

The Kings of Judah and Israel

LESSON #15 | Nadab and Baasha "proceed from evil to evil"

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1. Thus far, we have been learning about the kings of Judah. Can you list down the first three kings of the Southern Kingdom?

Kings of Judah:

1. R_____
2. A_____
3. A__

2. In this lesson, we learnt who the 2nd and 3rd kings of Israel were. Can you remember who the 1st king of Israel was?

Kings of Israel:

1. J_____
2. Nadab
3. Baasha

1 Kings 15:25-27

25 And Nadab the son of Jeroboam began to reign over Israel in the second year of Asa king of Judah, and reigned over Israel two years.

26 And he did evil in the sight of the LORD, and walked in the way of his father, and in his sin wherewith he made Israel to sin.

27 And Baasha the son of Ahijah, of the house of Issachar, conspired against him; and Baasha smote him at Gibbethon, which belonged to the Philistines; for Nadab and all Israel laid siege to Gibbethon.

3. From the passage 1 Kings 15:27, how many years did Nadab, the son of Jeroboam, reign over Israel?

- 1 year
- 2 years
- 3 years

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4. What does the phrase in 1 Kings 15:26, “in his sin wherewith he made Israel to sin”, tell us about the influence which King Nadab had over Israel?

1 Kings 15:33-34

33 AIn the third year of Asa king of Judah began Baasha the son of Ahijah to reign over all Israel in Tirzah, twenty and four years.

34 And he did evil in the sight of the LORD, and walked in the way of Jeroboam, and in his sin wherewith he made Israel to sin.

5. Having read 1 Kings 15:33-34, was King Baasha any better than King Nadab?

- Yes, Baasha was a better King than Nadab because Baasha reigned for 24 years while Nadab for only 2 years
- No, Baasha was not any better than Nadab because Scripture describes them both as evil, causing Israel to sin with their sins.

6. During this time, what was the name of the capital of Israel?

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7. Highlight the reasons why God punished Baasha, King of Israel, in 1 Kings 16:1-2, 7.

1 Kings 16:1-2, 7

1 Then the word of the LORD came to Jehu the son of Hanani against Baasha, saying,

2 Forasmuch as I exalted thee out of the dust, and made thee prince over my people Israel; and thou hast walked in the way of Jeroboam, and hast made my people Israel to sin, to provoke me to anger with their sins;

7 And also by the hand of the prophet Jehu the son of Hanani came the word of the LORD against Baasha, and against his house, even for all the evil that he did in the sight of the LORD, in provoking him to anger with the work of his hands, in being like the house of Jeroboam; and because he killed him.

8. Read Jeremiah's words about how the wicked continue in evil

Jeremiah 9:3b

"... for they proceed from evil to evil,
and they know not me, saith the LORD."