

I Kings #1

Chapter 1

- 1) I Kings covers what part of David's life?
- 2) What problem was David having?
- 3) Who advised him on how to solve the problem?
- 4) David had a number of wives. What should have been the solution?
- 5) Did David have relations (cohabit) with her?
- 6) Are we still responsible for our decisions when we get bad advice?
- 7) Bad decisions have consequences. Which of David's son's death was caused in part because of this action by David? (see I Kings 2:16-25)
- 8) Who decided that Adonijah would be king?
- 9) Read verse 6. What mistake did David make that many parents make?
- 10) Who assisted Adonijah in his effort to become king? a) b)
- 11) Did the mighty men back Adonijah?
- 12) Adonijah decided to have a celebration to proclaim himself king at the "stone of Zoheleth" which can be translated "the serpent's stone". Adonijah's pride made him want to be proclaimed king. Read Genesis 3:1-6. Who do you think ultimately gave him this idea?
- 13) Adonijah invited his brothers to the celebration. Which brother did he leave off the guest list?
- 14) Who told Bathsheba about the plot?
- 15) What did he warn her could have been the result?
- 16) Read verses 13 & 14. What promise had David made to Bathsheba?
- 17) Read verses 15 & 16. How embarrassing do you think it was for Bathsheba to talk to David with Abishag there?
- 18) Rulers often destroyed political rivals (relatives who had a claim to the throne). What did Bathsheba think would happen if Adonijah became king?
- 19) Who entered at just the right time to reinforce Bathsheba's complaint?
- 20) What proclamation did Nathan say the celebrants were making? " _____ live king _____."
- 21) What did David vow to Bathsheba in reaction to this news?
- 22) Describe what was done in verses 38-40 to counter Adonijah's plan.

- 23) How do we know that "the serpent's rock" was close by?
- 24) "Then Adonijah said, 'Come in, for you are a valiant man and bring _____ news.'"
- 25) Did Jonathan bring good news?
- 26) What did he say was the reason for the noise they were hearing?
- 27) What was the most devastating news from verse 48?
- 28) How did Adonijah's guests react?
- 29) How did Adonijah seek refuge in the "tent of meeting"?
- 30) What assurance did Adonijah ask and receive from Solomon?
- 31) Does it sound like a frightful time for adonijah?

Chapter 2:1-9

- 1) Why was David giving special instructions to Solomon in chapter 2?
- 2) What do you think this phrase means? "I am going the way of all the earth."
- 3) After telling Solomon to be strong and be a man, what was the main thrust of David's charge?
- 4) Does it sound like the *son on the throne* promise was conditional?
- 5) What was the condition?
- 6) Read verses 5 & 6. Who was Solomon instructed to deal with here?
- 7) What was Joab's main crime? "He also shed the _____ of war in _____."
- 8) Does it seem to indicate a difference between killing someone in war and killing someone in peacetime?
- 9) Was Amasa an enemy combatant? (see II Samuel 20:5-10)
- 10) Did he kill Abner in battle? (see II Sam 3:23-27)
- 11) Who was Solomon supposed to be kind to?
- 12) Why was Solomon supposed to punish Shimei?
- 13) Does it sound like David was a little vengeful here? Is it possible he feared for Solomon's safety?

I Kings #2

Chapter 2:10-46

- 1) How long did David reign as king?
- 2) Where did he spend the first seven years?
- 3) Read verses 13-18. What did Adonijah ask Bathsheba for?
- 4) Did Bathsheba agree to do this for Adonijah?
- 5) Read verses 19-25. Should you agree to approve a request before you hear what it is?
- 6) Have you ever had someone ask you to promise to keep something confidential before they tell you what it is? Could that be dangerous?
- 7) Abishag was the last woman closely associated with David. What did Solomon see in the request from Adonijah that Bathsheba had not seen?
- 8) What were the two men mentioned in verse 22 involved in earlier? (see I Kings 1:5-7)
- 9) What did Solomon do to eliminate this threat to his kingdom?
- 10) Why did Solomon decide not to execute Abiathar the priest?
- 11) A prophecy was fulfilled when Solomon removed him from the priesthood. Which one of Abiathar's ancestors was that prophecy given to? (see I Samuel 2:30-36)
- 12) What action did Joab take that Adonijah had taken earlier to save his life?
- 13) Did it work?
- 14) What did Solomon tell Benaiah to do about it?
- 15) What additional crimes did Solomon point to as reasons for Joab's execution?
- 16) Who took his place as head of the army?
- 17) Who took Abiathar's place as priest?
- 18) Read verses 36-38. Why did Solomon restrict Shimei? (see I Kings 2:8)
- 19) Did Shimei agree to the restrictions?
- 20) Read verses 39-46. How long did it take for Shimei to violate the restrictions Solomon had given?
- 21) Why did he leave Jerusalem?
- 22) Who was commanded to execute Shimei?
- 23) When you make promises or take vows, are you released from them because time has passed?

