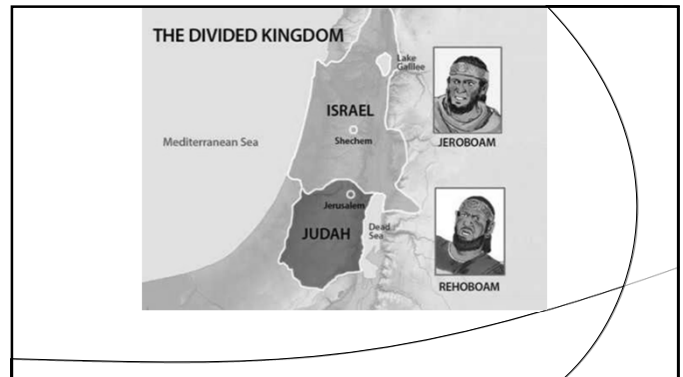




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1 Kings 15:25-16:34

Kings of Israel	Reign	Judah
Nadab	2 yrs.	Asa
Baasha	24 yrs.	Asa
Elah	2 yrs.	Asa
Zimri	7 days!	Asa
Omri	12 yrs.	Asa
Ahab	22 yrs.	Asa

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1 Kings 15:25-16:34

A. Three Overall Effects:

- Shows the rapid, predictable, downward spiral into idolatry

❖ *this is the human condition on display!*
(cf. Rom. 1:25)

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1 Kings 15:25-16:34

A. Three Overall Effects:

- Displays the instability, violence, and evil of a nation given to idolatry

❖ *this is the judgment of God on display!*
(cf. Rom. 1:28-32)

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²⁸ And just as they did not see fit to acknowledge God any longer, God gave them over to a depraved mind, to do those things which are not proper, ²⁹ being filled with all unrighteousness, wickedness, greed, evil; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, malice; *they are* gossips, ³⁰ slanderers, haters of God, insolent, arrogant, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents, ³¹ without understanding, untrustworthy, unloving, unmerciful; ³² and although they know the ordinance of God, that those who practice such things are worthy of death, they not only do the same, but also give hearty approval to those who practice them.

(Romans 1:28-32)

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1 Kings 15:25-16:34

A. Three Overall Effects:

3. Focuses on what is most important – the king's relationship to Yahweh

❖ *this is a wasted life on display!*

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1 Kings 15:25-16:34

B. One Outstanding Feature:

➤ *"The Word of Yahweh"*

- the word of the Lord controls these evil, violent events (15:29; 16:12)
- God's uses evil for His purposes, yet holds people accountable for evil (16:7)

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²⁷ For truly in this city there were gathered together against Your holy servant Jesus, whom You anointed, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, along with the Gentiles and the peoples of Israel, ²⁸ to do whatever Your hand and Your purpose predestined to occur.

(Acts 4:27-28)

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