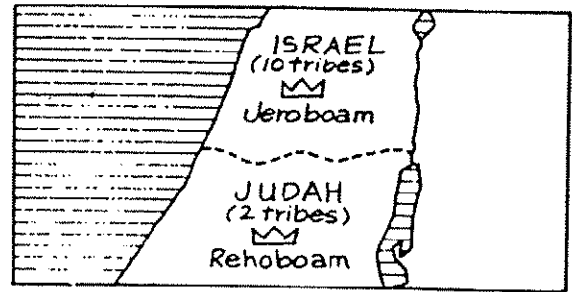
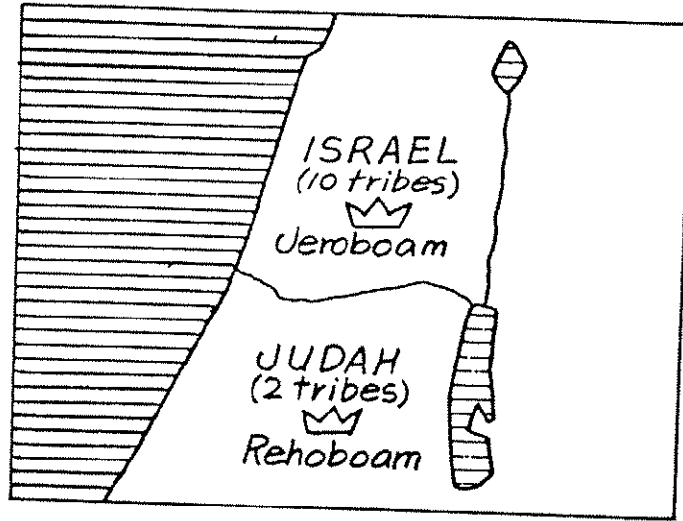
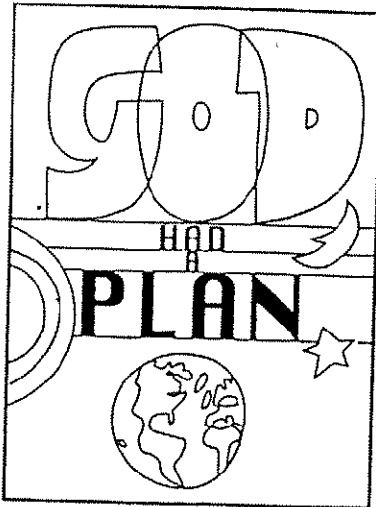


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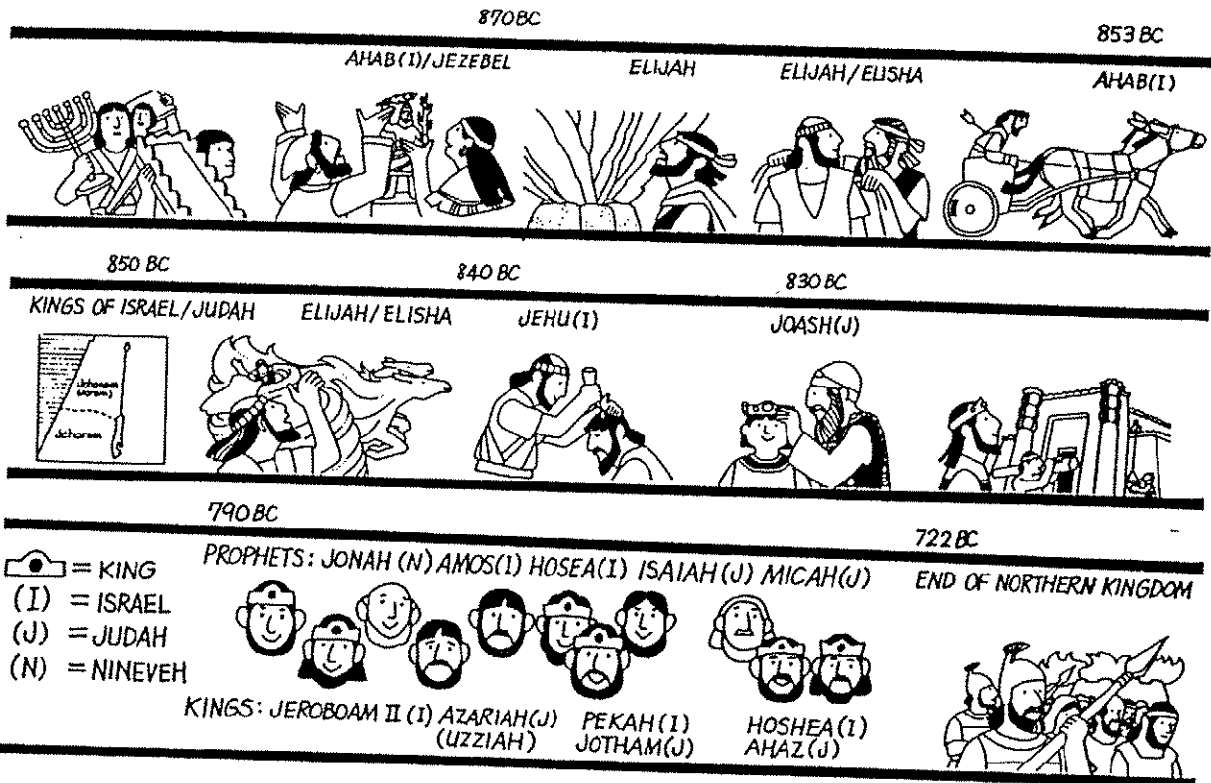


