

## THE EARLY KINGS OF ISRAEL

### 1 Kings 15 – 16

We have seen the example that was set for the nation Israel during the 22-year reign of her first king, Jeroboam. Now see what kind of men followed him as king:

**A. The Second King of Israel:** Read 1 Kings 15:25-28

1. What was the name of the second king of Israel? 1 Kings 15:25a

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2. How long did he reign? 1 Kings 15:25b

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3. How is this king described? 1 Kings 15:26

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4. What happened to end his reign? 1 Kings 15:27, 28

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**B. The Third King of Israel:** Read 1 Kings 15:29-34

1. What was the name of this king? 1 Kings 15:33a

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2. How long did he reign? 1 Kings 15:33b

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3. How is this king described? 1 Kings 15:34

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4. What did he do during his reign? 1 Kings 15:29, 30

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**C. The Fourth King of Israel:** Read 1 Kings 16:8-11

1. What was the name of this king? 1 Kings 16:8a

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2. How long did he reign? 1 Kings 16:8b

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3. What happened to end his reign? 1 Kings 16:9, 10

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4. What was he doing at this time? 1 Kings 16:9b

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**D. The Fifth King of Israel:** Read 1 Kings 16:12-20

1. What was the name of the king? 1 Kings 16:15a

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2. How long did he reign? 1 Kings 16:15b

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3. What did he do as soon as he began to reign? 1 Kings 16:11-13

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4. What happened to end his reign? 1 Kings 16:16-19

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5. How is this king described? 1 Kings 16:19

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**E. The Sixth King of Israel:** Read 1 Kings 16:21-28

1. What was the name of this king? 1 Kings 16:23a

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2. How long did he reign? 1 Kings 16:2b

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3. What was the outstanding event of his reign? 1 Kings 16:24

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4. How is this king described? 1 Kings 16:25, 26

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**F. The Seventh King of Israel:** Read 1 Kings 16:29-34

1. What was the name of this king? 1 Kings 16:29a

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2. How long did he reign? 1 Kings 16:29b

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3. How is this king described? 1 Kings 16:30, 33b

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4. Whom did this king marry? 1 Kings 16:31a

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5. What new sin did he introduce into Israel? 1 Kings 16:31b-33a

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**QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:**

1. What did all of these kings have in common? What was the one great reason for their sinfulness? (See 1 Kings 15:25, 26, 34, 16:19, 26, 31; Luke 17:1, 2)

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2. If people follow *my* example, what kind of lives will they lead?

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