

The Kings of Judah and Israel

LESSON #16 | King Elah and the Dangers of Wine-drinking

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1. In the table below, fill in the blanks

Kings of Israel	Kings of Judah
1. J _____	5. R _____
2. N _____	6. A _____
3. B _____	7. A _____
4. E _____	

1 Kings 16:8-13

8 In the twenty and sixth year of Asa king of Judah began Elah the son of Baasha to reign over Israel in Tirzah, two years.

9 And his servant Zimri, captain of half his chariots, conspired against him, as he was in Tirzah, drinking himself drunk in the house of Arza steward of his house in Tirzah.

10 And Zimri went in and smote him, and killed him, in the twenty and seventh year of Asa king of Judah, and reigned in his stead.

11 And it came to pass, when he began to reign, as soon as he sat on his throne, that he slew all the house of Baasha: he left him not one that pisseth against a wall, neither of his kinsfolks, nor of his friends.

12 Thus did Zimri destroy all the house of Baasha, according to the word of the LORD, which he spake against Baasha by Jehu the prophet,

113 For all the sins of Baasha, and the sins of Elah his son, by which they sinned, and by which they made Israel to sin, in provoking the LORD God of Israel to anger with their vanities.

2. Who was the son of Baasha?

- Elah
- Edom
- Elim

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3. How long did King Elah reign?

26 years | 27 years | 2 years

4. Read 1 Kings 16:9 and write down the word which means "to make secret plans to harm one, to plot against someone"

5. What is the occupation of Zimri, the one who conspired against king Elah?

6. What does the phrase, "one that pisseth against a wall", in 1 Kings 16:11 mean?

7. Which word, starting with the letter 'v', does Scripture use to describe the sins of Baasha and Elah? What does this word mean?

8. Using a highlighter, highlight the phrase in 1 Kings 16:13 which tells us that Elah was a wicked king.

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9. What does the Bible teach about wine-drinking?

- o Christians can drink a little wine
- o Christians can drink wine
- o Christians cannot drink wine



10. Fill in the blanks of the following scripture verses which prohibit Christians from drinking alcoholic wine:

Proverbs 20:1

1 Wine is a _____, strong drink is _____:
and whosoever is deceived thereby is not _____.

Proverbs 23:31-32

31 _____ not thou upon the wine when it is red, when it giveth his colour in the cup, when it moveth itself aright.

32 At the last it _____ like a serpent, and _____ like an adder.

Proverbs 31:4-5

4 It is not for kings, O Lemuel, it is not for kings to drink wine;
nor for princes strong drink:

5 Lest they drink, and _____ the ____,
and _____ the _____ of any of the afflicted.