Chapter 3

- 1) Who was the first recorded wife of Solomon?
- 2) Why did Solomon marry the daughter of Pharaoh?
- 3) Did Solomon need to make an alliance with Egypt?
- 4) Where were the people performing sacrifices?
- 5) According to Leviticus 17:1-5, where were these sacrifices supposed to be made?
- 6) What was the one mistake Solomon seemed to be making at this time, according to verse 3?
- 7) As you read verses 4-9, does God often continue to bless us and work in our lives even when we are not fully following His instructions?
- 8) How did God communicate with Solomon here?
- 9) What did God offer to Solomon?
- 10) How did Solomon describe himself in the first days of his reign in verse 7?
- 11) What did Solomon ask for?
- 12) What did God think of Solomon's request?
- 13) What three things did God say most people would have asked for if given the choice?
 - a)
 - b)
 - c)
- 14) What did God agree to give Solomon because he had asked for discernment?
- 15) What kinds of things do you usually ask God for?
- 16) According to James 1:5, how would He respond if you asked Him for wisdom?
- 17) Read verse 15. Does it look like Solomon just thought it was a meaningless dream?
- 18) Read verses 16-27. Does this passage indicate that the dream Solomon had was real?
- 19) What was the occupation of the two women who went before the king?
- 20) Was there any other witness who could verify the stories these women put before the king?
- 21) How did Solomon use the emotion that a mother feels for her child to discover the truth in this case?
- 22) What interest did the real mother put even before her own?
- 23) Read verse 28. What resulted when his decision in this most difficult case was publicized?

I Kings #3

Chapter 4

- 1) Under King Solomon, what office did Elihoreph and Ahijah hold?
- 2) Who was the special personal advisor to Solomon ("the King's friend")?
- 3) Adoniram was over the men subject to forced labor. Who were these men according to I Kings 9:20-22?
- 4) Read verses 7-19. What did the twelve deputies mentioned here do?
- 5) Shortly after the Civil War, General Lew Wallace wrote a famous novel about the resurrection of Jesus called, "Ben-Hur". Where do you think he got that name?
- 6) "Ben" means "son of". Who was married to Taphath, the daughter of Solomon?
- 7) Who controlled sixty great cities protected by walls and bronze bars?
- 8) Who was married to Solomon's other daughter, Basemath?
- 9) Who was in charge of the territories that previously belonged to Sihon and Og?
- 10) Does verse 20 make it sound like things were pretty good under King Solomon?
- 11) "Now Solomon ruled over all the kingdoms from the River to the land of the Philistines and to the border of Egypt; they brought _____ and _____ Solomon all the days of his life."
- 12) A "kor" would equal about 8 bushels. How many bushels of fine flour would the royal household need every day? How many bushels of meal would be needed?
- 13) How many fat oxen? How many twenty pasture-fed oxen? How many sheep?
- 14) What are four other animals brought into the capital for food?
- 15) Does it sound like logistics are pretty important when running a prosperous and powerful country?
- 16) The following phrase is used to describe the peaceful lifestyle of Solomon's kingdom: "So Judah and Israel lived in _____, every man under his _____ and his _____."
- 17) What else did the deputies provide for Solomon besides food for the people?
- 18) Solomon was wiser than what well known wise men of his day?
- 19) What famous song that Solomon wrote is found in the Bible? (hint-it comes right before Isaiah)
- 20) How many songs did he write? How many proverbs did he write?
- 21) What kinds of things did Solomon have knowledge of?

Chapter 5

- 1) Who had always been a great friend of King David?
- 2) Does this sound good? "...the LORD my God has given me _____ on every side; there is neither adversary nor _____."
- 3) What did Solomon ask Hiram for?
- 4) Who were the greatest lumberjacks of Solomon's time?
- 5) What was Hiram's response?
- 6) What was the plan in verse 9?
- 7) What did Solomon give Hiram in exchange for the wood?
- 8) How many forced laborers did Solomon employ in this project?
- 9) Describe their work schedule?
- 10) Does it look like transporting the wood was even more involved than cutting it?
- 11) Where were the most laborers employed?
- 12) How many supervisors were in charge of the workers?
- 13) Who seemed to be great experts in working with stone and timber?

Chapter 6:1-17

- 1) When Solomon began to rebuild the temple, how long had he been king?
- 2) How long had it been since the Israelites left Egypt?
- 3) A standard cubit was 18 inches, so the temple was _____ feet long, _____ feet wide and _____ feet high.
- 4) What was across the front of the temple building?
- 5) Did this building have windows?
- 6) Where were the stones prepared? a) On site b) At the quarry
- 7) What was the outside of the house covered with?
- 8) Read verses 11-13. Did God seem to take an interest in this building project?
- 9) What were the interior walls composed of? What about the floors?
- 10) What was the inner sanctuary referred to as?

I Kings #4

Chapter 6:18-38

- 11) What was carved in the wood on the walls?
- 12) What was going to be placed in the inner sanctuary?
- 13) What did he overlay the inside of the building with?
- 14) Does it sound like a lot of gold was used in the building of the sanctuary?
- 15) Cherubs are apparently angelic beings associated with the holiness of God. They are mentioned 21 times in the tenth chapter of Ezekiel. What were the cherubim carved out of here?
- 16) What was the wingspan of one of these carved cherubs?
- 17) They were also overlaid with what metal?
- 18) Describe the carvings on the interior house walls.
- 19) So what three woods were used in the construction of the house of God?
- 20) How long did it take to build it?
- 21) How long did it take Herod to build the temple in the time of Jesus? (John 2:2)

