

**A STUDY OF**

**THE KINGS OF JUDAH**

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## **LESSON #1: REHOBOAM, ABIJAH**

### **REHOBOAM**

*Answer the following questions from 2 Chronicles, chapters 10-12*

1. What request did Jeroboam and the people of Israel make to Rehoboam?
2. Why did he not grant their request?
3. Why did Rehoboam not use his army in an attempt to force the ten tribes into submission?
4. What good things happened in the first three years of Rehoboam's reign that strengthened his kingdom, according to 11:5-17?
5. Whom did the Lord use to humble Rehoboam and the leaders of the nation, according to 12:1-12?

What loss was suffered by the nation?

6. List practical lessons that can be learned from the study of Rehoboam.

### **ABIJAH (ABIJAM)**

*Answer the following questions from 2 Chronicles, chapter 13*

7. Contrast the size of Abijah's army with the size of Jeroboam's army.

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8. Read verses 4-12. On what basis did Abijah appeal to the people of Israel before the battle began?
  
9. What was Jeroboam's battle plan according to verses 13-14?
  
10. What enabled Abijah to win the battle?
  
11. We might want at this point to categorize Abijah as one of the good kings of Judah. But how is he described in 1 Kings 15:1-8?

How long did he reign?

12. List practical lessons that can be learned from the study of Abijah.

**LESSON #2: ASA**

*Answer the following questions from 2 Chronicles, chapters 14-16*

1. Consider 14:2-4 and 15:16. What good things are attributed to Asa in these verses?
2. Compare the size of Asa's army with that of the Ethiopian army. What enabled Asa's army to be victorious?
3. Briefly state the prophet Azariah's message to Asa in 15:2. Read the rest of his message in 15:3-7.
4. Use two or three words to summarize reaction to Azariah's message as given in 15:8-15.
5. With what country did Asa make a treaty in opposition to Baasha, king of Israel?  
What did he use in gaining their help? 16:1-6
6. Summarize Hanani's rebuke.
7. How did Asa respond to his rebuke?
8. What other mistake did Asa make, according to 16:11-12?

**Thought Question:** Does this mean it is wrong to seek the aid of a physician when we are sick?

Explain.

9. How long did Asa reign?
10. List practical lessons that can be learned from the study of Asa.

### **LESSON #3: JEHOSHAPHAT**

*Answer the following questions from 2 Chronicles, chapters 17-20*

1. What good things are said of Jehoshaphat in 17:3-4?
2. What commission did Jehoshaphat give to his leaders? 17:7-9
3. Consider chapter 18. What good things can be seen in Jehoshaphat as recorded in this chapter?

What that were not good?

4. Summarize Jehu's rebuke in 19:1-3.
5. Give a one sentence summary of Jehoshaphat's instructions to the judges, as recorded in 19:4-11.
6. How did Jehoshaphat react when the armies of Moab and Ammon came to battle against the nation of Judah?
7. What was Jahaziel's message to the people, according to 20:14-17?
8. How did Jehoshaphat and the nation react to Jahaziel's message, even before the battle began?
9. What good thing did they do after the Lord defeated their enemies, according to 20:24-28?

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10. From 2 Kings 3:4-27 answer the following questions.  
What three kings joined forces against Moab?

What led the three to consult Elisha?

Whose presence among the three brought Elisha to help them?

11. List practical lessons that can be learned from the study of Jehoshaphat.

**LESSON #4: JEHORAM, AHAZIAH**

*Answer the following questions from 2 Chronicles, chapters 21-22*

**JEHORAM**

1. What did Jehoram do to secure his rule, according to 21:4?
2. In what way was Jehoram linked to the house of Ahab?
3. List the nations that revolted against Judah during Jehoram's reign.
4. What disease led to his death?

What is said of the people's emotions when he died?

**AHAZIAH**

5. Who was Ahaziah's mother?  
How was Ahaziah kin to Ahab?
6. What led to Ahaziah's death, according to 22:5-9?  
Who killed him?
7. Read 2 Kings, chapter 9, for more details concerning Jehu's mission in destroying the house of Ahab. Make notes and be prepared to discuss Jehu's actions.
8. List practical lessons that can be learned from the study of Jehoram and Ahaziah.

