Quarter 6 Till There Was No Remedy Pt1

This is the first quarter of a two quarter study about the Divided Kingdom. We move away from one lesson/one class these two quarters. To accommodate the material, it will be one lesson per week.

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 Hosea Hosea

Lesson 1 I Kings 12; II Chron.10-11\*

Solomon had been king in all Israel for 40 years. The LORD had given Solomon wisdom and discernment to rule His people as well as great wealth and fame. But there was something Solomon did not do very well…raise his children to love and obey the LORD! When Solomon died, his son, Rehoboam was to be the new king, but not everyone was happy about that!! Jeroboam the son of Nebat came to Rehoboam as the people’s spokesman. The people were tired of the hard labor they were forced to do under King Solomon and wanted the king to lift that burden from them. (Read in I Samuel 8:10-22 what Samuel told the people would happen when they had a king over them!) Rehoboam said he would think about it for three days.

1. During this time, Rehoboam asked the old men who helped Solomon make decisions what he should do. They told him he should lighten the load, “speak \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ words to them, then they will be your \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 forever.” I Kings 12:7

1. When Rehoboam talked with his friends, they told him to” \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to *their* yoke” I Kings 12:11
2. **T/F** The people of Israel thought it was a great idea and followed Rehoboam. I Kings 12:16-19; II Chronicles 10:19
3. Rehoboam was the new king over \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (I Kings 12:17) and he lived in the city of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.II Chronicles 11:5
4. Jeroboam was made the king over \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (I Kings 12:20) and he lived in the city of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. II Kings 12:25
5. Because Jeroboam did not have the city of Jerusalem, he set up altars in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ so the people could worship the LORD. I Kings 12:29
6. Rehoboam was a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ king and reigned for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ years. II Chronicles 12:13-14

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Lesson 2 I Kings 13:1-15:8; II Chron. 12-13\*

While Jeroboam was the king of Israel, he set up idols, two golden calves, and made altars in Bethel and Dan for the people to worship. (I Kings 12:28-29) The LORD was NOT pleased with Jeroboam because he did what he thought was right in his own heart. (I Kings 12:26) So as he was standing at the altar to make sacrifices a man of God came from Judah to warn him about things that would happen because Jeroboam did not obey the LORD! There was going to be a sign from the LORD. Remember the name Josiah for a lesson later! \*\*(Note that the king of Judah named Abijah is also called Abijam!)

1. **T/F** The man of God said the altar would always be there as a sign that Jeroboam was doing what was good. I Kings 12:3
2. **T/F** The man of God was told to go another way home and not eat with anyone. I Kings 13:9
3. **Y/N** Did the man of God obey? What happened to him? I Kings 13:26 You can read 13:11-32 for the whole story about the man of God.
4. What was going to happen to the family of Jeroboam because he was such a terrible king? Read I Kings 14:7-14
5. When Rehoboam died, who became king in his place? II Chronicles 12:16 Circle one. **Abijah/Ahijah**
6. **T/F** Things were always good between Jeroboam and Abijah. II Chronicles 13:2
7. Who won the war between **Abijah** with 400,000 men and **Jeroboam** with 800,000 men? II Chronicles 13:17 **Circle the king who won.**
8. Jeroboam was a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ king and reigned for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ years. I Kings 14:20
9. Abijah was a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ king and reigned for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ years. II Chronicles 13:2

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Lesson 3 I Kings 15:9-16:28; IIChron.14-16\*

After Abijah died, his son Asa became the king. The first thing he did was tear down all of the high places that had been built to worship false gods. This made the LORD happy and He granted them peace in the land! That means there were no wars in Judah for 10 years! Because there was rest, Asa built fortified cities.

We read in I Kings 15:25 that while Asa was king in Judah, Jeroboam died and his son Nadab became the king over Israel and reigned 2 years. Nadab was evil just like his father and then was killed by a man named Baasha. Baasha named himself as the king of Israel!

1. How did the LORD help Judah in the battle against the Ethiopians? II Chronicles 14:9-15
2. **T/F** Many of the Israelites returned to Judah to serve the LORD like they were supposed to. II Chronicles 15:15
3. What was not torn down in Israel? II Chronicles 15:17 Circle one. **the high places / the temple**
4. What did Baasha do to stop the people living in Judah from going back to Israel? II Chronicles 16:1 Circle one. **fortified Ramah / built a bridge**
5. **T/F** Asa wanted to make a treaty with the king of Aram, Ben-hadad, so he brought treasures from the temple. II Chronicles 16:2
6. Who told Asa the LORD was not happy with him about the treaty he made with Ben-hadad? II Chronicles 16:7 Circle one. **Hanani / Ben-hadad** (What did he tell Asa? 16:7-9 What did Asa do to him? 16:10)
7. Asa was a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ king and reigned for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ years. II Chronicles 16:11-13
8. Nadab was a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ king and reigned for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ years. I Kings 15:25-26
9. Baasha was a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ king and reigned for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ years. I Kings 15:33-34