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Part 7

The Kings and Prophets Of The Divided Kingdom



609 BC

MICAH



NAHUM (N)



HABAKKUK (J) FALL OF NINEVEH
ZEPHANIAH (J) JEREMIAH (J)



JEREMIAH (J)



605 BC

Daniel and others
taken captive.



HEZEKIAH (J) MANASSEH (J) AMON (J) JOSIAH (J)

JEHOIAKIM (J)

593 BC

Ezekiel and others taken captive.

DANIEL (B)



ZEDEKIAH (J)



EZEKIEL (B)

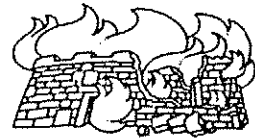


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586 BC

FALL OF JERUSALEM

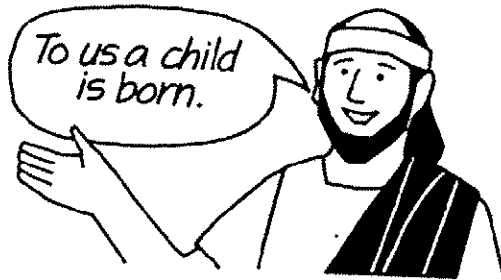


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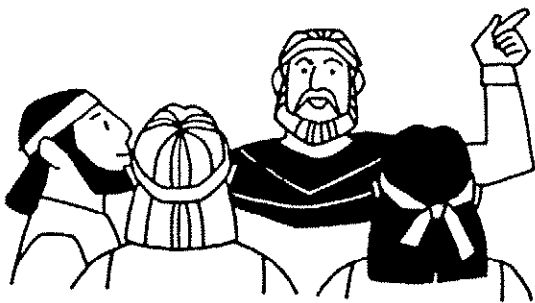
II Kings 17:20

"And the Lord rejected all the descendants of Israel, afflicted them, and delivered them into the hand of plunderers, until He had cast them from His sight."



Isalah 9:6

"For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."



Zephaniah 2:3

"Seek the Lord, all you meek of the earth, Who have upheld His justice. Seek righteousness, seek humility. It may be that you will be hidden in the day of the Lord's anger."



Jeremiah 13:17

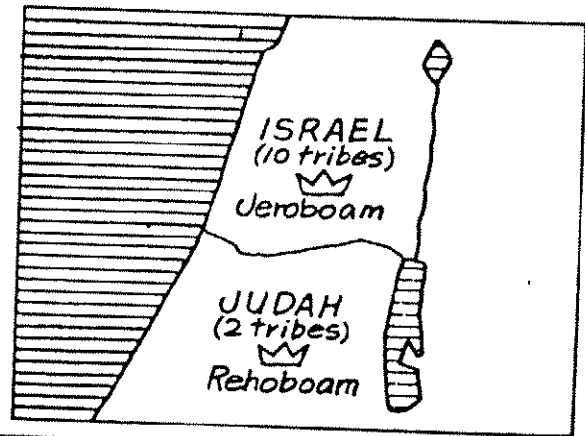
"But if you will not hear it, my soul will weep in secret for your pride; my eyes will weep bitterly and run down with tears, because the Lord's flock has been taken captive."

"...But his delight is in the law of the Lord and on His law he meditates day and night."

Lesson 1

The Kingdom Is Divided

I Kings 12-14



Read I Kings 11:41-12:15

1. How long did Solomon reign as king over Israel? _____
2. Who became king when Solomon died? _____
3. What did Jeroboam and the rest of the people ask of Rehoboam? _____
4. What did the elders advise Rehoboam to do? _____
5. Did Rehoboam take the advise of these older men? _____
6. Whose advice did Rehoboam then seek? _____
7. What was their advice? _____
8. What did Rehoboam tell the people when they returned on the third day? _____
9. Who was really behind these events? _____
10. What were some of the things that Solomon had made the people do during his reign? _____
11. Who had warned the Israelites that a king would make their lives harder? _____



Read 1 Kings 12:16-24

Check the correct answer:

1. When the Israelites heard Rehoboam's answer, they said
 _____ they wouldn't have anything to do with David's family.
 _____ they were going to kill Rehoboam.