**OBADIAH**

It is thought by many that Obadiah prophesied during the reign of Jehoram.

***Read Obadiah and answer the following questions***

9. Against what nation did Obadiah prophesy?

From what man were these people descendants?

10. Consider verses 2-4. How is their dwelling place described, leading them to feel secure against invaders?

11. To what degree would God bring them down, as suggested in verse 5?

12. Consider verses 10-14. Briefly state why God was displeased with them.

13. List practical lessons that can be learned from the study of Obadiah.



## **LESSON #5: ATHALIAH, JOASH**

*Answer the following questions from 2 Chronicles 22:10 - 24:27*

### **ATHALIAH**

1. Tell of the actions of Athaliah when Ahaziah died. What son was spared?
2. **Research Question**: Who was Athaliah's father?
3. Briefly describe the security measures taken when Joash was to be made king, according to 23:1-11.
4. Tell of the death of Athaliah. 23:12-15

### **JOASH**

5. What covenant did Jehoiada the priest make with the people and the king, according to 23:16?
6. Why was the temple in need of repair, according to 24:7?
7. How did the people respond when money was needed for repairs?

What was accomplished through this liberal giving?

8. What happened after the death of Jehoiada?
9. Who was Zechariah?

What was his message?

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10. How did the king and the people respond to Zechariah's message?

What were Zechariah's last words?

11. What brought about the death of Joash?

12. List practical lessons that can be learned from this study.

## **LESSON #6: AMAZIAH, UZZIAH**

### **AMAZIAH**

*Answer the following questions from 2 Chronicles, chapter 25*

1. When Amaziah became king, what did he do to those who had killed his father?  
  
Why did he not kill their children?
2. Whom did Amaziah hire to help fight against Edom?  
  
How much did he pay?
3. Why did he not take these men with him to the battle?
4. What was the answer given to Amaziah when he expressed concern for the money he had spent?
5. How did the men of Israel respond when Amaziah discharged them?
6. Why was the Lord's anger aroused against Amaziah?  
  
How did Amaziah react to the prophet who rebuked him?
7. What nation defeated Amaziah and his army?
8. **JOEL.** It was about this time when Joel wrote his prophecy. What terrible plague did Joel describe?  
  
List various ones called on to mourn in Joel 1:5-12.  
  
What was God wanting to see within the people, according to Joel 2:13?

**UZZIAH**

*Answer the following questions from 2 Chronicles, chapter 26*

9. Read verses 1-15. Describe the prosperous times enjoyed by the nation of Judah during the reign of Uzziah.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
10. What foolish act on the part of Uzziah is mentioned in verse 16?  
  
What reason is given for his actions?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
11. How did Uzziah respond to the rebuke of the priests?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
12. What terrible disease came on Uzziah as a result?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
13. List practical lessons to be learned from the study of Amaziah and Uzziah.

## **LESSON #7: JOTHAM**

*Answer the following questions from 2 Chronicles 27:1-9*

1. What is said of Jotham's conduct in verse 2?

What is said of the people during his reign?

2. What is said in verse 6 indicating his strength as king?

Why was this true according to the same verse?

## **MICAH**

It was during these days that Micah prophesied.

*Answer the following questions from the book of Micah*

3. Describe conditions in the nation of Judah as pictured in 2:1-2 and 2:8-9.
4. List three different positions occupied by men who acted corruptly, according to 3:11.
5. What does Micah say of himself in 3:8 in contrast to these corrupt officials?
6. What questions do the people ask in 6:6-7 in response to the Lord's rebuke (*Be sure to read verses 1-5 to appreciate the rebuke.*)?
7. What did the Lord really want from them according to 6:8?
8. **Review Question:** What is said of the people during Jotham's reign? 2 Chronicles 27:2

**LESSON #8: AHAZ**

*Answer the following questions from 2 Chronicles, chapter 28*

1. Tell of the corrupt deeds of Ahaz.
2. Tell of his defeat to Syria and Israel as pictured in verses 5-6.
3. How many captives were taken by Israel?
4. Why did they return the captives?