Chapter 7

- 1) How long did it take Solomon to build his own house?
- 2) Solomon built another great building that measured 150 feet long, 75 feet wide, and 45 feet high. What was the name given to this building?
- 3) How many ranks of windows were in the building?
- 4) What was the hall of pillars also called?
- 5) Does it sound like Solomon's wife lived in his home?
- 6) Does that sound like a good idea?
- 7) What was used to cut the building stones to the proper size?
- 8) Were these kinds of stones cheap?
- 9) How long were the long biggest stones?
- 10) Solomon an expert in bronze work from the city of Tyre. What was his name? (Same as the king of Tyre)
- 11) Read verses 15-22. Much of his work involved constructing two immense and decorative bronze pillars that were so impressive they gave them names. What name was given to the pillar on the right? "_____ which means "He will establish".
- 12) What about the one on the left? "_____ which means "in it is strength".
- 13) Do you find both of these ideas in God's dealings with us in I Peter 5:10?
- 14) What did the cast metal sea for washing stand on top of?
- 15) How were the oxen positioned?
- 16) The Bible contains a lot of potential math problems. If a bath measures 7 1/2 gallons, how many gallons of water did the sea hold? (see verse 26)
- 17) What was carved on the ten stands that Hiram made?
- 18) How many wheels supported each stand?
- 19) What did these wheels resemble?
- 20) According to verse 37, were all the stands different?
- 21) What was put on each stand?
- 22) Where were the stands placed?
- 23) Where was the sea of cast metal located?
- 24) What other things did Hiram make? (verse 40)
- 25) 1 Kings 7:45
- 26) "...all these utensils which Hiram made for King Solomon in the house of the LORD were of bronze." Does that sound beautiful?
- 27) Why didn't they weigh the bronze utensils Hiram made?
- 28) Read verses 48 through 50. What was all the furniture in the house of God made of?
- 29) What did they use to make the door hinges out of?
- 30) What other items were placed in the treasuries of the house of the Lord?

I Kings #5

Chapter 8

- 1) Who did Solomon bring to Jerusalem for the dedication celebration?
- 2) What is another name for the city of David?
- 3) Where had the ark previously been housed? (verse 4 & Exodus 40:2 & 3)
- 4) How many oxen and sheep did they sacrifice?
- 5) Where did they place the ark of the covenant?
- 6) What made the covering for the ark?
- 7) Ezekiel 28:11-19 are generally thought to be speaking about Satan. What appears to be Satan's job in heaven before he rebels, according to Ezekiel 28:14 & 16?
- 8) What was the only thing contained in the ark at this time?
- 9) What happened when they put the ark in the holy place?
- 10) How long did Solomon think God would dwell in the temple he built?
- 11) Where is God dwelling today? (I Corinthians 6:19)
- 12) Who did Solomon give credit to for the idea of building the house?
- 13) Why didn't God allow David to build His house? (I Chronicles 22:8)
- 14) According to verse 25, what needed to happen to keep a descendant of David on the throne of Israel?
- 15) Did this happen? (II Kings 16:2)
- 16) Read verses 27-30. Did Solomon recognize that the house was not able to contain God in His glory?
- 17) Where did he say God was actually going to be? (verse 30)
- 18) How was this house supposed to come into play in times of military defeat because of sin?
- 19) What if God was withholding rain because of sin?
- 20) What other kinds of things would the people need to come to the house before the Lord about?
- 21) According to verse 39, does Satan know what's in your heart? Are there any real mind readers?
- 22) Was the opportunity to be heard in prayer in a special way at this house only for Israelites?
- 23) Does it seem like God has always been reaching out to all of mankind?
- 24) What was one important aspect of warfare in Israel?
- 25) In Ephesians 6:10-18 Paul is talking about our spiritual warfare. What is the final thing he covers in verse 18?
- 26) Read verses 46-49. Which verse seems to be repeated by Daniel in captivity in Babylon? (Daniel 9:5)
- 27) Why was Daniel praying toward Jerusalem in Daniel 6:10?
- 28) What two things did Solomon ask from God for captives praying from foreign lands? (verse 50)
 - a)
 - b)
- 29) What is mentioned in verse 53 that makes Israel special?
- 30) What was Solomon's posture from which he offered this prayer?
- 31) What position did he take for blessing the people?
- 32) "May the _____ our God be with us, as He was with our fathers; may He _____ leave us or forsake us."
- 33) How is this prayer answered for us in Hebrews 13:5?
- 34) Read verse 59. We need special help from the Lord: a) Once in a while b) As each day requires
- 35) How many oxen were offered as peace offerings? How many sheep?
- 36) The feast was scheduled to last seven days. What actually happened?
- 37) What kind of attitude did the people leave with?

Chapter 9:1-14

- 1) What event happened right after the dedication of the house of the Lord?
- 2) What promise, given to David, did the Lord repeat to Solomon?
- 3) Would God make Israel an object lesson to others if they forsook Him?
- 4) What did Solomon give king Hiram as an extra gift for supplying the materials for his buildings?
- 5) Did Hiram appreciate the gift?
- 6) Cabul means "good for nothing". Does the "land of Cabul" sound like a good nickname to have?
- 7) John 1:45-46 (a thousand years later): "Philip found Nathanael and said to him, 'We have found Him of whom Moses in the Law and also the Prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.' And Nathanael said to him, 'Can any good thing come out of Nazareth?' Philip said to him, 'Come and see.' Since Nazareth was one of the cities of Galilee, does it sound like the nickname stuck?
- 8) Does the Scripture tie together in an awesome way?

I Kings #6

Chapter 9:15-28

- 9) Did Solomon use volunteers for his building projects?
- 10) How did Solomon obtain the city of Gezer?
- 11) Read verses 20-22. Were Israelites forced into labor for these buildings?
- 12) Who made up the forced labor source?
- 13) Were the Israelites supposed to have anything at all to do with these people? (Deuteronomy 7:1-4)
- 14) What types of jobs were given to Israelites?
- 15) How many supervisors oversaw the work projects?
- 16) In verse 24, it mentions that the Pharaoh's daughter had her own house. Does that sound like a good idea?
- 17) After reading Exodus 23:14-17, at what three feast times do you think Solomon offered his sacrifices? a) b) c)
- 18) Where did Solomon harbor his fleet of ships?
- 19) Job compares the value of wisdom to the value of gold from what country mentioned here? (Job 28:12-16)
- 20) A talent of gold (about 75 lbs) would be worth almost two million dollars today. Does it sound like Solomon and Hiram were having some highly successful expeditions together?

