

INTRODUCTION

- * We have turned in our study of the Biblical history of Israel to an examination of the kings of the South.
- * Two weeks ago, Chuck provided instruction via the life of Abijam and Asa - with the challenge of considering our legacy and a commitment to finishing strong.
- * Last week, Dr. Steve taught on Jehoshaphat's triumph of faith and the power of praise ... as the nation of Judah watched God's deliverance over the people of Moab, Ammon, and Mount Seir.
- * Though Jehoshaphat was such a godly king, he made several errors in decision-making which had dire consequences upon the nation of Judah.
- * Today, we consider how his decisions effected Judah for the 16 years following his reign.

INSTRUCTION

I. THE REIGN OF JEHORAM (2 Kings 8:16-24; 2 Chronicles 21) ... *He reigned 8 years*

A. The Dec _____ of the _____

1. MA _____ JEHORAM TO AHAB'S DAUGHTER (cf. 2 Chron 22:2; 2 Corinthians 6:14-7:1; 1 Corinthians 10:11-23)
2. MA _____ JEHORAM THE NEXT KING (cf. Chron 21:3)

B. The Dec _____ of the _____ (cf. 2 Chron 21:4-11)

1. HE KILLED HIS BROTHERS (cf. 21:4)
2. HE WALKED IN THE WAYS OF THE KINGS OF ISRAEL (cf. 21:6)
3. HE BUILT HIGH PLACES (cf. 21:11)
4. HE LED JUDAH ASTRAY (cf. 21:11)

C. The Dec _____ of the _____ (cf. 2 Chron 21:12-20; 2 Kings 1:17; 2:1)

1. HIS DE _____ (cf. 21:16-17)
2. HIS DE _____ (cf. 21:18-20)
 - a. The C _____ of His Death (v. 18-19; Jer 18:1-10)
 - b. The R _____ to His Death (v. 20)

II. THE REIGN OF AHAZIAH (cf. 2 Kings 8:25-29; 2 Chron 22:1-9) ... *He reigned 1 year*

A. His De _____ (2 Chron 22:1-5)

B. His De _____ (2 Chron 22:4-9; 2 Kings 9:27-29)

1. THE C _____ OF AHAB (v. 4)
2. THE S _____ OF GOD (v. 7)

III. THE REIGN OF ATHALIAH (cf. 2 Kings 11:1-3; 2 Chron 22:10-12) ... *She reigned 7 years*

INTROSPECTION

- * WHAT IS YOUR PARADIGM FOR DECISION MAKING?
- * WHAT DO YOU CARE MOST ABOUT: THE PHYSICAL, OR SPIRITUAL, WELFARE OF YOU AND YOUR FAMILY?
- * DO YOU TEND TO IGNORE GOD'S CHASTISEMENT?
- * ARE YOU ONE WHO HAS TO EXPERIENCE THE CONSEQUENCES YOURSELF ... OR, CAN YOU GAIN WISDOM FROM THE MISTAKES OF OTHERS?
- * DO YOU LEARN FROM HISTORY, OR DO YOU TEND TO REPEAT THE ERRORS OF OTHERS?
- * WHOSE COUNSEL ARE YOU MORE INCLINED TO SEEK AND FOLLOW? ARE YOU ACTIVELY READING AND STUDYING THE SCRIPTURES IN ORDER TO FOLLOW THE COUNSEL OF GOD?
- * IS THERE A NEED TO "CHANGE THE WAY YOU THINK" ... AND, THEREFORE, ACT?