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Here is a list of kings who reigned for a short time. You can read about their reigns in I Kings 16

1. Elah was a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ king and reigned for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ years. I Kings 16:8
2. What did he do?
3. Zimri was a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ king and reigned for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ years / days (circle one). I Kings 16:15
4. What did he do?
5. Omri was a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ king and reigned for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ years. I Kings 16:21-25
6. What did he do?

\*\*Reminder\*\* Israel is in the North and there are No Good Kings. “INNGK”

 Judah is in the South and there are Some Good Kings. “JSSGK”

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Lesson 4 I Kings 16:29-22:50; II Chron. 17-18\*

Asa was a good king, but while he was king in Judah, a worse king than all of the kings before him was reigning in Israel! His name was Ahab and he married a woman named Jezebel in an effort to make peace with the Phoenicians. They were extremely evil together!! After Asa died, his son Jehoshaphat became king in Judah and continued to do great things for God’s people. But remember if the heart of the people is not with the LORD, then things really don’t change very much!!! (We are going to read a little more about Elijah in this lesson but lesson 5 will be about Elijah and Ahab.)

1. **T/F** Ahab built altars to Baal and provoked the Lord to anger! I Kings 16:31-33
2. Whose vineyard did Ahab want as his own? I Kings 21:1-2 Circle one. **Naboth/ Elijah**
3. Who told Ahab he could TAKE the vineyard because he was the king? I Kings 21:7 Circle one. **Jezebel / two worthless men**
4. What happened to Naboth? Read I Kings 21:11-14.
5. **Y/N** When Ahab heard the words of Elijah, did it make Ahab feel better? Read I Kings 21:17-29
6. Did the thing that Elijah prophesy about really happen to Jezebel? See II Kings 9:10, 30-37
7. How did Jehoshaphat help the people learn about the law of the LORD? II Chronicles 17:7-9 Circle one. **sent all the children to school / sent teachers and priests throughout the land**
8. Y/N When Ahab wanted Jehoshaphat to go to war with him against another king did Jehoshaphat consult the LORD? II Chronicles 18:6 (we will talk about this later.)
9. Ahab was a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ king and reigned for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ years. I Kings 16:29-30
10. Jehoshaphat was a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ king and reigned for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ years. II Chronicles 20:31-33

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Lesson 5 I Kings 17-20\*

God wanted His people to do the right thing but they wouldn’t listen. So during this time, the people were visited by prophets. Elijah the Tishbite visited Ahab while he was king in Israel. He would tell the king and the people over and over, if they would return to the LORD they would be blessed again.

1. **T/F** Elijah told Ahab that it would rain for 3 years without stopping. I Kings 17:1
2. While Elijah had water from the brook, who brought food to Elijah? I Kings 17:4-6 Circle one. **doves / ravens**
3. Where did Elijah go after the brook dried up? I Kings 17:9 Circle one. **back to Judah / to the widow’s home in Zarephath**
4. Read I Kings 17:9-16. What did Elijah do for the widow and her son with the LORD’s help? Circle one. **the jars of oil and flour did not empty / they died in peace**
5. Read I Kings 17:17-24. It came about that the widow’s son died. What did Elijah do for him with the LORD’s help? Circle one. **he died in peace / he was revived**
6. The Lord instructed Elijah to go see Ahab. What did Ahab say when he saw him? I Kings 18:17 Circle one. **“Is this you, you troubler of Israel?” / “Is this you, you truth-teller of Israel?”**
7. Fill in the blank. “How long will you \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ between two opinions? If the LORD is God, follow Him; but if Baal, follow him.” I Kings 18:21
8. What was the challenge for the prophets of Baal? Read I Kings 18:21-29
9. What happened to Elijah’s sacrifice? I Kings 18:30-39
10. What happened after this? I Kings 18:41-46 Was it a **heavy shower** or a **light shower**?
11. What else did you see interesting in this part of the story?
12. Who is always with Elijah?

There is more we can study about Elijah in these chapters. If you have time, read what happens to Elijah in chapter 20 of I Kings. There will be times when we are all discouraged and need to remember that the Lord is always with us even when we thing we are all alone!

