

1 KINGS CHAPTER 16

¹ And the word of the Lord came to Jehu son of Hanani against Baasha, *saying*, ² "Forasmuch as I lifted you up from the earth, and made you ruler over My people Israel; and you have walked in the way of Jeroboam, and have caused My people Israel to sin, to provoke Me with their vanities; ³ Behold, I will raise up *enemies* after Baasha, and after his house; and I will make your house as the house of Jeroboam son of Nebat. ⁴ All that die who belong to Baasha in the city the dogs shall devour, and all that die in the field the birds of the sky shall devour."

⁵ Now the rest of the history of Baasha, and all that he did, and his mighty acts, behold, are not these written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel? ⁶ And Baasha slept with his fathers, and they buried him in Tirzah; and Elah his son reigned in his place. ⁷ And the Lord spoke by Jehu the son of Hanani against Baasha, and against his house, *even* all the evil which he did before the Lord to provoke Him to anger by the works of his hands, in being like the house of Jeroboam; and because he killed him.

⁸ And Elah son of Baasha reigned over Israel two years in Tirzah. ⁹ And Zimri, captain of half his cavalry, conspired against him, while he was in Tirzah, drinking himself drunk in the house of Arza the steward at Tirzah. ¹⁰ And Zimri went in and struck him and killed him, and reigned in his place. ¹¹ And it came to pass when he reigned, when he sat upon his throne, ¹² that he killed all the house of Baasha, according to the word which the Lord spoke against the house of Baasha, and to Jehu the prophet, ¹³ for all the sins of Baasha and Elah his son, as he led Israel astray to sin, to provoke the Lord God of Israel with their vanities.

¹⁴ And the rest of the deeds of Elah which he did, behold, are not these written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?

¹⁵ And Zimri reigned in Tirzah *for* seven days. And the army of Israel *was* encamped against Gibbethon of the Philistines. ¹⁶ And the people heard in the army, saying, "Zimri has conspired and killed the king." And the people of Israel made Omri the captain of the army king in that day in the camp over Israel. ¹⁷ And Omri went up, and all Israel with him, out of Gibbethon; and they besieged Tirzah. ¹⁸ And it came to pass when Zimri saw that his city was taken, that he went into the inner chamber of the house of the king, and burned the king's house over him, and died, ¹⁹ because of his sins which he committed, doing that which was evil in the sight of the Lord, so as to walk in the way of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, and in his sins which he caused Israel to sin.

²⁰ And the rest of the history of Zimri, and his conspiracies wherein he conspired, behold, are not these written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?

²¹ Then the people of Israel divided: half the people went after Tibni the son of Ginath to make him king, and half the people went after Omri. ²² The people that followed Omri overpowered the people that followed Tibni son of Ginath; and Tibni died and Joram his brother at that time, and Omri reigned after Tibni. ²³ In the thirty-first year of King Asa, Omri began to reign over Israel *for* twelve years: he reigned six years in Tirzah. ²⁴ And Omri bought the mount of Samaria from Shemer the lord of the mountain for two talents of silver; and he built *upon*

the mountain, and they called the name of the mountain *on* which he built, after the name of Shemer the lord of the mount, Samaria. ²⁵ And Omri did that which was evil in the sight of the Lord, and did wickedly beyond all that were before him. ²⁶ And he walked in all the way of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, and in his sins wherewith he caused Israel to sin, to provoke the Lord God of Israel by their vanities.

²⁷ And the rest of the acts of Omri, and all that he did, and all his might, behold, *are* not these things written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel? ²⁸ And Omri slept with his fathers, and is buried in Samaria, and Ahab his son reigned in his place.

And in the eleventh year of Omri, Jehoshaphat the son of Asa reigned, *being* thirty-five years old in the beginning of his reign, and he reigned twenty-five years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name *was* Gazuba, daughter of Seli. And he walked in the way of Asa his father, and did not turn from it, *even* from doing right in the eyes of the Lord; only they did not remove *any* of the high places; they sacrificed and burnt incense on the high places. Now the engagements which Jehoshaphat made with the king of Israel, and all his mighty deeds which he performed, and the enemies whom he fought against, behold, *are* not these written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah? And the remains of the prostitution which they practiced in the days of Asa his father, he removed out of the land. And there was no king in Syria, *but* a deputy. Then the king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, "I will send forth your servants and my servants in the ship"; but Jehoshaphat would not.

And Jehoshaphat slept with his fathers, and is buried with his fathers in the City of David, and Joram his son reigned in his place.

²⁹ In the second year of Jehoshaphat king of Judah, Ahab son of Omri reigned over Israel in Samaria twenty-two years. ³⁰ And Ahab did that which was evil in the sight of the Lord, and did more wickedly than all that were before him.

³¹ And it was not enough for him to walk in the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, but he took Jezabel the daughter of Ethებაal king of the Sidonians for a wife; and he went and served Baal, and worshipped him. ³² And he set up an altar to Baal, in the house of his abominations, which he built in Samaria. ³³ And Ahab made a grove; and Ahab did yet more abominably, to provoke the Lord God of Israel, and *to sin against* his own life so that he should be destroyed: he did evil above all the kings of Israel that were before him. ³⁴ And in his days Hiel of Bethel built Jericho: he laid the foundation of it with Abiram his firstborn, and he set up the doors of it with Segub his younger son, according to the word of the Lord which he spoke by Joshua the son of Nun.