Tell of the kindness extended to the captives.

5. Why did Judah suffer these losses according to verse 19?
6. What did Ahaz do in an attempt to make an alliance with Assyria?

Was this attempt successful?

7. Consider 2 Kings 16:5-18. Did Assyria come to Ahaz's aid on another occasion?

What did Ahaz see in Damascus that he wanted a replica of in Jerusalem?

Briefly discuss Ahaz's irreverence toward God by his actions as described in this passage.

8. List practical lessons that can be learned from the reign of Ahaz.

**LESSON #9: HEZEKIAH - PART 1**

*Answer the following questions from 2 Chronicles, chapters 29-31*

1. What is said of Hezekiah in 29:2?

What is additionally said of him in 2 Kings 18:5?

2. Why had God's wrath come upon Judah and Jerusalem, according to 29:3-9?
3. What had to be done before true worship could be restored in Judah, according to 29:12-19?
4. As worship is restored with burnt offerings, music, rejoicing, and reverence, what is said in 29:34 to indicate the large number of animals brought to be offered?
5. As preparations were being made for Passover, whom did they invite to come and participate, according to 30:5-12?

What was the general response?

Were there exceptions?

6. What special act of grace from the Lord is spoken of in 30:17-20?
7. Describe the actions of the people in ridding the land of all semblance of idolatry, as recorded in 31:1.

What else was destroyed, according to 2 Kings 18:4?

8. What was done to provide for the material needs of the Priests and Levites as they devoted themselves to the law of the Lord, according to 31:4-7?
9. As you read these three chapters, what is your opinion of Hezekiah?
10. What happened to the kingdom of Israel (the northern 10 tribes) during the reign of Hezekiah, according to 2 Kings 18:9-12?

**LESSON #10: HEZEKIAH - PART 2**

*Answer the following questions from 2 Kings, chapters 18-20*

1. Read the threats of the king of Assyria in 18:17-35 as spoken through the Rabshakeh. Choose five or six words to describe this man.

2. How did the people respond, according to 18:36-37?

How did Hezekiah's representatives respond?

3. What had Hezekiah previously done in an effort to appease the king of Assyria, according to 18:13-16?

4. What request did Hezekiah make of Isaiah?

What was Isaiah's response? 19:1-7

5. What had caused the Assyrian king to turn his attention away from Jerusalem, according to 19:8-9?

6. What did Hezekiah do with the threatening letter sent to him by the king of Assyria? 19:9-19

7. Read carefully God's answer to Hezekiah as recorded in 19:20-34. Who had given to the king of Assyria his power?

What assurance is given that he will not succeed in destroying Jerusalem?

8. What happened to the army of Assyria as recorded in 19:35-37?

9. What led to the prayer of Hezekiah in chapter 20?

How did God respond to the prayer?



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10. What mistake did Hezekiah make when the envoys came from Babylon?
  
11. What was Isaiah's prophecy in response to what Hezekiah had done?
  
12. List practical lessons we can learn from the study of Hezekiah.

**LESSON #11: MANASSEH**

*Answer the following questions from 2 Chronicles, chapter 33*

1. How old was Manasseh when he began to reign?  
At what time in Hezekiah's life would he have been born?
  
2. Instead of walking in his father's footsteps, what were his actions, according to verse 3?
  
3. In what ways did he profane the Lord's house, according to verses 4 and 7?
  
4. What had God said of that house, according to these same verses?
  
5. What promise had God made, according to verse 8?  
  
This promise was conditional, however. What were the conditions, according to the same verse?
  
6. What is said of the sins of the people in verse 9?  
  
Who seduced (made) them to act in such a way?
  