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Lesson 6 I Kgs. 21:1-II Kgs. 2:18; II Chron. 18-20\*

We have read about Naboth and his vineyard. It seems that nothing was going to make Ahab happy. During this time Elijah prophesied many things about Ahab and Jezebel. You can read about them in I Kings 21:20-24.

Jehoshaphat and Ahab had allied themselves by the marriage of their children. (II Chronicles 21:6) Ahab wanted Jehoshaphat to go into battle with him. You can read the story in I Kings 22.

1. Jehoshaphat returned safely but what happened to Ahab? Read I Kings 22:34-40. Circle one. **he was struck by an arrow / he came home safe and sound**
2. What happened to Ahab’s blood? I Kings 22:38 Circle one. **dogs drank it / it was washed away**

(In II Chronicles 19 we can read of all of the great things Jehoshaphat did for the LORD in Judah.)

With all that has happened with Elijah and the prophets of Baal, you would think the hearts of the people would return to the LORD! But things did not change. If you had time to read about Elijah and his flight to Horeb last class you will remember that Elijah thought he was the only person following the LORD. Boy did he find out differently! Elijah even met someone who would help him. But we know…the Lord keeps His promises!

There is an interesting story in II Kings 1. Before Ahab dies he appoints his son, Ahaziah as the new king.

1. What happened to Ahaziah? II Kings 1:2 Circle one. **fell through the roof / tried to win the battle against Moab**
2. **T/F** Ahaziah decided to ask the LORD to help him feel better. II Kings 1:2
3. **T/F** The LORD sent Elijah to tell Ahaziah that he would die. II Kings 1:4
4. **Y/N** Would Elijah come and meet the king? II Kings 1:9-14
5. Eventually Elijah went to see the king and delivered the message. What was the message? II Kings 1:16

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Elisha was learning from Elijah and it was time for the LORD to take him home. Elisha would not leave him when it was time for him to go. Read II Kings 2:1-18 to answer these questions.

1. Was Elijah going to die and be buried? II Kings 2:1
2. Did Elisha know that the LORD was going to take Elijah away? II Kings 2:3,5
3. Did Elijah want Elisha to make the journey with him? II Kings 2:2,4,6
4. How did Elijah and Elisha cross over the Jordan? II Kings 2:8
5. What did Elisha ask from Elijah before he left? II Kings 2:9
6. Was that going to be an easy thing to give away? II Kings 2:10
7. What appeared as they were talking? II Kings 2:11
8. What happened to Elijah? II Kings 2:12
9. What happened to Elisha? II Kings 2:15
10. Did the prophets try to find Elijah? II Kings 2:16-18

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Lesson 7 II Kings 2:19-3:27; II Chron. 21 & Obadiah\*

Just before Ahab died, he made his son, Ahaziah co-regent. (He ruled with his father for a while and when Ahab died, Ahaziah became king.) He only ruled for two years but was as wicked as his father! When Ahaziah died his brother, Jehoram became king in Israel. Meanwhile back in Judah, Jehoshaphat appointed his son, also Jehoram as co-regent. Jehoshaphat’s Jehoram married the daughter of Ahab and Jezebel. This turned out to be very bad for Judah. All of the great things done by Jehoshaphat are quickly forgotten!

Israel wanted to go to war with Moab to gain control of the area. Jehoram asked Jehoshaphat if he would help. Together they headed to Moab, but they were not prepared.

1. What did the armies run out of? II Kings 3:9 Circle one. **water / swords**
2. What did Jehoshaphat ask for? II Kings 3:11 Circle one. **a sacrifice/ a prophet of the LORD**
3. **T/F**  Elisha said that the LORD would give them water without it raining AND He would give the Moabites into their hands. I Kings 3:17-18
4. Read II Kings 3:21-27. How did the Lord help them win the battle?
5. What did Jehoram of Judah do to ensure he was going to be the only king? II Chronicles 21:4 **he made sacrifices to the LORD to ask for help / he killed his brothers and other kings of Israel**
6. A letter came to Jehoram from the prophet Elijah. It told of what would happen to Jehoram and his family. Read II Chronicles 21:12-15 to find out what happened.
7. **T/F** Jehoram got sick with an incurable sickness and his guts fell out! II Chronicles 21:18-19
8. Ahaziah of Israel was a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ king and reigned for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ years. II Kings 1:17-18
9. Jehoram of Judah was a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ king and reigned for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ years. II Chronicles 21:20
10. Jehoram of Israel was a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ king and reigned for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ years. II Kings 3:1-3

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It is thought that the prophet Obadiah was prophesying around the time of Jehoram of Judah. But his message was not for the nation of Judah or for the nation of Israel. He had a message for Edom.

