
1-2 Kings

Study Notes

Lesson 6 - 1 Kings 12:1-14:20

Introduction

In this section we move into the era of the divided kingdom - Judah in the south and Israel in the north. While many factors go into the cause of this division it is important to recognize the sovereign hand of God who even in such troubled times continues to work to fulfill his purposes for his people and his glory. In this lesson we consider the first two kings of this division, Rehoboam and Jeroboam.

Review

- Based on what we learned in the previous lesson, how would you evaluate the life of Solomon? What actions did he take (or fail to take) that brought about the downfall of Israel?

Study Questions

1. Take a moment to go over the chart below which displays the kings of Israel and Judah and the years they reigned. Keep these facts in mind as you answer the questions.
2. In chapter 12, how would you evaluate and describe Rehoboam's character and personality?
3. In what ways does Rehoboam's leadership display a lack of skill and understanding?
4. What do the events of chapter 12 reveal about God's sovereignty, his grace and his justice?
5. In 12:25-33, Jeroboam institutes idolatry in the northern kingdom of Israel. What parallels do you see between this story and Aaron's leading the people into idolatry in Exodus 32?
6. In chapter 13 what did the "man of God" do right, and what did he do wrong?
7. What is chapter 13 meant to teach us about God's standards for his prophets? And what relation do these standards have for any of God's people today?
8. In chapter 14 the troubled reigns of Rehoboam and Jeroboam come to an end. In what ways do you see the consequences of sin catching up with people in this chapter? How do the events of this chapter cast an ominous cloud over the future of both Israel and Judah?
9. What prophecy concerning Israel's future does Ahijah speak about in 14:14-16, and what is its significance?
10. Any thoughts as to why God works in such a way as all this? Do we learn anything about his character here? If so, what?

THE KINGS OF JUDAH & ISRAEL

FROM 1 & 2 KINGS

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KINGS OF JUDAH

REHOBOAM	930-913 BC	17 YRS
ABIJAH	913-910 BC	3 YRS
ASA	910-869 BC	41 YRS
JEHOSHAPHAT	872-848 BC	25 YRS
JEHORAM	848-841 BC	7 YRS
AHAZIAH	841 BC	1 YR
ATHALIAH	841-835 BC	7 YRS
JOASH	835-796 BC	40 YRS
AMAZIAH	796-767 BC	29 YRS
AZARIAH	792-740 BC	52 YRS
JOTHAM	750-735 BC	16 YRS
AHAZ	735-715 BC	16 YRS
HEZEKIAH	715-686 BC	29 YRS
MANASSAH	697-642 BC	55 YRS
AMON	642-640 BC	2 YRS
JOSIAH	640-609 BC	31 YRS
JEHOAHAZ	609 BC	3 MTHS
JEHOIAKIM	609-598 BC	11 YRS
JEHOIACHIN	598-597 BC	3 MTHS
ZEDEKIAH	597-586 BC	11 YRS

JUDAH EXILED BY BABYLON (586 BC)

KINGDOM DIVIDES (922 BC)

KINGS OF ISRAEL

JEROBOAM I	930-909 BC	22 YRS
NADAB	909-908 BC	2 YRS
BAASHA	908-886 BC	24 YRS
ELAH	886-885 BC	2 YRS
ZIMRI	885 BC	7 DAYS
TIBNI	885-880 BC	5 YRS
OMRI	885-874 BC	11 YRS
AHAB	874-853 BC	21 YRS
AHAZIAH	853-852 BC	1 YR
JORAM	852-841 BC	11 YRS
JEHU	841-814 BC	28 YRS
JEHOAHAZ	814-798 BC	17 YRS
JEHOASH	798-782 BC	16 YRS
JEROBOAM II	793-753 BC	41 YRS
ZECHARIAH	753 BC	6 MTHS
SHALLUM	752 BC	1 MTH
MENAHM	752-742 BC	10 YRS
PEKAHIAH	742-740 BC	2 YRS
PEKAH	752-732 BC	20 YRS
HOSHEA	732-722 BC	9 YRS

ISRAEL ASSIMILATED BY ASSYRIA (722 BC)