

17-18 Bible Study #2

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Introduction to 2017 – 2018 Bible Study (OT Prophets)

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The End of the Royal Kingdom (1st Kings 1-12)

- **1st Kings 1-12** provides the historical context for the:
 - End of the life of King David
 - Rise to power of his son Solomon
 - Building of the Temple
 - Death of Solomon
 - Events leading to the **divided kingdom**
 - Pre-history of the *Prophetic Period*

Review of the Prophets (Cont)

- **An overview of the kings of the divided kingdom**
 - **20 bad kings of Israel**
 - 20 kings of Judah
 - **12 bad kings of Judah**
 - 8 relatively good kings

Israelite Kings Date Chart

(Based on the chronology of John Bright)

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The United Monarchy				
Dates (BC)	Kingdom of the Israelites			
1020-1000	Saul			
1000-961	David			
961-922	Solomon			
The Divided Kingdoms				
Dates (BC)	Israel (Northern)		Judah (Southern)	Dates (BC)
922-901	Jeroboam I		Rehoboam	922-915
			Abijah	915-913
901-900	Nadab		Asa	913-873
900-877	Baasha			
877-876	Elah		Jehoshaphat	873-849
876	Zimri	Tibni		
876-869	Omri			
869-850	Ahab			
850-849	Ahaziah			
849-843	Joram (Jehoram)		Jehoram	849-843
843-815	Jehu		Ahaziah	843
			Athaliah (non-Davidic Queen)	843-837
815-802	Jehoahaz		Joash	837-800
802-786	Jehoash (Joash)		Amaziah	800-783
786-746	Jeroboam II		Uzziah (Azariah)	783-742
746-745	Zachariah		Jotham (co-regent)	750-742
745	Shallum		Jotham (king)	742-735
745-737	Menahem			
737-736	Pekahiah			
736-732	Pekah			
732-724	Hoshea		Ahaz	735-715
721	Fall of Samaria		Hezekiah	715-687
			Manasseh	687-642
			Amon	642-640
			Josiah	640-609
			Jehoahaz	609
			Jehoikim (Eliakim)	609-598
			Jehoiachin (Jeconiah)	598-597
			Zedekiah (Mattaniah)	597-587

20 Kings of Israel

- All were evil in the sight of God
- 8 Died
- 7 Killed
- 1 Stricken by God
- 1 Committed suicide
- 1 Wounded in battle
- 1 Fell to his death
- 1 Exiled
- (only 9 were the sons of the previous king) *

Non-Canonical Prophets

- The following **Non-Canonical Prophets** prophesied **to Israel**:
 - Ahijah – to Jeroboam promising 10 tribes; sons will die
 - Man of God – to Jeroboam destruction of temple at Bethel
 - Lying prophet – tricked man of God causing his death
 - Jehu - *to Baasha* – house will be destroyed
 - Micaiah – *to Ahab* – death of King of Judah in battle
 - **Elijah** – *to Ahab*
 - **Elisha** – *to Joram*

Canonical prophets oriented toward Assyria and Israel

- Jonah - prophesied to Assyria and *Jeroboam II*
- Amos - prophesied to *Jeroboam II*
- Hosea - prophesied to Jeroboam II
 - **Fall of Israel occurred in 722 BC ***

The Book of the Prophet Jonah

Jonah 800-753 BC Pre Exilic

- Was born in a small town about 5 miles north of *Nazareth*
- Prophesied to *Israel* against *Nineveh* the capital of *Assyria* during the reign of *Jeroboam II* (**793-753 B.C.**)
- His book is a narrative about a disobedient prophet who evades his divine mission, is redirected, and then complains of its success

Jonah (Cont)

- His focus is on the idea that God desires that all men be saved which represents the Old Testament understanding of the value of repentance
- This concept reflects the type of death and resurrection of Jesus Christ as presented in **Mt 12:39-41**
 - Jesus says that “one greater than Jonah is here”
 - Jonah will spend three days and three nights in the belly of the whale as will Jesus in the tomb *

The Book of the Prophet Amos

Amos (Cont)

- Was a simple herdsman/shepherd and a dresser of sycamore-trees (not a professional prophet) from ***Tekoa***, a village about five miles south of *Bethlehem*
- Was called by God **to prophesy to the polytheists of *Israel* at *Bethel*** during the reign of *Jeroboam II* (783-743) when *Israel* was wealthy and exploiting the poor
- He condemned corrupt city life, social injustice, the deceitful consolation of insincere ceremonies
- He predicted the salvation of those who stay faithful (the remnant of Joseph)

Amos (Cont)

- He was very important for the early Christians
 - He is quoted in **Acts 15** at the first council of the church by the Apostle James, Bishop of Jerusalem
 - *Stephen*, the first martyr, quotes from *Amos* in his long speech in **Acts 7**
- He was called the “firebrand” among the prophets
- He was the first among the canonical prophets to speak about the Gentiles coming into the faith
- He proclaims hope for the faithful who would remain as a remnant (*Anawim*)
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The Book of the Prophet Hosea

Hosea 750-715 BC Pre Ex

Was a native of *Israel*, and the only prophet from *Israel*

Was a contemporary of *Amos*

His ministry began under *Jeroboam II* and continued under his son *Zechariah*

At God's direction he married a prostitute, whom he loved, who later deserted him, and after putting her to the test, he took her back

Hosea (Cont)

Served as the symbol of God's dealing with the faithless people of Israel who were acting like harlots by practicing idolatry

Reflects God's anger and jealousy

Demonstrated that even though God's love remains, He must punish Israel in hope of restoring her to the joys of first love

Presented a message of salvation

Hosea (Cont)

- Raised in a period of opulence, prosperity, opportunism, and scheming during which the rich and powerful lived in luxury
- Was God's spokesman to the last generation of Israel
- Witnesses the fall of Jehu's dynasty
- Called for absolute loyalty to Yahweh *

20 Kings of Judah

- 12 were evil and 8 were good in the sight of God
- 9 Died
- 5 Killed
- 2 Stricken by God
- 1 Wounded in battle
- 1 Exiled to Egypt
- 2 Exiled to Babylon
- (15 were the sons of the previous king)

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