2. When Rehoboam sent Adoram to collect the taxes from the Israelites,
 _____ they paid extra taxes so he wouldn't make them work so hard.
 _____ they stoned him to death.

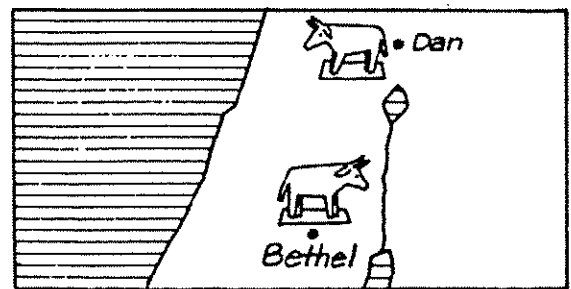
3. The people made Jeroboam
 _____ king over all the land except Judah.
 _____ speak to the king once more.

4. Rehoboam started to gather his army against Israel, but
 _____ he couldn't find enough soldiers.
 _____ God told him not to fight against his brethren.



Read 1 Kings 12:25-33

Fill in the blanks with the correct words:



1. Jeroboam built the city of _____ in the mountains of _____.

2. Jeroboam was afraid that his followers might return to Rehoboam when they went to offer _____.

3. Jeroboam made two _____ of gold and set one in _____ and one in _____.

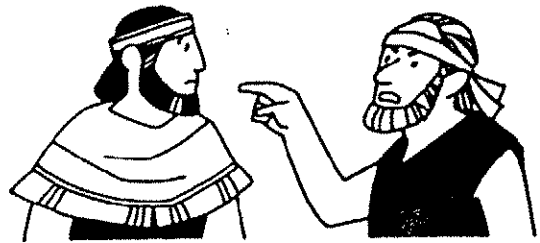
4. Jeroboam also made his own _____ days.

5. All of this became a _____.



Read I Kings 14:1-18

True/False



- _____ 1. Jeroboam's son became sick.
- _____ 2. Jeroboam sent his wife to see Ahijah, the prophet.
- _____ 3. Ahijah could see that it was Jeroboam's wife even though she pretended to be someone else.
- _____ 4. God had told Ahijah what to say.
- _____ 5. Ahijah told Jeroboam's wife that the child would get well.
- _____ 6. Ahijah told Jeroboam's wife that God had given Jeroboam the kingdom, but that he had disobeyed God.
- _____ 7. Ahijah told Jeroboam's wife that when she entered the city, the child would get well.
- _____ 8. Ahijah told Jeroboam's wife that the kingdom would be removed from the family of Jeroboam.



Read I Kings 14:19-20

- 1. How long did Jeroboam reign as king over **Israel**? _____
- 2. Who became king when Jeroboam died? _____
- 3. Where else can you read about the things that Jeroboam did?

- 4. Do you think God was pleased with how Jeroboam reigned as king? _____
- 5. Did Jeroboam have any choices to make during the time he reigned? Did he make the right ones? _____



Read I Kings 14:21-31



1. How long did Rehoboam reign in **Judah**? _____
2. Where was his mother from? _____
3. How might this have affected Rehoboam? _____

4. Was Rehoboam a king that pleased God? _____
5. List some of the things that **Judah** did during the reign of Rehoboam? _____

6. What happened when Shishak, the king of Egypt, invaded Jerusalem? _____
7. What kind of relations did Rehoboam and Jeroboam have? _____

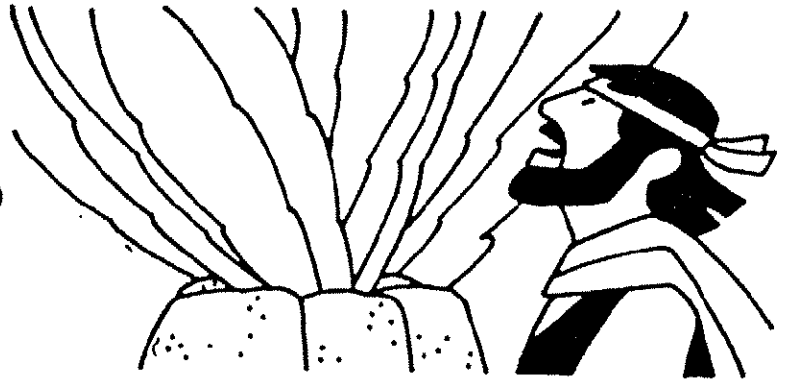
8. When Rehoboam died, who became the next king of **Judah**? _____