7. Read 2 Kings 21:10-13. What did God say He would do because of the sins of Manasseh?
  
8. What other evil is said of Manasseh in 2 Kings 21:16?
  
9. What brought Manasseh to repentance, according to 2 Chron. 33:10-13?
  
10. What reforms did he bring about after his repentance?
  
11. List practical lessons that can be learned from the study of Manasseh?

## **LESSON #12: AMON, JOSIAH**

*Answer the following questions from 2 Chronicles 33:21 - 35:27*

### **AMON**

1. In what ways did Amon follow in the footsteps of his father?

In what way did he not do so?

### **JOSIAH**

2. How old was Josiah when he began his reign?  
What did he do in the eighth year of his reign?

What did he do in the twelfth year?

3. What work led to the finding of the book of the law, according to 34:8-15?

In what year of Josiah's reign did this occur?

4. What were Josiah's reactions when they read to him the law, according to 34:19-21?

5. Briefly summarize the message of the prophetess Huldah.

6. In what way did Josiah demonstrate good leadership, according to 34:29-33?

7. What is said of the Passover that took place in the eighteenth year of Josiah's reign?  
35:18-19

8. It was during the time of Josiah that Zephaniah wrote his prophecy (Zeph. 1:1). Zephaniah warned the people concerning "the day of the Lord." List several words found in Zephaniah 1:14-16 that describe the terribleness of that day.

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9. In one word, state the sin that would lead to this severe punishment, as suggested in Zeph. 1:4-6.
  
10. Considering Zephaniah's writing, what would you conclude concerning Josiah's reforms?
  
11. What brought about the death of Josiah, according to 2 Chron. 35:20-24?
  
12. What did the people do in memory of Josiah, according to 35:25?
  
13. List practical lessons we can learn from the study of Josiah.

**LESSON #13: JEHOAHAZ, JEHOIAKIM, JEHOIACHIN**

*Answer the following questions from 2 Chronicles 36:1-10*

**JEHOAHAZ**

1. What nation dominated Judah during the reign of Jehoahaz?  
What amount of tribute was demanded?
2. In what nation did Jehoahaz die, according to 2 Kings 23:34?
3. Whom did the king of Egypt make king in Judah in the place of Jehoahaz?  
What name did he give him, according to 2 Chron. 36:4?

**JEHOIAKIM**

4. Consider Jeremiah 36:20-26. In what way did Jehoiakim show his disrespect for the word of God?
5. What happened to bring an end to Jehoiakim's reign, according to 2 Chron. 36:6-7?

**JEHOIACHIN**

6. How long did Jehoiachin reign?  
What happened to bring an end to his reign?
7. Jehoiachin was also known by the names "Jeconiah" and "Coniah." What prophecy was spoken of him in Jeremiah 22:28-30?

**HABAKKUK**

*Answer the following questions from the book of Habakkuk*

8. List several words that describe shameful conditions that existed in Habakkuk's society, as stated in 1:2-4.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
9. What nation was God to use in punishing Judah?  
  
What is another name of that nation?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
10. What problem did Habakkuk have with God's use of them, according to 1:12-13?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
11. When God answered Habakkuk, what was Habakkuk's conclusion? 2:20
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
12. Where would Habakkuk find joy, even in the worst conditions, according to 3:17-19?

**LESSON #14: ZEDEKIAH**

*Answer the following questions from 2 Chronicles, chapter 36 and 2 Kings, chapter 25*

1. What is said in 2 Chron. 36:12-13 that reveals the rebellious spirit of Zedekiah?
2. What is said of others in verse 14?
3. What was their attitude toward God's messengers, according to verses 15-16?

Why had God sent the messengers?

4. How long was the city of Jerusalem besieged by the Babylonians before they broke through? 2 Kings 25:1-3
5. What did the king and his army do in an effort to escape?
6. Describe the cruel treatment suffered by Zedekiah at the hands of the Babylonians.
7. What structures are specifically mentioned in 2 Kings 25:9-10 that were destroyed?
8. Were all the people taken into captivity?  
Explain.
9. Summarize in a few words what the Babylonians took to Babylon from Jerusalem.
10. What was done to the leaders of Judah according to 2 Kings 25:18-21?
11. What kindness was shown to Jehoiachin after the death of Nebuchadnezzar, according to 2 Kings 25:27-30?