

Kings of Israel

Materials

- Kings cards
- Chart paper

Lesson

In our last lesson, we learned that the Kingdom of God divided into two nations. The northern half became Israel under the rule of Jeroboam, and the southern half became Judah under the rule of Rehoboam. We are going to follow the line of kings for each nation separately for the next couple of lessons. As we get to Judah we will determine how the timelines overlap. This week we will study the history of Israel after the split.

Distribute the kings cards. Ask each student to take a king and read the corresponding Scripture passage written on the back. Share the discussion questions below for them to consider as they read. Ask them to take notes on the back of the card for the discussion.

Kings

Date BC	Length of Reign	King	Good/Bad	Scripture
910-909	2 years	Nadab	Bad	1 Kings 15:25-32
909-886	24 years	Baasha	Bad	1 Kings 15:27-16:7
886-885	2 years	Elah	Bad	1 Kings 16:8-14
885	7 days	Zimri	Bad	1 Kings 16:9-20
885-874	12 years	Omri	Bad	1 Kings 16:21-28
874-853	22 years	Ahab	Bad	1 Kings 16:29-34; 21:35-43; 21:17-29; 22:37-40
853-852	2 years	Ahaziah	Bad	1 Kings 22:51-53; 2 Kings 1:1-18
852-841	12 years	Joram (aka Jehoram)	Bad	2 Kings 3:1-27
841-814	28 years	Jehu	Bad	2 Kings 9:1-3, 14-26; 10:28-36
814-798	17 years	Jehoahaz	Bad	2 Kings 13:1-9
798-782	16 years	Jehoash	Bad	2 Kings 13:10-25; 14:8-16
782-753	41 years	Jeroboam II	Bad	2 Kings 15:23-29
753-752	6 months	Zechariah	Bad	2 Kings 15:8-12
752	1 month	Shallum	Bad	2 Kings 15:10-16
752-742	10 years	Menahem	Bad	2 Kings 15:14-22
742-740	2 years	Pekahiah	Bad	2 Kings 15:23-26
740-732	20 years	Pekah	Bad	2 Kings 15:25-31
732-721	9 years	Hoshea	Bad	2 Kings 17:1-4

Once the students have all read their passage, discuss the kings in chronological order. For each discuss:

- What can you tell me about the king and his reign?
- Was he a good or a bad king?

- What was his sin?
- Did God punish him in his lifetime?
- What lessons can we learn from this king?

When you have discussed all the kings, read 2 Kings 17:5-23. Discuss:

- What ultimately happened to the nation of Israel?
- What should the people of Israel have learned from their leaders to avoid this punishment?