*As we begin our look at the kings and prophets of the divided kingdom, we will notice the differences and similarities between **Israel** and **Judah**. We will see that **Israel's** kings are, for the most part, all wicked, disobedient to God and lead their kingdoms into idolatry. **Judah**, on the other hand, will have several good kings who turn the people back to serving the true God. **Israel** and **Judah** will continue to be enemies with each other throughout this period. We will also look at several prophets who interacted with the kings in each area. Most of them gave the same warning to the kings: "Return to God or you will be judged." Most of the kings, however, will refuse to listen to the prophets and eventually lead their people to certain disaster.*

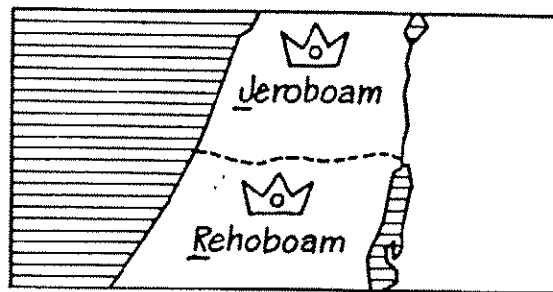
Lesson 2

Elijah And Wicked King Ahab

I Kings 16-18



When Rehoboam died, his son and his grandson Asa followed as kings in **Judah**. Asa did what was right in God's eyes. As the years passed, other men became kings of **Israel**. Most of them did not obey God's commands. The worst was Ahab who built temples for idol worship.



Judah



Rehoboam (Solomon's son)



Abijah



Asa (a good king)

Israel



Jeroboam



(many kings)



Ahab (a very wicked king)



Read I Kings 16:29-34

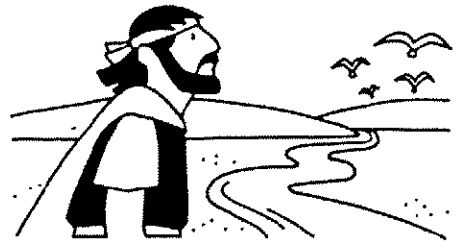
Which verse tells us that . . .

- 1. Ahab reigned over Israel twenty-two years? vs. _____
- 2. Ahab did more evil than any other king? vs. _____
- 3. To make matters even worse, he married Jezebel, a wicked woman who encouraged him to worship Baal? vs. _____



Read I Kings 17:1-7

Check the correct answer:



- 1. The prophet, Elijah, spoke to Ahab and told him that for three years there would be no
 _____ wars.
 _____ rain.
- 2. God told Elijah to
 _____ stay near Ahab and give him advice.
 _____ hide near the Brook Cherith.
- 3. During this drought, Elijah would be fed
 _____ food that had been stored by Ahab.
 _____ by ravens in the morning and evening.

What's The Meaning?

prophets _____

sacrifice _____

oil _____



Read I Kings 17:8-16

True/False

- _____ 1. God sent Elijah to Zarephath.
- _____ 2. Elijah asked a wealthy woman to give him some food.
- _____ 3. When the woman made some bread for Elijah, her flour and oil never ran out.
- _____ 4. Elijah told her that her flour and oil would not run out until God would send rain.



Read I Kings 17:17-24

Circle the correct words:

- 1. The son of this widow in Zarephath **DIED / LEFT HOME.**
- 2. The woman said Elijah had **CAUSED HIS DEATH / TRIED TO SAVE HER SON.**
- 3. Elijah took the boy to his room and **PRAYED TO GOD / SENT FOR A DOCTOR.**
- 4. When the boy came back to life, the woman said she knew that **ELIJAH WAS A MAN OF GOD / HE WAS ONLY ASLEEP.**



Read I Kings 18:1-19

True/False

- _____ 1. God told Elijah to go to Ahab.
- _____ 2. Jezebel had been very kind to the prophets of God.
- _____ 3. Ahab's servant, Obadiah, had hidden 100 prophets.
- _____ 4. Obadiah was afraid Ahab might kill him if he found out he knew where Elijah was.
- _____ 5. Elijah told Ahab that the famine had been caused by his disobedience.



