

**Setting**

Locate the following places on the Bible map:

- Tirzah
- Sidon (the "Sidonians")
- Gibbethon
- Bethel
- Samaria
- Jericho

**Key Terms and People**

**Jehu, the son of Hanani:** A prophet of the Lord; not to be confused with Jehu, the son of Jehoshaphat. (2 Kings 9)

**Baasha:** King of Israel.

**Elah:** Son of Baasha, King of Israel.

**Zimri:** King of Israel.

**Tibni:** A threat to Omri's rule in Israel.

**Omri:** King of Israel.

**Ahab:** Son of Omri, King of Israel.

**Jezebel:** Wife of Ahab, daughter of Ethbaal, king of Sidon.

**Hiel:** Builder of Jericho.

**Story Moments**

*Baasha's Reign in Israel*

**16:1–7.** What judgment does Jehu prophecy concerning the house of Baasha? \_\_\_\_\_

Why is God's judgment coming on Baasha? \_\_\_\_\_

To whom does the prophet compare Baasha and his house? (See 1 Kings 14:10–11.) \_\_\_\_\_

*Elah's Reign in Israel*

**16:8–10.** Who is Zimri in relation to Elah? \_\_\_\_\_

What does Zimri do to displace Elah from the throne? \_\_\_\_\_

What is Elah doing as he is killed? \_\_\_\_\_

*Zimri's Reign in Israel*

**16:11.** What does Zimri immediately do once he takes the throne? \_\_\_\_\_

**16:12–14.** How do Zimri's actions fulfill God's prophetic word? \_\_\_\_\_



**16:15–18.** How long does Zimri reign? \_\_\_\_\_  
How does Zimri die? \_\_\_\_\_

**16:19–20.** Why is his reign so short? \_\_\_\_\_

*Omri's Reign in Israel*

**16:21–22.** Before Omri becomes king, the Northern Kingdom splits into two factions. Who is the other person the people are following? \_\_\_\_\_

**16:23–24.** Once Omri secures the kingdom, he purchases land from Shemer and names his new city \_\_\_\_\_.

*Note: this new city would function as a capital for the Northern Kingdom of Israel.*

**16:25–28.** What is the assessment of Omri's reign?

- He did \_\_\_\_\_ in the eyes of the LORD.
- He did \_\_\_\_\_ than all who were before him.
- He walked in all the ways of \_\_\_\_\_.
- He provoked the LORD God of Israel to \_\_\_\_\_ with their \_\_\_\_\_.

*Ahab's Reign in Israel*

**16:29–33.** Who does Ahab serve according to 16:31? \_\_\_\_\_

How does the narrator compare the reign of Ahab to all the kings of Israel before him? \_\_\_\_\_

**16:34.** During this time, a man from Bethel named Hiel rebuilds Jericho (the city that was destroyed as part of the conquest of Canaan). According to Joshua 6:26, what was God's opinion of this rebuilding? \_\_\_\_\_

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*Note: that he "laid its foundation" and "set up its gates" with his sons Abiram and Segub either means that 1) his sons died during the building process as divine judgment or 2) that Hiel sacrificed his sons and buried their bodies along the foundation and at the gates of the city.*

**Ask Yourself**

God exalted Baasha "out of the dust" (16:2), yet he wasted the opportunities God gave him. Have I been a good steward of the gifts and provision of the Lord in my own life?

Every king of Israel in this chapter left a legacy of evil. What is my legacy? How will those who come after me remember my life?

Idolatry proved to be a very damaging sin for the nation of Israel. How does idolatry (giving priority or allegiance to anything other than the Lord) show up in my day-to-day life?

**Cross References and Study Helps**

*Kings of Judah and Israel*

<i>Dates (approx.)</i>	<i>Unified Kingdom</i>			<i>Dates (approx.)</i>	
1051–1011	<i>House of Saul</i>	Saul	<i>House of Saul</i>	1051–1011	
1011–971	<i>House of David</i>	David	<i>House of David</i>	1011–971	
971–931		Solomon		971–931	
	<i>Southern Kingdom</i>		<i>Northern Kingdom</i>		
931–915	<i>House of David</i>	Rehoboam	Jeroboam I	<i>House of Jeroboam</i>	
915–912		Abijam	Nadab	931–911	
912–871		Asa	<b>Baasha</b>	<i>House of Baasha</i>	911–910
			<b>Elah</b>		910–877
				<b>Zimri</b>	887–886
		<b>Omri</b>	<i>House of Omri</i>	886	
		<b>Ahab</b>		866–875	
				875–853	

1 Kings 14:10–11

<sup>10</sup>Therefore behold! I will bring disaster on the house of Jeroboam, and will cut off from Jeroboam every male in Israel, bond and free; I will take away the remnant of the house of Jeroboam, as one takes away refuse until it is all gone. <sup>11</sup>The dogs shall eat whoever belongs to Jeroboam and dies in the city, and the birds of the air shall eat whoever dies in the field; for the LORD has spoken!"

Joshua 6:26

Then Joshua charged *them* at that time, saying, "Cursed *be* the man before the LORD who rises up and builds this city Jericho; he shall lay its foundation with his firstborn, and with his youngest he shall set up its gates."