Chapter 10

- 1) What famous person arrived to see Solomon?
- 2) What was the purpose of her visit?
- 3) Was she able to stump Solomon with her difficult questions?
- 4) The word for "breath" and "spirit" are the same in Hebrew. What things did the queen of Sheba see that took her breath away?
- 5) She had heard of the fame of Solomon but what did she say about what she had heard?
- 6) Who did she say were blessed just because they were able to witness what was going on in Solomon's court? Why?
- 7) Do you think that this will be our reaction when we see the Lord in His kingdom?
- 8) Does this remind you of I Corinthians 2:9?
- 9) Who does the queen of Sheba give credit to in verse 9?
- 10) Hollywood and historical novel writers always play up the relationship of Solomon and the queen of Sheba. Do the Scriptures in any way imply that they were romantically involved?
- 11) How did the queen of Sheba actually *spice* things up?
- 12) Besides gold, what other commodities were imported from Ophir?
- 13) What kinds of musical instruments were made from the wood of Almug trees?
- 14) Was the gift giving a one way street?
- 15) If a talent is of gold is worth almost 2 million dollars today, what was the value of the annual gold intake for Solomon?
- 16) Solomon made two different sized beaten gold shields. How many did he make in total? Where did he place the shields?
- 17) What materials did he use to make his throne?
- 18) What stood on either side of the throne and on either side of the six steps leading to it?
- 19) Did other kings have golden lions like these? Don't you wish you could see them?
- 20) How did people value silver in the time of Solomon?
- 21) "Once every three years the ships of Tarshish came bringing gold and silver, ivory and _____ and _____."
- 22) In what two ways was Solomon greater than other kings? a) b)
- 23) Read verses 24 & 25. Where did Solomon get this great wisdom?
- 24) What was the prevailing price for a horse in those days? How about a chariot?
- 25) Read Deuteronomy 17:14-17. What is wrong with the things that Solomon is doing here?

Chapter 11:1-3

- 1) Read verses 1-3. What happened here that also violates Deuteronomy 17:17?
- 2) What did God predict would happen if Israelites married women who grew up worshiping idols?
- 3) What actually happened in verses 3?

I Kings #7

Chapter 11:4-43

- 4) What affects did Solomon's wives have on him?
- 5) Name some of the false gods that "went after" or built altars for.
- 6) Perhaps we sometimes might think this worship of false gods is no big deal, however, Chemosh and Molech were often worshiped by child sacrifice. Does that make you wonder when you read verse 8?
- 7) Read verses 9-13. What was God's response to Solomon's involvement with these false gods?
- 8) Summarize what the Lord said to Solomon here.

- 6) Was the division of Israel to take place in Solomon's lifetime? Why not?
- 7) Who raised up an adversary against Solomon?
- 8) Which of David's generals had tried to wipe out the Edomites?
- 9) Where had Hadad found sanctuary from the army of Israel?
- 10) Who did Hadad end up marrying, giving him powerful allies?
- 11) When did he decide to return to Edom?
- 12) Read verses 23-25. Who was a second adversary to Solomon?
- 13) How did he start his career? a) As a great general b) as the leader of a marauding band of raiders
- 14) Where did he eventually end up as a ruler?
- 15) Who was the third leader to rebel against the king?
- 16) How is he described in verse 28?
- 17) What position of authority was he given by Solomon?
- 18) After Jeroboam received the appointment from Solomon, who met him and gave him an appointment from God?
- 19) Did anyone else witness the meeting with Ahijah?
- 20) How many tribes did Ahijah tell Jeroboam he would be given to rule over?
- 21) How many would be left to Solomon?
- 22) Does that make 11 or 12?
- 23) Look at I Kings 12:20. When Solomon dies, who is left to Rehoboam his son?
- 24) Now look at I Kings 12:21. Which tribes are with him when he prepares for battle?
- 25) Does it appear that there are ten tribes with Jeroboam and Benjamin is on the fence and then decides to follow Judah?
- 26) Go back to I Kings 11:31. What reason does God give Jeroboam for taking the kingdom from Solomon's family?
- 27) Read verse 37. Where does the Lord say is the place where His Name will continue to dwell?
- 28) Where did Jeroboam get the idea that he would be king?
- 29) What promise did God make to Jeroboam in verse 38?
- 30) What is interesting about the prediction in verse 39?
- 31) Where did Jeroboam go when he sought to kill him?
- 32) What is the name of another ancient book which records the deeds of Solomon?
- 33) After 40 years as king, who took Solomon's place when he died?
- 34) Thinking about the life of Solomon, is it important to stay close to the Lord to finish strong?

Chapter 12:1-16

- 1) Where was the coronation for Rehoboam, son of Solomon, taking place?
- 2) Shechem was built on Mt Gerizim. After reading Deuteronomy 11:29, why do you think they chose this place?
- 3) Which adversary from the previous chapter was there?
- 4) What did Jeroboam and the people of Israel want Rehoboam to change?
- 5) What did the elders who had served Rehoboam's father, advise him to do?
- 6) Why might they have had a great deal of wisdom? Did he listen to them?
- 7) Whose counsel did Rehoboam listen to?
- 8) What was their advice?
- 9) If you seek counsel and don't want to follow it, should you be very careful about seeking new advisors who just tell you what you want to hear?
- 10) Did Solomon grant the people relief or did he *double down* on their burdens?
- 11) What was the response of the people?