Read I Kings 18:19-29

1. Who was Ahab to gather at Mount Carmel? _____

2. Describe what the prophets of Baal were to do with their sacrifice.

3. How would the people know which god was the true God? _____

4. After awhile, what did Elijah say to these prophets of Baal? _____

5. Finally, what did these prophets do to themselves in a desperate attempt to get their god to answer them? _____
6. After all of this, did their god send fire on their sacrifice? _____



Read I Kings 18:30-40

Check the things which happened during Elijah's sacrifice:

- _____ He repaired the altar of the Lord.
- _____ He chose twelve stones to represent the twelve tribes.
- _____ He built the altar with the twelve stones.
- _____ He built an idol to go on top of the altar.
- _____ He dug a trench all around the altar.
- _____ He laid the bull on top of the wood.
- _____ He poured twelve waterpots of water over the altar.
- _____ He called on God to show these people who was the true God.
- _____ He cut himself to beg God to hear his prayer.
- _____ God sent fire that burned up the sacrifice, the altar, the stones, the dust and all the water.
- _____ When the people saw it, they knew God was the true God.
- _____ All of the prophets of Baal repented and became prophets of God.

Lesson 3

The Evil Plans Of Ahab and Jezebel

I Kings 18-22



Read I Kings 18:41-46

Which verse tells us that . . .

1. Elijah told Ahab there was the sound of rain? vs. _____
2. Elijah sent his servant seven times to see if he could see any signs of rain? vs. _____
3. The seventh time the servant returned and said he saw a tiny cloud? vs. _____
4. Soon the sky was black with clouds? vs. _____
5. Elijah ran ahead of Ahab? vs. _____



Read I Kings 19:1-8

1. What had Ahab told Jezebel? _____
2. What did Jezebel vow to do? _____
3. What did Elijah do? _____
4. What did Elijah pray? _____
5. What did the angel do? _____
6. How far did Elijah go on this amount of food? _____



Read 1 Kings 19:9-21

Check the correct answer:

1. When Elijah was in the cave, he told God that
_____ he was the only one left that was serving God.
_____ he would return to Jezreel and see Ahab.
2. God sent Elijah to a mountain where God
_____ told him Ahab and Jezebel would not kill him.
_____ sent a great wind and an earthquake.
3. Again, God sent a fire and then a
_____ hurricane.
_____ still small voice.
4. This time, God spoke to Elijah and told Elijah to
_____ go back and anoint a new king over Syria,
Israel and a new prophet.
_____ keep running away from Ahab and Jezebel.
5. God told Elijah that there were 7,000 people who
_____ were trying to kill him.
_____ had not worshipped Baal.
6. When Elijah found Elisha, he
_____ threw his mantle over him
and he followed Elijah.
_____ didn't want to come with Elijah.

What's The Meaning?

stone _____

seal _____

mantle _____



Read I Kings 21:1-16



1. Where was Naboth's vineyard?

2. What did Ahab request of Naboth? _____
2. Why didn't Naboth want to sell his vineyard? _____

3. How did Ahab react? _____
4. What did Jezebel do about it? _____

5. How did she write the letters? _____
5. What happened at the fast? _____

6. What did they do to Naboth? _____
7. Did Ahab get the vineyard? _____
8. Who had warned the people that a king would take their vineyards for himself? _____



Read I Kings 21:17-29

Check the things that Elijah said to Ahab:

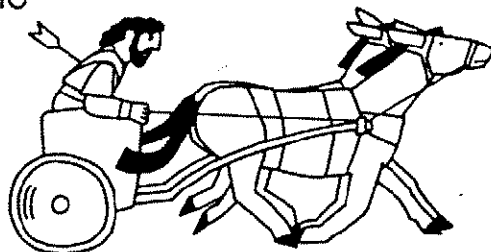
- _____ Have you murdered and taken possession (of the vineyard)?
- _____ The dogs will lick your blood where they licked the blood of Naboth.
- _____ Since you are the king, don't worry about it.
- _____ You have sold yourself to do evil in the sight of the Lord.
- _____ I will cut off from Ahab's family every male in Israel.
- _____ The dogs will eat Jezebel by the wall of Jezreel.



Read 1 Kings 22:29-39

Check the correct answer:

1. King Ahab (the king of **Israel**) and King Jehoshaphat (the king of **Judah**)
 went up to Ramoth Gilead to fight together against the Syrians.
 went to war against each other.
2. King Ahab wanted to go into the battle
 wearing a disguise.
 riding on a white horse.
3. During the battle, Ahab was
 captured by the enemy.
 struck by an arrow.
4. Ahab was removed from the battle and he
 died later that evening.
 soon recovered from the injury.
5. When they washed Ahab's chariot
 many people came to pay their respect for Ahab.
 the dogs licked the blood, just as Elijah had said.



