

## **1 KINGS WEEK SIX – “The Second Dynasty and the Rise of Elijah”**

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### **Questions for 1 Kings 15-17**

This week we are introduced to the second generation of rulers following Jeroboam and Rehoboam. We are also introduced to Elijah, one of the “superhero prophets” of the divided kingdom.

1. Who Among the new generation of rulers of the northern and southern kingdoms (Abijah, Baasha, Asa, etc.) does God seem to favor and why?
2. Why do you think the “high places” mentioned in 15:14 were not taken away even though they are prohibited in Mosaic Law?
3. What was the war between Asa and Baasha all about?
4. What part did the northern and southern kingdom’s alliances with other nations play in the big picture of what is happening?
5. Why was Nadab’s reign in Israel so short and why was this considered inevitable?
6. Why did Baasha order the deaths of Jeroboam’s family? Who directed him and how do you feel about this?
7. What set King Omri apart as one of the greatest kings of the northern kingdom?
8. What role do the prophets seem to have in the conflict between the northern and southern kingdoms? Do their messages seem contradictory? What determines the authority of a prophet’s words?
9. How does Elah’s death confirm Jehu’s prophesy against Baasha?
10. How long did Zimri rule in Israel and what does this say about the values of the two kingdoms?
11. What can be said about Omri’s acquisition of Samaria and what does this do to strengthen his dynasty?

12. What is Ahab's sin and what are the consequences of his sin? If blame must be assigned, where would the blame fall?

13. Who is Elijah and what makes him stand out among the prophets that have been mentioned thus far in the divided kingdom?

14. What do we learn about the god Baal? What do we learn about those who worship Baal?

15. What lesson can we take away from the story of Elijah and the widow?

# The Genealogy of the Kings of Ancient Israel and Judah