I Kings #8

Chapter 12:17-33

- 12) Read verses 16-18. After everyone left the coronation, which tribe was ruled over by Rehoboam?
- 13) What position did Adoram hold?
- 14) What happened when he tried to do his job?
- 15) Was the rebellion over at the time I Kings was written?
- 16) Who did the other tribes choose to be their king?
- 17) Which tribe joined with Judah in verse 31?
- 18) How many soldiers did they assemble to put down the rebellion?
- 19) Why didn't they go to war at that point?
- 20) Did Rehoboam do the right thing?
- 21) What city did Jeroboam build to be his capital for ruling over Israel?
- 22) Read verses 26-31. Since the temple was in Jerusalem, where was every male supposed to go three times a year?
- 23) What fear did Jeroboam have?
- 24) What solution did he come up with?
- 25) Do you think Jeroboam was going to receive what God offered him in I Kings 11:37-39?
- 26) Why should the idols Jeroboam set up be especially repulsive to the Israelites? (Exodus 32:7-10)
- 27) Which cities were chosen to house these idols?
- 28) Could anyone be a priest? (Numbers 3:9 & 10)
- 29) Where did Jeroboam get the idea to celebrate a holy feast on the 15th day of the 8th month? (verse 33)

Chapter 13

- 1) When Jeroboam started to burn incense to the false gods who showed up?
- 2) What did the man of God predict that a future king, descended from David, would do on that altar?
- 3) What did he say his name would be? Did this ever come true? (II Kings 23:15-20)
- 4) What sign did he promise?
- 5) What happened when he ordered the man of God to be seized?
- 6) Who did Jeroboam ask for help? Did he get help?
- 7) Why didn't the man of God stay with the king for dinner?
- 8) There was an old prophet in Bethel, what did he do when he heard what had happened?
- 9) What did the old prophet ask the man of God to do? What was his answer?
- 10) Read verse 18. How did the old prophet convince the man of God to come to dinner?
- 11) If we understand an instruction clearly from God's word, should we allow someone else to talk us out of it, even if they say God told them to?
- 12) What did God cause the old man to prophesy?
- 13) What happened to him in verse 24?
- 14) How do we know the lion didn't kill the man because he was hungry?
- 15) 1 Peter 5:8 says, "Be of sober spirit, be on the alert. Your adversary, the devil, prowls about like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour." Do we still have to be on the lookout for the lion?
- 16) Who gets destroyed by the lion? a) One who disobeys the word b) One who doesn't have a whip and a chair
- 17) Does the picture of that lion standing next to that donkey and the body make a good reminder for us?
- 18) "It is the man of God, who _____ the command of the LORD; therefore the LORD has given him to the _____, which has _____ him and _____ him, according to the word of the LORD which He spoke to him."
- 19) Who buried the man of God?
- 20) Do you think he felt a great deal of guilt because he had gotten the man of God killed by lying to him?
- 21) What instruction did the old prophet give to his sons after the burial?
- 22) Does this passage show us that everyone must seek to obey the Lord, not just leaders?
- 23) Did Jeroboam learn his lesson from the split altar and the withering hand?
- 24) What was the result in verse 34?

I Kings #9

Chapter 14

- 30) Who was Abijah and what happened to him in verse 1?
- 31) Jeroboam knew where the truth was. Who did he send his wife to get answers?
- 32) She disguised herself. Why was that not necessary?
- 33) If you are asking someone to tell you the future by God's insight, does it make sense to fool them?
- 34) When did she know her cover was blown?
- 35) "You also have done more evil than all who were _____ you,"
- 36) What did God say would happen to his family in verse 10?
- 37) What would happen to a family member who died in the city?
- 38) What would happen if a family member died in the country?
- 39) What did the prophet say would happen to the boy? When would it happen?
- 40) Does it sound like Jeroboam's son might have actually been a believer?
- 41) What else was predicted in verses 14-16?
- 42) Did things happen that seemed coincidental or were they fulfilled exactly?
- 43) Wouldn't this have convinced you that you better seek the Lord?
- 44) Where else can you find information about Jeroboam in the Bible?
- 45) How long was he king and who succeeded him?
- 46) Who reigned longer, Jeroboam in Israel, or Rehoboam in Judah?
- 47) Was Rehoboam an Israelite?
- 48) Read verses 22-24. What kind of things happened under Rehoboam's leadership?
- 49) What phrase in verse 23 shows you how wide spread the false worship was?
- 50) What shows us that sexual activity was used to promote this false worship?
- 51) Where did we hear about Shishak previously? (I Kings 11:40)
- 52) Read verses 25-28. Did Rehoboam defeat Shishak?
- 53) What items did he take from Judah?
- 54) What must have become a sad and constant reminder of this great defeat? (verses 27 & 28)

- 55) How did Rehoboam and Jeroboam get along?

Chapter 15:1-22

- 1) Who succeeded Rehoboam? How long did he reign?
- 2) How did he do as king?
- 3) The following statement gets repeated a lot in the history of the kings: "His _____ was not wholly _____ to the LÓRD his God, like the heart of his father _____."
- 4) Why didn't God wipe them out?
- 5) What is the one great sin of David mentioned here?
- 6) Are the families of the kings getting along yet?
- 7) Where was Abijam buried?
- 8) Who succeeded Abijam?
- 9) Asa is called the son of Abijam. Abijam had only reigned 3 years. The term "son" is used to refer to many relationships. What direct family relationship did Asa have to Abijam? (hint- verses 2 & 10)
- 10) According to verse 11, how did Asa do as king?
- 11) Who did he recognize as a bad influence in his brother's life and his life?
- 12) Can the Lord help you overcome very negative influences in your life?
- 13) What did he do about that influence?
- 14) What was the one area he did not correct?
- 15) Even though he wasn't correct about everything, what does the Lord say about him?
- 16) Who did Asa do battle with?
- 17) What city was used to set a blockade up around Judah?
- 18) Who did Asa hire to deliver him?
- 19) What should Asa have done according to Psalm 129:1 & 2?
- 20) What did Ben-hadad do in response to the payment he received?
- 21) What unprecedented proclamation did Asa make to eliminate the blockade city?
- 22) Can you get a lot done when every single person pitches in?
- 23) What did Asa do with the material from Ramah?