Read 1 Kings 22:39-53

Fill in the missing names:

Judah

Israel

Asa (a good king)

Ahab (a wicked king)

_____ (a _____ king)

_____ (a _____ king)

Lesson 4

**Elisha Takes
Elijah's Place**

II Kings 1-5



Read II Kings 2:1-25

1. Who was Elisha? (See I Kings 19:19-21) _____
2. What was God going to do with Elijah? _____

3. What did Elijah ask Elisha to do three different times, but Elisha refused? _____
4. What did Elijah do at the Jordan River? _____

5. What was Elisha's last request of Elijah? _____

6. How was Elijah taken up into heaven? _____
7. What did Elisha do when he got back to the Jordan River? _____

8. What did the sons of the prophets want Elisha to ask the servants to do? _____
9. Did they find Elijah? _____
10. Describe the two miracles that Elisha performed. (See verses 19-25) _____



Read II Kings 4:1-7

Fill in the blanks with the missing words:



This story is about a _____ who had two _____. After her husband died, her _____ were going to make her sons be his _____ because she could not pay her debts.

She told _____ that all she had in the house was a jar of _____. Elisha told her to go and borrow _____ from her _____. She took the vessels and filled them with _____ and then Elisha told her to go and _____ the _____ and pay her _____.



Read II Kings 4:8-37

True/False

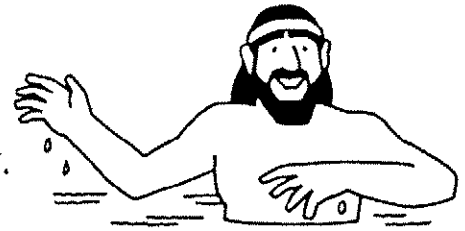
- _____ 1. A woman in the town of Shunem always wanted Elisha to eat a meal with them when he came through the city.
- _____ 2. She and her husband fixed up a little room for Elisha .
- _____ 3. Elisha wanted to pay the woman money for the room.
- _____ 4. Gehazi, Elisha's servant, said the woman didn't have a son.
- _____ 5. Elisha told her that she would have a son in about a year.
- _____ 6. When the child grew up, one day he went to his father in the field and said he was hungry.
- _____ 7. Elisha went to the house and found the boy lying on the bed.
- _____ 8. Elisha told the woman to send for a doctor.
- _____ 9. Elisha stretched himself over the boy twice and he awoke.
- _____ 10. Elisha sent for the woman and gave her the boy alive again.



Read II Kings 5:1-19

Check the correct answer:

1. Naaman was a commander of the army of the King of Syria
_____ but he had leprosy.
_____ who wanted to be king.
2. Naaman's wife had a
_____ young Israelite girl as a servant.
_____ doctor in **Israel**.
3. The little girl suggested that Naaman
_____ return her to her family.
_____ go to see the prophet in **Israel** to be cured of leprosy.
4. When Naaman came to Elisha's house
_____ Elisha refused to see him.
_____ Elisha sent a messenger and told Naaman to go and wash seven times in the Jordan.
5. When Naaman heard these instructions, he
_____ was furious.
_____ immediately went to the Jordan and washed.
6. Naaman's servant
_____ finally persuaded Naaman to go ahead and wash.
_____ took Naaman back home.
7. When Naaman dipped in the Jordan seven times
_____ his leprosy was cured.
_____ his leprosy was a little better.
8. Naaman returned to Elisha and said he
_____ knew that the God of Israel was the true God.
_____ should have sent him to a cleaner river.
9. Naaman wanted to give Elisha a
_____ position in the king's army.
_____ gift.



What's The Meaning?

leprosy _____



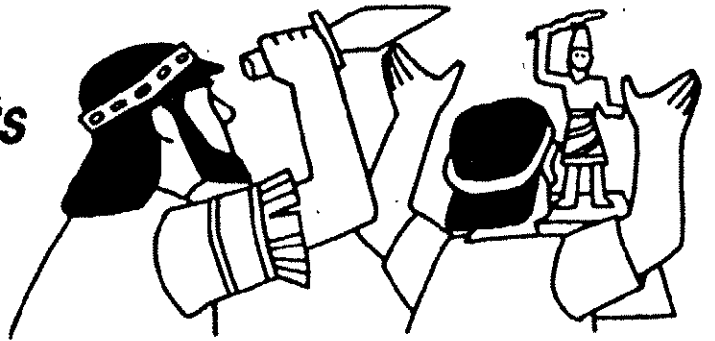
Read II Kings 5:20-27

1. What did Gehazi, Elisha's servant, decide that he would do? _____
2. Was Naaman glad to give Gehazi what he asked for? _____
3. Did he tell Elisha the truth? _____
4. What did Elisha say would happen to Gehazi? _____
5. Do you think the little servant girl had faith in God that her master could be healed? _____
6. Did Naaman have faith that he could be healed? _____
7. Why do you think he was angry when Elisha simply told him to go and wash in the river seven times? _____
8. Are there simple things we are told to do that sometimes we don't want to do? Give an example. _____
9. Why do you think Gehazi thought Elisha would never know about the gift? _____
10. Have you ever thought you could do something you shouldn't do as long as no one knows about it? Give an example. _____
11. Even if no one ever knows about it, does that make it right? Who *will* know about it? _____
12. Should our parents be able to trust us even when they aren't watching us, like when we are at school? _____

Lesson 5

Kings and Prophets Of Israel

II Kings 9-10
Hosea, Amos



Nearly every king in **Israel** (The Northern Kingdom) was a wicked king who disobeyed God and led the people to serve foreign gods and idols. God will send several prophets to warn the people to turn away from their idolatry and return to serving Him. God will allow an enemy to capture and eventually destroy the nation of **Israel**. God sends several prophets to warn the people, but they will not turn from their idols.



