALIAH.

2K11.1 **Athaliah** exterminates all the royal family, but Jehosheba took **Joash** and hid him in the temple with his nurse for 6 years. And **Athaliah** reigns.

v. 4 Jehoiada the priests foments a coup. v. he crowns **Joash**.

v. 13 Athaliah hears. Cries "Treason" Jehoiada has her killed not in Temple but at Palace.

v. 18 People tore down temple of Baal and killed priest of Baal.

v. 21 **Joash** was 7 year old when he began to reign in the 7th year of Jehu of Israel

2K 12.2 Joash did what was right all the years of Jehoiada the priest. Except he did not remove the high places.

v.4 repairs the temple. Or tries to. Priests fail for 23 years. Finally separates accounting for offering.

v. 15 Hazael attacks and captures Gath and comes after Jerusalem. And **Joash** gives temple treasures to buy off Hazael.

v. 20 His officials assassinated him and his son **Amaziah** succeeded him as King.

2K13.1 **Jehoahaz** son of Jehu becomes King of Israel in Samaria.

v.4 **Jehoahaz** sought the Lord; the Lord provided a deliverer from Syria. Kept the worship of Jeroboam. and the Asherah Pole remained standing in Samaria.

v.9 **Jehoash** his son becomes King. He did evil in the eyes of the Lord and did not turn away from sins of Jeroboam.

v.12 -- war against Amaziah king of Judah

vv14 Elisha just before death predicts with bow and arrow the defeat of Syria by Jehoash – only 3 times instead of completely...

v. 20 Elisha dies. A man later thrown into his tomb comes back to life.

v.25 **Jehoash** defeats Hazael's son Ben-Hadad three times.

2K 14 **Amaziah** put in power after assassination of Joash. Executes those who assassinated his father.

v. 8 tries to pick a fight with **Jehoahaz** King of Israel/ thistle story. The outcome is that Israel captured **Amaziah** and sacked Jerusalem and tore down part of the wall. And takes Temple items. Conspiracy takes Amaziah's life and Azariah his son takes the throne. AKA **Uzziah**.

Observations from Jonah, Amos and Hosea.