I Kings #10

Chapter 15:23-34

- 1) What problem did Asa have in his old age?
- 2) What was his son's name?
- 3) Who became king in Israel after Jeroboam died?
- 4) Was he a good king? Why or why not?
- 5) What happened at Gibbethon?
- 6) What was the first thing Bassha did after he became king of Israel?
- 7) Who had previously predicted this?
- 8) Why did God allow this to happen?
- 9) What ancient book contained more information about his reign?
- 10) How did the king of Judah get along with him?
- 11) What city did Bassha use as his capital?
- 12) How long was he king of Israel?
- 13) Did he make a big change in the way Israel acted after he replaced Nabab?

Chapter 16

- 1) Who did the Lord send to deliver a message to Bassha?
- 2) Who put Basha in charge of Israel?
- 3) What does he say that Bassha had done?
- 4) He delivers the following prophecy that was given to Jeroboam: "Anyone of Baasha who dies in the city the _____ shall eat, and anyone of his who dies in the field the _____ of the heavens will eat."
- 5) Who succeeded him in office?
- 6) The prophecy came against Bassha's household because he continued the sins of Jeroboam and for what other reason? a) God hated Israel b) He was the one who struck Jeroboam's household
- 7) Does this sound like a fulfillment of Matthew 7:2?
- 8) Describe the assassination of Elah?
- 9) What position did Zimri previously hold?
- 10) Do you put yourself in increased danger when you get drunk?
- 11) What did Zimri do with Bassha's relatives?
- 12) Do you think these people are killing the relatives of the previous king because they want to fulfill the prophecies? What would their reasoning be?
- 13) How long did Zimri last?
- 14) Who choose Omri to be the leader of the country?
- 15) Describe Zimri's death?
- 16) Even though Zimri only reigned for a few days, was that enough time to do great evil?
- 17) Does this remind you of Matthew 26:52?
- 18) Read verses 21. Did everyone accept Omri as king?
- 19) How was the leadership between Omri and Tibni?
- 20) What change did Omri make after six years as king?
- 21) Who is the city of Samaria named after?
- 22) How did his leadership compare to the kings of Israel before him?
- 23) Who did he imitate? a) David a) Jeroboam
- 24) Who succeeded Omri as king of Israel?
- 25) How did Ahab compare with previous kings in Israel?
- 26) Does it sound like Israel is returning to the Lord or moving further away from Him?
- 27) What seems to have worst thing that Ahab did? (see verse 31)
- 28) Who brought the worship of Baal to Israel?
- 29) What happened when Hiel laid the foundations for rebuilding Jericho?
- 30) What happened when he set up the gates?
- 31) What prophecy had Joshua made about this city, hundreds of years before that time? (Joshua 6:26)
- 32) If he lost a son at the beginning, when he laid the foundation, do you think he was defying God by completing the project, since the gates would be put up last?
- 33) Should this have been an illustration to the kings of Israel, that God will keep his Word when he warns them about pursuing things he has commanded them to abandon (e.g. idol worship)

I Kings #11

Chapter 17

- 1) Elijah said it would only rain by whose word?
- 2) Who did the Lord say would provide food for Elijah while he was living at the brook?
- 3) How often did Elijah get fed?
- 4) Why did the brook dry up?
- 5) Who did the Lord say he was going to use to provide for Elijah in Zarephath?
- 6) Did the widow know the Lord was going to use her to provide for Elijah?
- 7) What type of meal was the widow preparing? (choose one)
 - a) A great feast
 - b) One of Elijah's favorite foods
 - c) Her last meal
- 8) Elijah asked the woman to (share the meal, give him something first, give him the leftovers)
- 9) So she went and did according to the word of Elijah, and she and he and her household ate for _____ days.
- 10) Who did the woman blame when her son got sick?
- 11) Who does it sound like Elijah blamed in verse 21?
- 12) What is the great miracle that Elijah performs here that was not performed by the other great prophets of the Old Testament?
- 13) What did this miracle confirm to the woman about Elijah's words?
- 14) According to Mark 16: 20, what did the Lord do to confirm the words spoken and written by His disciples?
- 15) Since we have the completed word of God today, do we need these confirmation miracles?
- 16) We see several miracles performed here. Does God always use miracles in the same way according to Luke 4:25&26?

Chapter 18:1-21

- 1) According to verse 1, how long did the land of Israel go without rain?
- 2) Who decided to send rain?
- 3) "The famine was severe in Samaria"- What do you think that meant?
- 4) Ahab was a very evil king. Were all the people working for him just as evil?
- 5) Jezebel was Ahab's wife. What did she do that was extremely evil?
- 6) What did Obadiah do when she did this?
- 7) What was Obadiah afraid would happen if he told Ahab that Elijah had come?
- 8) According to verse 15, had word gotten back to Ahab about Obadiah saving the prophets?
- 9) It came about, when Ahab saw Elijah that Ahab said to him, "Is this you, you _____ of _____?"
- 10) Who was the person who really was causing trouble for Israel?
- 11) These are the prophets that gathered at Mount Carmel:
 - How many prophets of Baal?
 - How many prophets of Asherah?
 - How many prophets of the Lord?
- 12) "Elijah came near to all the people and said, 'How long will you _____ between two _____? If the LORD is God, _____; but if Baal, follow him.' But the people did not answer him a word."
- 13) Do we sometimes hesitate between two opinions about serving and following God?
- 14) Does it really seem like things have changed that much?
- 15) Are you going to make a decision to serve God?