Read II Kings 9:1-37

1. Who did Elisha send his servant to anoint as king? _____
2. What was Jehu told to do to the house of Ahab? _____
3. When Jehu killed Joram, the son of Ahab, where did they throw his body? _____
4. Who else was killed at this time by Jehu? _____
5. Who heard that Jehu was coming to Jezreel? _____
6. What happened to Jezebel? _____
7. What happened when they went to bury her? _____


8. What had Elijah predicted would happen to Ahab's house and to Jezebel? (See I Kings 21:23-24) _____



 **Read II Kings 10:18-36**

True/False

- _____ 1. After Jehu had destroyed the rest of Ahab's family, he called all the worshippers of Baal together for a sacrifice.
- _____ 2. When the worshippers of Baal were crowded together into the temple of Baal, Jehu sent eighty men to kill them.
- _____ 3. Jehu destroyed all the Baal worship in Israel.
- _____ 4. Jehu destroyed the calf worship which Jereboam started.
- _____ 5. Jehu did not fully walk in the ways of the Lord.
- _____ 6. During this time, the Lord began to cut off areas of **Israel** and give them to their enemies.

 Read the following verses and find the name of each king of **Israel** in the puzzle below. How many kings were good?

Verses

- II Kings 13:1-2
- II Kings 13:10-13
- II Kings 14:23-24
- II Kings 15:8-9
- II Kings 15:17-18
- II Kings 15:23-24
- II Kings 17:1-2

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T	E	J	E	H	O	A	S	H	U
H	D	C	M	A	H	H	W	B	Z
A	M	T	H	V	V	U	T	A	I
I	E	G	B	A	S	X	H	H	X
H	H	J	U	S	R	A	U	O	Z
A	A	S	Q	U	O	I	G	H	B
K	N	F	U	H	L	D	A	J	G
E	E	A	E	J	H	B	X	H	B
P	M	J	Y	A	E	H	S	O	H

Hosea was a prophet who spoke to the kingdom of **Israel** during this period from Jereboam II to Hoshea. (II Kings 14-17). He warned them that they would be judged by God for their disobedience. Eventually, the kingdom of Israel was captured by the Assyrians just as Hosea had warned. Hosea saw the end of the kingdom in his lifetime. His prophecies came true.



Hosea



Read Hosea 1:1-11

Match Hosea's children with the meaning of the names:

Jezreel

"I will no longer have mercy on Israel."

Lo-Ruhamah

"I will bring an end to the kingdom of Israel."

Lo-Ammi

"You are not my people and I will not be your God."



Read the following verses and match them with what Hosea told the people of Israel:

1. Hosea 4:12

They mixed with evil people and became like them.

2. Hosea 5:13

They went to other nations for help instead of going to God.

3. Hosea 6:4

Worshipping idols had caused them to stray.

4. Hosea 7:8

They sowed the wind and reaped a whirlwind.

5. Hosea 8:7

Their faithfulness was like morning dew that disappeared quickly.



Read the following verses and tell what Hosea warned would happen if they did not return to God:

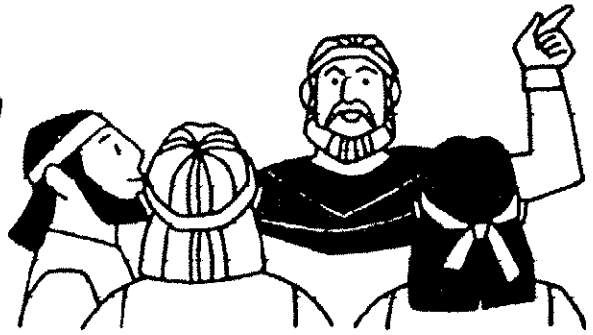
Hosea 9:3 _____

Hosea 9:9 _____

Hosea 9:17 _____

Hosea 10:15 _____

Another prophet who spoke to the kingdom of **Israel** during this time was **Amos**. He lived in the southern kingdom of Judah, but he prophesied to the nation of **Israel** during this time of great idolatry. Amos told the people the importance of living a life that pleases God. They should worship the one, true God.