Do you remember who they were? You can read Genesis 27:1-28:9, Genesis 31:1-33:20, Numbers 20:14-21 and Romans 9:10-13 to refresh your memory.

Edom was the descendants of Esau, the son of Isaac. Esau was also the twin brother of Jacob, who later was called Israel. Jacob tricked his father Isaac into giving Jacob the blessing normally given to the firstborn. Esau was given a different blessing. Because of this Esau always held a grudge against his brother and the nation of Israel.

Obadiah’s message was against Edom for all of the bad things they had done to the nation of Israel.

1. What did Edom think of themselves as a nation? Obadiah 1:3 Circle one. **they were arrogant / they were too little to be important**
2. What was going to happen to Edom? Obadiah 1:6 Circle one. **they would be a great nation / they would be ransacked**
3. **T/F** The LORD was going to destroy all of the wise men of Israel. Obadiah 1:8
4. **T/F** The nation of Edom would be cut off forever because of their actions against Israel. Obadiah 1:10
5. Read Obadiah 1:18-21. Who do you think was going to be victorious?

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Lesson 8 II Kings 4:1-10:17, II Chron 22:1-8\*

You remember that Elisha is now the prophet in Israel. He is showing that he had a double portion of Elijah’s spirit and that the LORD was with him. Elisha is a man full of works and is working miracles. Let’s look at a few and those he influenced.

There was a man who had died. He was a prophet of the LORD. When he died, his widow and children were left owing money to someone. His widow came to Elisha to see if he could help.

1. What was going to happen if she could not pay the money? II Kings 4:1 Circle one. **she would become a slave / her children would become a slave**
2. **T/F** Elisha asked what she had in her house. II Kings 4:2
3. **Y/N** Was Elisha able to use the oil in her house? Read II Kings 4:3-7 to answer how he used the oil to help her.

Elisha would pass through Shunem. As often as he would pass through, a wealthy woman of the city would invite Elisha to eat with her and her husband. After a while she perceived that he was a “holy man of God.” So she and her husband built an upper room for Elisha to stay in when he traveled. Gehazi, Elisha’s servant, would also travel with him.

1. **T/F** Elisha sent his servant to see what he could do for the woman. II Kings 4:12-13
2. **T/F** Elisha told her at this time next year she would have a new dog. II Kings 4:16
3. **T/F** When her son had grown, he went to work in the fields and had a bad headache. II Kings 4:18-19
4. **T/F** His mother went to find Elisha as soon as possible! II Kings 4:22
5. **T/F** When she found Elisha’s servant, she told him something terrible had happened. II Kings 4:26
6. Read II Kings 4:34-37. What did Elisha do to the boy? And then, what did the boy do that seems really strange?!

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When Elisha went to Gilgal, there was a famine in the land. Some of the prophets were sitting around gathering herbs for a stew to eat. They gathered things they weren’t really sure about and put it in the pot anyway.

1. What happened when they tried the stew? II Kings 4:40 Circle one. **cried “there is death in the pot” / cried “this is the best tasting stew ever”**
2. **Y/N** Was Elisha able to fix the stew? II Kings 4:41

Elisha did other miracles. But the most memorable one may be the story of Naaman the leper.

Naaman was the captain of the army of the king of Aram. The first verse of II Kings 5 tells us some great things about Naaman. But he had leprosy. It is a very bad skin disease. There was a servant girl who had heard about a prophet in Israel and knew that he could help Naaman. So Naaman sent letters to the king of Israel along with silver, gold, and a change of clothes so that he would cure him of his leprosy. But that’s not what happened!

1. **T/F** The king of Israel thought that the king of Aram was trying to start a war with him. II kings 5:7
2. **T/F** Elisha heard about the king’s reaction and told Naaman to come over. II Kings 5:8
3. **T/F** Elisha answered the door and laid hands on Naaman and he was healed. II Kings 5:10
4. Read II Kings 5:10-14. Was Naaman willing to do what Elisha’s servant told him to do? Did he need someone to convince him to do what Elisha told him to do?
5. **Y/N** Did Naaman want to thank Elisha for healing him? II Kings 5:15-19
6. Who thought they should get “paid” for healing Naaman? II Kings 5:20-27 Circle one. **Elisha / Gehazi**
7. What happened to Gehazi? II Kings 5:27 Circle one. **he died / he was struck with leprosy**

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1. Ahaziah of Judah was a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ king and reigned for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ years. II Kings 8:26

In Israel, Jehu rises to power. He killed Jehoram (of Israel) and all of the sons of Ahab, as it had been prophesied. He also killed Ahaziah of Judah. He even had Jezebel thrown from an upstairs room to the street where she was eaten by the dogs!! We will see that Jehu might not have been so terrible, but what do we know? There are NO good kings in Israel!