I Kings #12

I Kings 18:18-46

- 1) Were the prophets that were brought together at Mount Carmel good men?
- 2) Elijah came near to all the people and said, "How long will you _____ between two opinions? If the LORD is God, follow Him; but if Baal, follow him." But the people did not answer him a word.
- 3) How many of the Lord's prophets did Elijah say were left?
- 4) Do you ever feel like you are all alone?
- 5) Describe in a couple of sentences what the challenge(contest) between Elijah and the prophets of Baal was:

- 6) "the God who answers by _____, He is _____."
- 7) Did Baal answer his prophets?
- 8) Did Elijah show any respect to the false prophets of Baal?
- 9) What special method did the the false prophets use to get Baal's attention?
- 10) Do we have to hurt ourselves to get God's attention?
- 11) It came about when midday was past, that they raved until the time of the offering of the evening sacrifice; but there was _____, no one _____, and no one _____.
- 12) What did Elijah put around the alter?
- 13) How many times did they soak the offering with water?
- 14) What did Elijah do to get God's attention?
- 15) What two reasons did Elisha use when asking the Lord to hear him?
 - 1)
 - 2)
- 16) Did the Lord burn up the sacrifice?
- 17) What else happened?
- 18) What was the reaction of the people?
- 19) What did Elisha tell them to do?
- 20) Did Elijah feel sorry for the false prophets?
- 21) According to Deuteronomy 13:4&5 do you think that Elijah was too harsh?
- 22) What did Elijah tell Ahab was going to happen in verse 41?
- 23) What was Elijah doing in verses 42&43?
- 24) What did Elijah do that was amazing in verse 46?

I Kings 19:1-

- 1) What did Jezebel do when Ahab told her what had happened?
- 2) He was _____ and arose and _____ and came to Beersheba, which belongs to Judah, and left his servant there.
- 3) What did Elijah do under the Juniper tree?
- 4) Do we often have a let down after a great spiritual victory in our lives?
- 5) Who took care of Elijah when He was exhausted?
- 6) How long did the food the Lord fed Elijah last him?
- 7) How many Prophets of the Lord did Elijah say were left?
- 8) The LORD was passing by! And a great and strong wind was rending the mountains and breaking in pieces the rocks before the LORD; but the LORD was not in the _____. And after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was _____ in the _____. And after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was _____ in the _____; and after the fire a sound of a gentle blowing.
- 9) Is the Lord found in miraculous signs and powerful miracles or in gentle convictions in our heart?
- 10) In vs 14 Elisha says: "I _____ am _____; and they seek my life, to take it away."
- 11) According to verse 18, did the Lord agree that Elijah was the only faithful person left?
- 12) How many people did the Lord say were out there living for Him?
- 13) Do we always know about the other faithful Christians who are out there?
- 14) Let's thank the Lord for all of the faithful believers who are around the world serving Him!

I Kings #13

Chapter 19:19-21

- 1) What was Elisha doing when Elijah found him?
- 2) Do you think it is easy work to plow a field with 12 pair of oxen?
- 3) Does it sound like Elisha was a successful farmer?
- 4) What did Elisha think it meant when Elijah threw his mantle (outer garment) over him?
- 5) What did he ask to do first?
- 6) How do we know Elisha was committed to following Elijah?
- 7) What did Elisha do while following Elijah?

Chapter 20

- 1) How many kings did Ben-Hadad bring with him to attack Israel's capital of Samaria?
- 2) When Ben-Hadad demanded Ahab's money and most beautiful wives and children, what was his response?
- 3) Was Ben-Hadad satisfied with this?
- 4) Did the Elders of Israel back Ahab in his decision to resist?
- 5) In verse 10, how do we know that Ben-Hadad doesn't know the Lord?
- 6) Then the king of Israel answered and said, "Tell him, 'Let not him who _____ his armor boast like him who _____'."
- 7) What do you think this verse means?
- 8) Do you think this is a good verse to remember for sports?
- 9) What was Ben-Hadad doing when he heard back from Ahab?
- 10) Who was the prophet in verse 13? (hint-see I Kings 19: 14-18)
- 11) Are there a lot of faithful Christians around that we don't know about?
- 12) What is the reason given by the Lord that He would give Ahab a victory?
- 13) Was Ahab a terrible person? Had God given up on him?
- 14) How many soldiers did Ahab have for this battle against a great army?
- 15) Who might this 7000 person army have been?
- 16) Were they victorious?
- 17) Did the prophet think the war was over?
- 18) Why did Ben-Hadad think he lost the battle?
- 19) The sons of Israel were mustered and were provisioned and went to meet them; and the sons of Israel camped before them like _____ of goats, but the Arameans filled the country.
- 20) Are we sure the man of God mentioned in verse 28 is the same one mentioned in verse 22?
- 21) Why did God say He would give Israel victory this time? (two reasons)
 - a)
 - b)
- 22) What happened to 27,000 of Ben-Hadad's soldiers?
- 23) And his servants said to him, "Behold now, we have heard that the kings of the house of Israel are _____ kings, please let us put sackcloth on our loins and ropes on our heads, and go out to the king of Israel; perhaps he will save your life."
- 24) Was it a good idea to make a covenant with King Ben-Hadad? Was he a trustworthy person?
- 25) Why did the lion destroy the man in verse 36?
- 26) Who do you think will be the one who is devoured in the following verse?
1 Pet 5:8 "Be of sober spirit, be on the alert. Your adversary, the devil, prowls about like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour."
- 27) Is it important to follow God's instructions even when it is not convenient or easy?
- 28) "And while your servant was busy here and there, he was gone." And the king of Israel said to him, "So shall your judgment be; _____ yourself have _____ it."
- 29) Who decided Ahab's judgment?
- 30) Matt 7: 2 "For in the way you judge, you will be judged; and by your standard of measure, it will be measured to you." Should you be careful not to judge others too harshly?

