

# 1<sup>st</sup> Kings 13-16

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# 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
			Ahaziah	843
843-815	Jehu		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		Ahaz	735-715
732-724	Hoshea			
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

# 1<sup>st</sup> King 13-16 (Cont)

- 1 Kings 13 (Cont)
- This section ends with King ***Jeroboam*** continuing in his evil ways causing God to cut off and destroy the House of ***Jeroboam*** from the face of the earth

# 1<sup>st</sup> King 13-16 (Cont)

- **1<sup>st</sup> Kings 14**

- Here we see a new and **confusing set of players**:
  - As we saw earlier ***Ahijah the Shilonite*** is the **prophet** who tells *Jeroboam* that he will become king of Israel (North) and have a dynasty if he remains a monotheist
  - ***Abijah*** the young **son of *Jeroboam*** gets deathly ill
  - ***Abijam (aka Abijah)*** the **son of Rehoboam** of Judah (South) follows his father as King of Judah\*

# 1<sup>st</sup> King 13-16 (Cont)

- Even though the author says that David “kept my commandments”, he does not forget the sin of David with *Bathsheba*
- Again, this is about his remaining a monotheist and never participating in the unpardonable sin of apostasy by worshiping other gods

# 1<sup>st</sup> King 13-16 (Cont)

- Unfortunately all of the kings of Israel and all but 3 of the kings of Judah fail to live the commandments of God
- Jesus will later summarize the greatest commandment as, “you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your strength”
- Today we have spiritualized this commandment and fail to realize how we are directing our hearts and worshiping other gods

# 1<sup>st</sup> King 13-16 (Cont)

- *Ahijah* the prophet tells *Jeroboam's* wife that their son will die
- He proclaims that ***Jeroboam's* dynasty will end** and every male will die and not be buried!
  - This curse meant that an individual's body would be devoured by dogs, birds or other animals
  - Additionally that they would not go to *Shoal* (the place of the dead)

# 1<sup>st</sup> King 13-16 (Cont

- We first heard this expression in the David and Goliath story (**1<sup>st</sup> Sam 17:44; 46\***)
- Further, *Ahijah* the prophet says that the descendants of Israel will be scattered beyond the Euphrates
  - Abraham was originally from Ur of the Chaldeans beyond the Euphrates
  - This meant that the descendants of Israel would be returned to the pagan lands from which Abraham originated



# 1<sup>st</sup> King 13-16 (Cont)

- Look at *Joshua's* warning to the people of Israel just before they crossed into the Promised Land (**Joshua 24:1-3\***)
  - Abraham was called to spread monotheism throughout the world as they worshiped the one true God
  - If the sons of Abraham worshipped foreign gods in this land, they would be returned to the place from which Abraham was called
- Here we see a prophesy of the **coming exile** to Israel under the hand of **the Assyrians**

# 1<sup>st</sup> King 13-16 (Cont)

- This will happen because the people of Israel worship pagan gods
  - **Asherim** is the name of a female Canaanite god
  - **Baal** is the name of a male Canaanite god
    - They were husband and wife
    - The terms could also refer to false gods in general
  - You will hear this statement echoed throughout the rest of the northern kingdom's history
  - Eventually the Assyrians conquer and take them into exile because of the **sins of Jeroboam** who made the people of Israel sin via the worship of the golden calves and other false gods

# 1<sup>st</sup> King 13-16 (Cont)

- ***Jeroboam*** dies and the rest of his acts are recorded in the “Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Israel”
  - This is not the two books of Chronicles in the Bible
  - This book has never been found
- ***Jeroboam*** is followed by his son ***Nadab*** as King of Israel\*

# 1<sup>st</sup> King 13-16 (Cont)

- So ***Judah*** does what is evil in the sight of the Lord
  - The big problem here is addressed in **Du 8:11-20\*** where God speaks to the people of Israel
  - “Who led you” literally meant that he walked with them like a father walks with his son
  - There are many passages where God promises that if they become like the other people he will remove them from the Promised Land
  - There will be little warning if they become like the pagans
  - This eventually will be played out in the **Babylonian Exile**

# 1<sup>st</sup> King 13-16 (Cont)

- As we saw earlier ***Rehoboam***, son of *Solomon*, ruled in Judah for 17 years
- His mother's name was *Naamah* and she was from Ammon
- In the 5<sup>th</sup> year of his reign the Pharaoh of Egypt attacked Jerusalem and took away the treasures from the Temple

# 1<sup>st</sup> King 13-16 (Cont)

- There also was constant war between Judah and Israel
- The rest of the acts of ***Rehoboam*** are recorded in the “Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Judah”\*