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Lesson 9 II Kings 10:18-11:21; II Chron 22:9-23:21\*

Jehu was ruling in Israel and had carried out what Elijah had prophesied about when he killed the remaining relatives of Ahab. He might have been the one king in Israel who COULD have been good. So Jehu gathered the people of Israel to make an announcement. “Ahab served Baal a little; Jehu will serve him much. Now, summon all the prophets of Baal, all his worshippers and all his priests; let no one be missing, for I have a great sacrifice for Baal; whoever is missing will not live.”

1. Why did Jehu want to have all of the worshippers and priests of Baal come for the sacrifice? II Kings 10:19 Circle one. **to destroy them / to thank them**
2. **Y/N** Did everyone come to the sacrifice? II Kings 10:21
3. Read II Kings 10:22-24. How was Jehu going to know who the Baal worshippers were? Circle one. **they would tell him / they would be wearing special clothes**
4. What happened as soon as the sacrifices were over? II Kings 10:25 Circle one. **they were killed / they got new clothes**
5. **T/F** Jehu got rid of Baal in Israel. II Kings 10:28
6. **T/F** Jehu even got rid of the golden calves that Jeroboam set up in Dan and Bethel. II Kings 10:29
7. **T/F** Because Jehu tried to do what was right; his children up to four generations were able to sit on the throne in Israel. II Kings 10:30
8. In those days, what was getting smaller? II Kings 10:32 Circle one. **the nation of Israel / the river Jordan**
9. Jehu of Israel was a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ king and reigned for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ years. II Kings 10:36

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After the death of her son, Ahaziah, Athaliah worked quickly to get herself into power in Judah, making herself queen. As a result she killed everyone who was in line for the throne. Do you know realize that it meant she even killed her own grandchildren?! She was very wicked! But Jehoshabeath (the daughter of King Jehoram and the priest’s wife) stole Joash (also called Jehoash and one of the grandsons of Athaliah) and hid him away in the house of God with Jehoiada the priest. She hid him there for six years. (II Chronicles 22:11-12)

1. What happened after Joash was hidden for seven years? II Kings 11:4 Circle one. **he was shown to the captains of the guard and the Levites / he was found**
2. Read II Chronicles 23:1-10. What did Jehoiada the priest do to prepare for the fight he knew was going to happen when other found out about Joash?
3. In II Chronicles 23:11 Joash was crowned king and all of the people shouted this… Circle one. **“Long live the king!” / “How old is he?!?!?!”**
4. Who came running into the house of the LORD when she heard the commotion? II Chronicles 23:13 Circle one. **Joash’s mom Zibiah / Joash’s grandmother Athaliah**
5. **T/F** Athaliah came into the temple tearing her clothes and yelling “That’s where he was?” II Chronicles 23:13
6. **Y/N** Were Athaliah and her followers put to death in the house of the LORD? II Chronicles 23:14-15
7. **T/F** “Jehoiada made a covenant with himself and all the people and the king, that they would be the LORD’s people.” II Chronicles 23:16
8. What did the people do after they made the covenant? II Chronicles 23:17 Circle one. **tore down** **the altars of Baal / went home and celebrated**
9. Who was now in charge of the house of the LORD? II Chronicles 23:18 Circle one. **the Levites / the Israelites**
10. Athaliah was a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ king, uh queen, and reigned for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ years. II Chronicles 22:12 (You might have to figure this out!)

As we close this lesson there is a nation coming on to the scene that we need to remember. It is the nation of Assyria. Under the leadership of Shalmaneser III, they grew to be a great nation. The Assyrians would soon be a threat to both Judah and Israel.

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Lesson 10 II Kings 12:1-13:13; II Chr. 24; Joel\*

While Jehoiada was still living, Joash “did right in the sight of the LORD.”(II Kings 12:2) But we also read that the “high places were not taken down and the people still sacrificed and burned incense on the high places.”(II Kings 12:3) In II Chronicles 24:7 we read that the temple has been in disrepair for some time.

1. What did Joash want the priests to collect? II Kings 12:4-5 Circle one. **money to repair the temple / the bones of the sacrifices made to idols**
2. **Y/N** Did the priests make the repairs to the temple? II Kings 12:6
3. **T/F** The priests were to gather more money and fix the building with their own hands. II Kings 12:7-8
4. **T/F** The people brought money and put it into the chest next to the door of the temple. II Kings 12:9
5. **T/F** When the chest was full; the priest would take the money and repair the temple. II Kings 12:11
6. **Y/N** Did the workmen have to give an account of the work they did on the temple? **Why or why not?** II Kings 12:15

Hazael, king of Aram, fought in Gath and then set his mind toward Jerusalem. It seems that Joash was scared! He gathered every sacred thing from the temple and from his own collection and sent it to Hazael. Then Hazael turned from Jerusalem.