Amos



Read the following verses and answer the questions:

1. What was the occupation of Amos? (Amos 1:1) _____
2. What did Amos say would happen to King Jeroboam and to **Israel**? (Amos 7:11) _____
3. What would happen to **Israel**? (Amos 9:8) _____



Read Amos 7:1-8:6

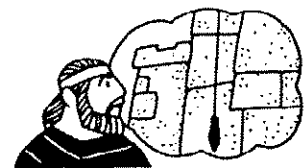
Match the verses below to the message of the vision on the right, then number the pictures that best illustrate the visions:

- | | | | |
|----|----------|-------|---|
| 1. | Amos 7:1 | _____ | The land would be destroyed by fire. |
| 2. | Amos 7:4 | _____ | The locusts would destroy the crops. |
| 3. | Amos 7:7 | _____ | The Lord would judge the people like a builder measures a wall. |
| 4. | Amos 8:1 | _____ | The people were once beautiful like fruit, but now rotten. |





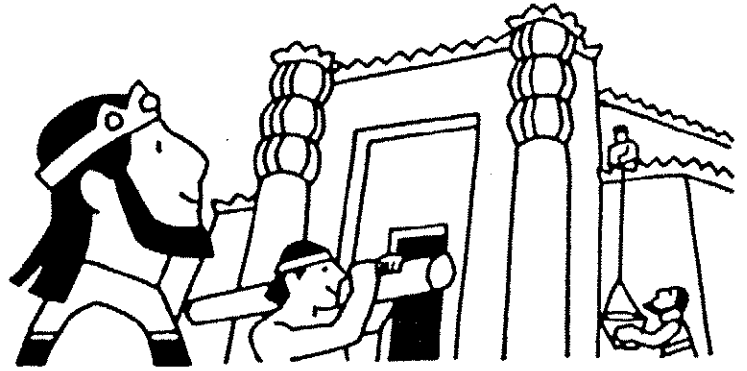




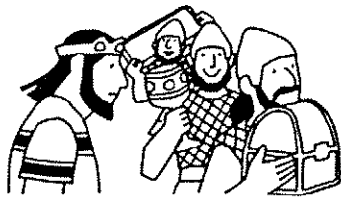
Lesson 6

King Joash Repairs the Temple

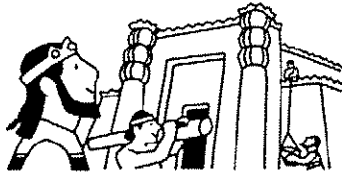
II Kings 12-14
Joel



Now our attention turns to the Southern Kingdom of **Judah** and some of its kings and prophets.  **Read II Kings 11:1-3; 21 and 12:1-21**



1. How was Joash rescued from his evil grandmother? _____

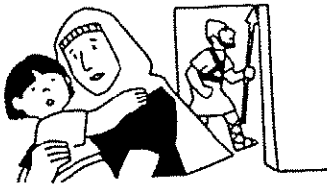


2. How long was he hidden? _____

3. How old was Joash when he was eventually crowned king of **Judah**? _____

4. How long did Jehoash (Joash) reign in **Judah**? _____

5. What kind of king was Jehoash? Did he remove *ALL* the false worship? _____



6. What project did Jehoash assign the priests? _____

7. When Hazael, the king of Syria, threatened to attack Jerusalem, what did Jehoash do? _____



8. How did Jehoash's reign come to an end? _____

9. Who became the next king? _____

Now, draw a line from the pictures to the matching questions.



Read II Kings 14:1-22, 15:1-7

Check the correct answer:



1. Amaziah, the son of Jehoash, became king of **Judah** when
_____ he was 25 years old.
_____ his father was an old man.
2. He did what was right in the sight of the Lord
_____ and even destroyed all the idol worship.
_____ except he did not remove the idol worship.
3. Soon after he became king, Amaziah
_____ put to death the men who had murdered his father, Jehoash.
_____ rewarded the men who had murdered his father.
4. When **Judah** was defeated by Israel in battle, the king of Israel
_____ captured Amaziah.
_____ murdered Amaziah.
5. The king of **Israel** also went to Jerusalem and
_____ broke down the wall of Jerusalem and carried away the treasures of the Temple.
_____ killed all of the king's sons.
6. After Amaziah died, his son Azariah, became king of **Judah** when he
_____ was sixteen years old.
_____ promised to replace the idols in the land.
7. Azariah also did everything that was right
_____ except that he did not remove the high places of false worship.
_____ and even removed all the idols from the land.
8. Because he did not return fully to the Lord,
_____ Azariah was defeated in battle.
_____ the Lord struck Azariah with leprosy and he died.