# 1<sup>st</sup> King 13-16 (Cont)

- **1<sup>st</sup> Kings 15**
  - His son ***Abijam* (Abijah)** begins his three year rule
  - His mother's name was *Maacah*
  - He walked in all the **sins of his father**
  - The war with Israel continued
- ***Abijam*** dies and is succeeded by his son ***Asa***

# 1<sup>st</sup> King 13 -16 (Cont)

- ***Asa*** is the first **good king** since *David*
- His mother's name was *Maacah*
- ***Asa***:
  - Does what was right in the eyes of the Lord and reigns for 41years
  - Removes *Maacah*, his wicked mother, as the *Gebirah* “**Queen Mother**”



# 1<sup>st</sup> King 13 -16 (Cont)

- Puts away the male cult prostitutes
- Removes idols that his fathers had made
- But he does not take away the high places
- Continues the war with Israel
- Makes an alliance with the king of Syria to fight against Israel
- Sleeps with his fathers
- ***Asa*** is followed by his son ***Jehoshaphat***\*

# 1<sup>st</sup> King 13 -16 (Cont)

- Meanwhile, going back to Israel (as we saw earlier) **Nadab**, the son of **Jeroboam** reigns as king for two years
- He did what was evil in the sight of the Lord and things take a turn for the worse for the House of **Jeroboam** as promised by the prophet Ahijah (1<sup>st</sup> Kings 14:7-11)\*

# 1<sup>st</sup> King 13 -16 (Cont)

- ***Baasha*** rises up and kills King ***Nadab*** and reigned in his stead and then kills every male descendent of ***Jeroboam***, fulfilling the prophesy of *Ahijah*
- ***Nadab*** will do what was evil in the sight of the Lord as he walked in the sinful ways of ***Jeroboam*** for 24 years \*

# 1<sup>st</sup> King 13 -16 (Cont)

- **1<sup>st</sup> Kings 16**
- Here we meet another **prophet, *Jehu***, who prophesies against the house of ***Baasha*** King of Israel
- He says that like the House of ***Jeroboam***, the House of ***Baasha*** will be wiped out for their evil acts
- **Baasha's son *Elah*** begins to reign\*

# 1<sup>st</sup> King 13 -16 (Cont)

- ***Elah*** is then killed by ***Zimri***, a commander of his chariots
- ***Zimri***, in turn, wipes out the entire house of ***Baasha*** fulfilling the prophecy of *Jehu*

# 1<sup>st</sup> King 13 -16 (Cont)

- **Zimri** only reigns for seven days as all of Israel rises up and makes **Omri** the commander of the army their king
- **Zimri** ends by killing himself when he burns down the king's house
- The people are suddenly divided with half supporting **Omri** as their king and the other half wanting a man named **Tibni** to be king
- The supporting **Omri** overcame the **Tibni** supporter and **Tibni** dies leaving Omri as king for the next 12 years

# 1<sup>st</sup> King 13 -16 (Cont)

- ***Omri*** purchases the hill of *Samaria* from *Shemer* for two talents of silver.
- He fortified the hill and called the name of the city *Samaria*, after the name of *Shemer*, the owner of the hill
- Samaria became the capital of the Kingdom of Samaria (Israel)
- ***Omri*** was more evil than all who were before him
- ***Omri*** was succeeded by his son **Ahab\***

# The Samaritans

- In 722 BC Israel was assimilated into the Assyrian Empire
  - People from five regions within the empire were brought to Israel with their respective pagan religions
  - An equal number of people from Israel were relocated to those five areas within the empire
  - An eclectic religion was developed incorporating elements from the five pagan religions into Judaism
  - The regions continued to be called Samaria



# The Samaritans (Cont)

- The people intermarried and produced a polytheistic world culture
- Between 605 and 587 BC most of the population of Judea were removed to Babylon
- Between 538 and 444 BC many of the Jews returned to Judea to rebuild Jerusalem and the temple

# The Samaritans (Cont)

- The people of Samaria offered to help the returning Jews build the temple because they said that they worshipped the same God
- The Jews in Judea said that they would have nothing to do with them and refused their help
- Eventually the Samaritans became monotheists, believed in Moses, and built their own temple on Mt Gerizim to counter the Temple in Jerusalem
- They also produced a Samaritan Pentateuch with all sorts of references to Mt. Gerizim as the place where God's name should dwell

# The Samaritans (Cont)

- Finally, during the Maccabean revolt (167 – 0 BC), Judas Maccabaeus destroyed the Samaritan temple further adding to the disunity between the two peoples
- Thus, there was great antagonism between the Jews and Samaritans at the time of Jesus\*