At the ripe old age of 130, Jehoiada died. After his death the officials came to Joash and he listened to them. The people abandoned the temple and went back to worshipping their idols! (II Chronicles 24:18) When Zechariah, the son of Jehoiada, told Joash he was doing wrong, do you think Joash changed and encouraged the people to return to following the LORD? NO! He had Zechariah stoned to death! (II Chronicles 24:20-21)

1. Joash was a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ king and reigned for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ years. II Chronicles 24:1 How old was he when he became king?

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While Joash was reigning in Judah, Jehoahaz the son of Jehu became the king in Israel.

1. **Y/N** Jehoahaz was an evil king in Israel. II Kings 13:2
2. Who continued to fight with Jehoahaz? II Kings 13:3 Circle one. **the king of Aram / the king of Judah**
3. **Y/N** Did Jehoahaz ask the LORD for help? II Kings 13:4
4. **Y/N** Did the LORD send a deliverer? II Kings 13:5
5. **T/F** The Israelites decided to follow the LORD because He helped them. II Kings 13:6
6. Jehoahaz was a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ king and reigned for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ years. II Kings 13:1

During this time, it is thought that the prophet Joel was telling of bad and good things to come for the nation of Judah. Joel tried to help the people return to serving the true God. He starts with something that is happening in Judah at the time… a swarm of locusts.

1. **T/F** The locusts ate everything in sight! Joel 1:2-12 (11)
2. **T/F** Joel calls on the people to cry out to the LORD. Joel 1:13-20 (14)
3. **T/F** No one will be able to endure the day of the LORD. Joel 2:1-11 (11)
4. **T/F** Joel told the people to tear their clothes and not their hearts. Joel 2:12-17(13)
5. **T/F** If Israel (Judah) repents they will be blessed. Joel 2:18-27 (26)
6. **T/F** The LORD will pour out His Spirit on all mankind. Joel 2:28-32 (28) \*\*Does this sound familiar to you? See what Peter said in Acts 2:16-21.
7. **T/F** The LORD promises Israel (Judah), through the prophecies of Joel, that their enemies will be defeated! Joel 3:1-21 (20-21)

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Lesson 11 II Kings. 13:14-14:20 II Chr.25; Jonah\*

Elisha is sick. Joash knew that Elisha was about to die and came to see him. Elisha told Joash to take his bow and shoot his arrows out the window. He said that the LORD’s arrow of victory will defeat the Arameans. Joash was to strike the ground with arrows, but after three arrows he stopped. Elisha told him he should have fired 5 or 6 times, then he would have destroyed Aram completely. But now he would only defeat them three times. Just as Elisha prophesied, Joash defeated Aram and recovered the cities taken from Israel. II Kings 13:24-25

There is an interesting story in II Kings 13:20-21. Read it if you have time!

As we move to the nation of Judah, Amaziah is now the king after his father Joash died. (There is still a king in Israel named Joash!) In the beginning he was a good king and did what was right in the sight of the LORD. BUT, he did not destroy all the high places and the people continued to serve idols and false gods.

1. What did Amaziah do when he became the king? II Kings 14:5 Circle one. **killed the servants who killed his father/ killed the sons of the men who killed his father**
2. **T/F** Amaziah assembled an army to go to war. II Chronicles 25:5
3. **T/F** 100,000 valiant warriors from Israel were hired to help. II Chronicles 25:6
4. Who told Amaziah that he would not win if he took Israel’s warriors with him? II Chronicles 25:7-8 Circle one. **Elisha / a man of God**
5. **Y/N** Was Amaziah supposed to worry about the money he had already paid the warriors? Why or why not? II Chronicles 25:9
6. **T/F** The Israelite army was happy to go home! II Chronicles 25:10
7. Read II Chronicles 25:11-13. What happened in the Valley of Salt and what did the troops that were sent back do?
8. **T/F** The LORD was not happy with Amaziah because he brought home idols from the slaughter of the Edomites. II Chronicles 25:14-16

Amaziah became “proud in his boasting” because he had defeated the Edomites, but the LORD intended to destroy Amaziah along with the nation of Judah.