I Kings #14

Chapter 21

- 1) What did Ahab want to do with Naboth's vineyard?
- 2) Naboth said to Ahab, "The LORD forbid me that I should give you the _____ of my fathers."
- 3) What was Naboth doing according to the following verse?
Lev 25:23 "The land, moreover, shall not be sold permanently, for the land is Mine; for you are but aliens and sojourners with Me."
- 4) So Ahab came into his house _____ and _____ because of the word which Naboth the Jezreelite had spoken to him; for he said, "I will not give you the inheritance of my fathers." And he _____ on his bed and turned away his face and _____ no food.
- 5) Does it sound like Ahab was very mature?
- 6) What was Jezebel's reaction to Ahab's attitude?
- 7) What did the Elders accuse Naboth of doing?
- 8) What did they do with him?
- 9) Who was not guilty here?
 - a) The king
 - b) The worthless witnesses
 - c) The queen
 - d) The elders of the town
 - e) Naboth
- 10) Who met Ahab in the vineyard when he went to take possession?
- 11) According to verse 19, can you be guilty of murder even though you are not actually the one who wields the weapon or are not at the scene of the crime?
- 12) Are officials, rulers, managers and bosses responsible for the things they allow?
- 13) Did Ahab consider Elijah as a good friend?
- 14) According to verse 22, can people cause other people to sin?
- 15) If you were related to Ahab and died in the city, what was going to happen according to Elijah?
- 16) What if you died out in the country? Would you receive a proper burial?
- 17) Why was Ahab so evil according to verse 25?
- 18) What was Ahab's reaction to what Elijah said?
- 19) Did God ignore it when Ahab humbled himself?
- 20) Is it hard to understand how God can forgive very evil people?
- 21) "Do you see how Ahab has _____ himself before Me? Because he has humbled himself before Me, I will not bring the evil _____, but I will bring the evil upon his house in his son's days."
- 22) Did God still punish?
- 23) Did He alter His punishment?
- 24) If you find that you are far away from God and have sinned against Him, what can you take away from this story that will be a comfort to you?

- 25) Are we often more unwilling to forgive than God is?
- 26) Let's ask the Lord to give us His attitude of forgiveness!

I Kings #15

Chapter 21

- 1) How long did peace last here?
- 2) Which two kings got together in verse 2? a) b)
- 3) Who had the idea to go to war with Aram?
- 4) How was Jehoshaphat's initial response to this invitation?
- 5) Since Ahab was an evil king, do you think Jehoshaphat should have been making an alliance with him? (see I Corinthians 15:33)
- 6) When Jehoshaphat thought about it, what did he request the king of Israel to do?
- 7) Read verses 6 & 7. What did Jehoshaphat notice about the 400 prophets who were prophesying here?
- 8) Ahab could only come up with one prophet of the Lord. What was his name?
- 9) Why didn't Ahab (king of Israel) like to have Micaiah prophesy for him?
- 10) Describe the scene in verse 10.
- 11) What did Zedekiah use for a prop in his prophecy?
- 12) According to verse 12, what was the universal advice of the prophets?
- 13) How did the messengers try to influence what Macaiah would say to the kings?
- 14) This should be a rule for all of us to follow: "As the LORD lives, what the LORD says to me, that I will _____."
- 15) What did Micaiah advise the kings to do in verse 15?
- 16) What did Jehoshaphat notice about what Micaiah was saying?
- 17) What was his prophecy when Jehoshaphat asked him to speak "in the name of the Lord"?
- 18) What was Ahab's response to that?
- 19) Read verses 19-23. What is similar about the scene that Micaiah describes in heaven to the one we saw in verse 10?
- 20) How did the false prophet Zedekiah respond to this?
- 21) Read verses 26-28. What did the king of Israel decide to do with Micaiah?
- 22) What was his diet in prison?
- 23) What would have happened to Micaiah if he was wrong? (read verse 28 and Deuteronomy 18:20-22)
- 24) Did they follow his advice or the advice of the prophets of Baal?
- 25) Does it do any good to ask for godly advice if you will not follow it?
- 26) Read verse 30-33. What was wrong with the idea Ahab came up with?
- 27) Read verse 34. Was Ahab's plan to protect himself successful?
- 28) What happened that was predicted by Micaiah? (verse 17 & 35-37)
- 29) What happened in verse 38 that was predicted many years earlier? (I Kings 21:18 & 19)
- 30) What very expensive material had Ahab built a house out of?
- 31) Ahab lost this palace when he died. Who gave up His ivory palace to come and save us? (see Psalm 45:6-8)
- 32) Here are the words to a famous hymn written about that idea:
*"Out of the ivory palaces,
Into a world of woe,
Only His great eternal love
Made my Savior go."*
- 32) Who succeeded Ahab as king in Israel?
- 33) Read verses 41-45. Was Jehoshaphat a good king for the most part?
- 34) What was one thing mentioned in verse 35 that he failed to do?
- 35) The "sodomites" were "cult prostitutes" that engaged in homosexual acts. What did Jehoshaphat do with them?
- 36) What did Jehoshaphat do in verse 48 that Solomon had done? (I Kings 9:26-28)
- 37) How did the plan work out?
- 38) Why was that result probably a good thing? (Deuteronomy 17:17)
- 39) Read verse 49. Does it seem like Jehoshaphat had learned some lessons?
- 40) Read verses 51-53. Does it look like Ahaziah learned any lessons by what happened to his father?
- 41) Did you enjoy I Kings?