

- For the first time since the reign of ⁽²⁶⁾_____ Israel and Judah were at peace with one another.

FACT #3: Under the reign of Ahab Israel had tremendous ⁽²⁷⁾_____ strength.

Archeological finds testify of the tremendous strength of ⁽²⁸⁾_____ military.

Scripture details many military ⁽²⁹⁾_____ of Israel under Ahab.

FACT #4: Under the reign of Ahab Israel was ⁽³⁰⁾_____ spiritually.

HOW: Ahab's marriage to Jezebel also brought her ⁽³¹⁾_____ to Israel.

Ahab built a temple to ⁽³²⁾_____, the god of the Sidonians, and set up an idolatrous ⁽³³⁾_____.

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Many of Israel's priests simply ⁽³⁴⁾_____ to become priests and prophets of Baal and Asherah.

⁽³⁵⁾_____ was left to stand against Ahab and Israel and boldly proclaim God's word against them.



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“The Harsh Reality of Living for God in a Godless World”

A study of the Life and Ministry of Elijah

Sunday Evening, February 21st, 2010

Message #1: “The Scenery of a Godless World: The Setting of the Ministry of Elijah”

I Kings 16:29-34

Pastor Christian Newsome

KEY TEXT: I Kings 16:29-34—“In the thirty-eighth year of Asa king of Judah, Ahab the son of Omri became king over Israel; and Ahab the son of Omri reigned over Israel in Samaria twenty-two years. 30 Now Ahab the son of Omri did evil in the sight of the LORD, more than all who were before him. 31 And it came to pass, as though it had been a trivial thing for him to walk in the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, that he took as wife Jezebel the daughter of Ethbaal, king of the Sidonians; and he went and served Baal and worshiped him. 32 Then he set up an altar for Baal in the temple of Baal, which he had built in Samaria. 33 And Ahab made a wooden image. Ahab did more to provoke the LORD God of Israel to anger than all the kings of Israel who were before him. 34 In his days Hiel of Bethel built Jericho. He laid its foundation with Abiram his firstborn, and with his youngest son Segub he set up its gates, according to the word of the LORD, which He had spoken through Joshua the son of Nun.”

“Three Things We Must Understand About the Life and Ministry of Elijah”

Understanding #1: A ⁽¹⁾_____ History of Israel:

Israel had a tremendous history of spiritual ⁽²⁾_____ up to the time of I Kings 12.

- Abraham
- Isaac
- Jacob
- Joseph
- [Lack of Leadership: Slaves in Egypt]
- Moses
- Joshua
- [Lack of Leadership: Judges]
- Samuel
- David
- Solomon
- [Lack of Leadership: II Kings]

- Ezra/Nehemiah
- [Lack of Leadership: Dark Ages]

Genesis 12 to I Kings 11 tells a (3) _____ and wonderful story about the nation Israel and its rise to world super-power.

Israel went from one family, to one nation, to one world-power...before a bitter (4) _____ tore the country in two.

Understanding #2: An (5) _____ History of I and II Kings:

From I Kings 12 to II Kings 25 the reader of scripture is invited to understand the complete (6) _____ and (7) _____ of the nation of Israel. [36 Chapters]

Israel – A Nation Divided:

Evaluating Kings of Israel and Judah in I and II Kings

Good Bad Mix of Good/Bad

• Northern Kingdom:

(8) _____

• Southern Kingdom:

(9) _____

The great lack of royal

(10) _____

in Israel and Judah quickly brought this great nation to a point of ruin.

• Israel – (11) _____ Kings

• Judah – (12) _____ Kings

Kings of Israel	Kings of Judah
Jeroboam (1 Kings 12:25–33)	Rehoboam (1 Kings 14:21–31)
Nadab (1 Kings 15:25–31)	Abijam (1 Kings 15:1–8)
Baasha (1 Kings 15:33–16:7)	Asa (1 Kings 15:9–24)
Elah (1 Kings 16:8–14)	Jehoshaphat (1 Kings 22:41–50)
Zimri (1 Kings 16:15–20)	Jehoram (2 Kings 8:16–23)
Omri (1 Kings 16:21–27)	Ahaziah (2 Kings 8:25–29; 9:29)
Ahab (1 Kings 16:29–33)	Athaliah (2 Kings 11) queen
Ahaziah (1 Kings 22:51–53; 2 Kings 1)	Joash (2 Kings 12)
Joram (Jehoram) (2 Kings 1:17; 3:1–3)	Amaziah (2 Kings 14:1–22)
Jehu (2 Kings 9:30–10:36)	Azariah (Uzziah) (2 Kings 15:1–7)
Jehoahaz (2 Kings 13:1–9)	Jotham (2 Kings 15:32–38)
Jehoash (2 Kings 13:10–25)	Ahaz (2 Kings 16)
Jeroboam II (2 Kings 14:23–29)	Hezekiah (2 Kings 18–20)
Zechariah (2 Kings 15:8–12)	Manasseh (2 Kings 21:1–18)
Shallum (2 Kings 15:13–16)	Amon (2 Kings 21:19–26)
Menahem (2 Kings 15:17–22)	Josiah (2 Kings 22:1–23:30)
Pekahiah (2 Kings 15:23–26)	Jehoahaz (Shallum) (2 Kings 23:31–35)
Pekah (2 Kings 15:27–31)	Jehoiakim (2 Kings 23:36–24:7)
Hoshea (2 Kings 17)	Jehoiachin (2 Kings 24:8–17; 25:27–30)
	Zedekiah (2 Kings 24:18–25:26)

NOTE: The very (13) _____ office of the “national” prophet arose during the time of these 39 Kings.

Understanding #3: A (14) _____ History of Israel during Elijah’s Ministry:

Elijah ministered during the reign of (15) _____, the 7th King of Israel.

Ahab’s father, Omri, was one of the greatest (16) _____ leaders in Israel’s history.

Omri captured the throne of Israel by killing an (17) _____ and setting up his family as a royal dynasty.

Ahab reigned (18) _____ years in Israel, most of them very, very productive years from a political and national standpoint.

FACT #1: Under the reign of Ahab Israel experienced tremendous (19) _____ strength.

I Kings 22:39—“As for the other events of Ahab's reign, including all he did, the palace he built and inlaid with ivory, and the cities he fortified, are they not written in the book of the annals of the kings of Israel?”

Ahab worked to make Samaria a better version of (20) _____ Jerusalem.

Amos 3:15—“I will tear down the winter house along with the summer house; the houses adorned with ivory will be destroyed and the mansions will be demolished,” declares the LORD.”

FACT #2: Under the reign of Ahab Israel had tremendous (21) _____ diplomacy.

- Ahab partnered with the old (22) _____ of David and Solomon to strengthen Israel.

- Like Solomon, Ahab formed these partnerships through (23) _____.

NOTE: One of the most evil (24) _____ in the Bible came from one of these alliances: (25) _____.