1. Amaziah was a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ king and reigned for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ years. II Chronicles 25:1 Pg 1

About this time there was a prophet in Israel named Jonah. The LORD appeared to Jonah and told him to go to the east. He was to go to the city of Nineveh in the nation of Assyria. Jonah was to preach to them to repent of their wicked ways! But Jonah did not want to go because he KNEW if they repented the LORD would not punish them as they deserved! (All of our answers will be from the book of Jonah.)

1. **T/F** Jonah boarded a ship heading in the opposite direction, towards Tarshish. 1:2
2. **T/F** The LORD caused a great fish to swallow the ship Jonah was on. 1:4-6
3. **T/F** It was Jonah’s fault that the storm had come against the ship. 1:7
4. **T/F** Jonah said if they threw the cargo into the sea the storm would stop. 1:12
5. **T/F** When they threw Jonah into the sea, the LORD stopped the raging seas. 1:16
6. How long was Jonah in the belly of the fish? 1:17 Circle one. **3 days and 3 nights / 40 days and 40 nights**
7. Jonah prayed from the belly of the fish. Read his prayer in chapter 2.
8. **T/F** Jonah really did go to Nineveh and preached to them the word of the LORD. 3:1-4
9. **T/F** The people of Nineveh believed in God. 3:5
10. **T/F** The King proclaimed a fast to show that they were sorry. 3:7-9
11. **Y/N** Did the LORD forgive them? 3:10

Jonah was angry because the LORD spared such a wicked city, so he left Nineveh. He built a shelter to watch for what surely would be the coming destruction. As he waited, the LORD caused a vine to cover him with shade. Jonah was very happy to have the shade. But the very next day the LORD caused a worm to eat the vine and his shade was gone! Jonah was very angry! The LORD wanted to know “Do you have a good reason to be angry about the plant?” Of course Jonah thought he had a very good reason! The plant came about because the LORD caused it to grow. Jonah did not plant it or water it or care for it as it was growing. Jonah had come to Nineveh to preach to them the word of the LORD but did not care about the people he was preaching to! But the LORD still cared about them. He is the LORD God of all the earth, not just the God of Israel and Judah!

It is the same today! The LORD wants us to serve Him and do what is right!

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Lesson 12 II Kings 14:21-27; II Chron. 26:1-15; Amos\*

Jeroboam II the grandson of Jehu, is reigning in Israel. It was promised that Jehu’s descendants would reign on the throne for four more generations. (II Kings 10:30) He was an evil king, but he did restore some of Israel’s borders. At that time the Lord saw the affliction of Israel, but there was no one there to help them. II Kings 14:27 says that “He saved them by the hand of Jeroboam.”

1. Jeroboam II was a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ king and reigned for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ years. II Kings 14:23

When Amaziah died, his son Uzziah (also Azariah in Chronicles) became the king in Judah. He was 16 years old when he took the throne. In the days of Zechariah, Uzziah continued to seek the LORD.

1. **T/F** Uzziah rebuilt Eloth and restored it to Judah. II Chronicles 26:2
2. **Y/N** Was the LORD with Uzziah as long as he served Him? II Chronicles 26:5
3. Where did Uzziah build cities? II Chronicles 26:6 Circle one. among the Philistines/ in the deserts
4. How far did his fame extend? II Chronicles 26:8 Circle one. to Egypt/ to Georgia
5. **T/F** Uzziah fortified the gates around Jerusalem. II Chronicles 26:9
6. **T/F** The king loved to farm! II Chronicles 26:10
7. **T/F** An army was ready for battle! II Chronicles 26:11-14
8. What does II Chronicles 26:15 say about Uzziah?

In our next lesson we are going to learn what happens to Uzziah!

“The words of Amos, who was among the sheepherders from Tekoa, which he envisioned in visions concerning Israel in the days of Uzziah king of Judah, and in the days of Jeroboam son of Joash, king of Israel, two years before the earthquake.” Amos 1:1

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This is all we know about the prophet the LORD chose to speak His judgments against the people of Israel, Judah and the surrounding nations. It really is not important who Amos was but more important was the message that it came from the LORD and that He intended to punish all who had transgressed Him! In Amos 1:3-2:3 Amos tells of the punishments that will come against the nations around Israel and Judah. (All of our answers will be from the book of Amos.)

1. What did the LORD say He would send upon Judah because they did not obey Him? 2:5 Circle one. **fire / rain**

Amos reminds Israel that the Lord had taken care of them. But year after year, king after king, the people got worse!

1. Who had the LORD destroyed before them? 2:9 Circle one. **Amorites / Canaanites**
2. Where had He brought them up from? 2:10 Circle one. **Asia / Egypt**
3. **T/F** Even the fastest will not escape the punishment! 2:14

For the next few chapters in Amos, the LORD is telling Israel why He was going to punish them. As part of being His people, they were supposed to obey Him. Over the years, The LORD urged the people to return to Him but they would not listen and so they would be punished! (3:14-15) The LORD even cause bad things to happen to the land, famine and drought and they still did not return to Him. (4:6-9)

It was so bad in Israel that they hated the preachers and teachers. (5:10) The Lord knew what they had been doing and the sins they had committed! (5:12) Even some of the people knew what others were doing and they did not say anything! (5:13) Read 5:21-24. What did they bring to the LORD and He rejected it?

The Lord is going to rise up a nation against them! (6:14)

Amos was shown what was going to happen to Israel in chapter 7. He did not know how this small nation could stand so severe a punishment! So Amaziah the priest of Bethel told Jeroboam the king of Israel that Amos was conspiring against him. Amos reminds Amaziah that he is just a farmer and not a prophet, but the LORD took him and told him to tell His people these words! (7:14-15)

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‘“Behold the days are coming,” declares the Lord GOD, “When I will send a famine on the land, not a famine for bread or a thirst for water, but rather for hearing the words of the LORD.”’ Amos tells the people that one day they will not hear the words of the LORD! (8:11)

But there is hope! The LORD says He will not totally destroy the house of Jacob. (9:8) ‘”Also I will restore the captivity of My people Israel, and they will rebuild the ruined cities and live in them; they will plant vineyards and drink their wine, and make gardens and eat their fruit.”’ (9:14)

After the punishment and destructions happens (the captivity) there will be a remnant and a renewal in the land. The Lord has promised that the house of David will be on the throne forever. We know that Jesus will be the one from David’s family to reign in the spiritual kingdom the LORD will never destroy! And one day, He would include us in this spiritual kingdom! (9:11-12)

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Lesson 13 II Kings 14:28-15:31; Hosea\*

Jeroboam II is still reigning in Israel. Uzziah is still reigning in Judah. The sheepherder, Amos had prophesied and now we find Hosea prophesying also. Amos’ message was about the coming judgment against Israel. And they deserved it! But Hosea’s message was different. Even though this message was for Israel, Judah needed to listen, too!

From the time that Israel and Judah divided into two nations, Israel continued to disobey Him and follow after, worship and love the idols of the nations around them. The LORD tried to get the people to return to Him and follow after, worship and love Him! This made the LORD very sad and Israel just could not understand. So the LORD told Hosea to take a wife that He knew would not be faithful to Hosea to help the people understand how He felt when they would not follow after Him!

Hosea took a wife of harlotry. Her name was Gomer and she gave birth to three children.

1. Gomer gave birth to a son named \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. 1:4 His name reminded the people that the LORD would “punish the house of Jehu for the bloodshed ofJezreel…”
2. Next Gomer gave birth to a daughter named \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. 1:6 Her name means that the LORD “will no longer have compassion on the house of Israel.”
3. Who was the LORD going to have compassion on? 1:7\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
4. The last child she gave birth to was a son named \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. 1:9 His name told the people how the LORD felt about them. “You are not My people and I am not your God.”

Just as Hosea was heartbroken over the unfaithfulness of his wife, so was the LORD God of Israel, His chosen people. Like Gomer, Israel had been unfaithful and like Hosea took Gomer back time after time, the LORD took Israel back! But Israel never learned! They continued to serve other gods. And as the names of Gomer’s children suggested the LORD was not going to have any compassion on the house of Israel and scatter them because they were no longer His people.

As we studied in our last lesson we do know that the LORD was going to preserve a spiritual remnant through the house of David. They would return and follow the LORD once again.

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Not long after the prophecy of Hosea, Jeroboam II died in Israel and it was the last of the four generations of the house of Jehu.

1. Jeroboam II was a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ king and reigned for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ years. II Kings 14:23

We are going to read of several kings in the 15th chapter of II Kings. Some ruled for a long time and some for a short time. Let’s fill in the blanks.

1. Uzziah (Azariah) was a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ king and reigned for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ years. II Kings 15:2-5
2. Zechariah was a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ king and reigned for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ years/months. II Kings 15:8-9
3. Shallum was a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ king and reigned for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ years/month. II Kings 15:10-14
4. Menahem was a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ king and reigned for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ years. II Kings 15:14;17-18
5. Pekahiah was a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ king and reigned for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ years. II Kings 15:23-24
6. Pekah was a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ king and reigned for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ years. II Kings 14:27-28
7. Jotham was a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ king and reigned for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ years. II Kings15:33

During the reigns of Menahem and Pekah, Pul, the king of Assyria came to take away the nation of Israel. This was the beginning of the captivity starting with Israel and then later Judah.

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