

## INTRODUCTION

- \* We have turned in our study of the Biblical history of Israel to an examination of the kings of the South.
- \* Over the past three weeks, we have seen the importance of the influence of the kings (leaders) upon their nations. Chuck and Steve considered the revival and restoration influence of Asa and Jehoshaphat. Then, last week we considered how Jehoshaphat destroyed his own reforms by marrying off Jehoram to Athaliah (Ahab's daughter) and then establishing him as the next king.
- \* As we concluded our examination last week, we saw that after the death of Jehoram and Ahaziah, Athaliah "arose and destroyed all the royal heirs of the house of Judah."
- \* Today, we consider the importance of each individual's influence. God has uniquely placed each one of us in a network of relationships.
- \* Each one of us has the opportunity to influence the decision-making of numerous other people. How are we using those opportunities?

## INSTRUCTION

### I. THE INFLUENCE OF JEHOIADA (2 Kings 11:1-12:16; 2 Chronicles 22:10-24:16)

A. The P \_\_\_\_\_ of the Davidic Line (cf. 2 Chron 22:10-12)

B. The P \_\_\_\_\_ for the Coronation (cf. 2 Chron 23:1-11)

C. The P \_\_\_\_\_ of the Land (cf. 2 Chron 23:12-24:4)

1. THE RE \_\_\_\_\_ OF ATHALIAH AND BAAL (cf. 23:12-17)
2. THE RE \_\_\_\_\_ OF THE PRIESTHOOD AND TEMPLE (cf. 23:18-4:4)

D. The P \_\_\_\_\_ by the King (cf. 2 Chron 24:4-14)

1. THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF THE KING (cf. 24:4)
2. THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF THE KING (cf. 24:8)

E The P \_\_\_\_\_ of the Priest (cf. 2 Chron 24:15-16)

1. HIS AGE
2. HIS BURIAL

### II. THE INFLUENCE OF THE LEADERS OF JUDAH (cf. 2 Kings 12:17-21; 2 Chronicles 24:17-27)

A. A Path Leading to Unrighteousness (2 Chron 22:17-22; Psalm 1:1)

1. THE FIRST STEP: \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 17)
2. THE SECOND STEP: \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 18; Psalm 25:8)
3. THE THIRD STEP: \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 19-22)

B. A Path Leading to Judgment (2 Chron 22:18, 23-27; 2 Kings 12:17-21; Psalm 1: 4-6)

1. THE A \_\_\_\_\_ OF THE SYRIANS (v. 23-24)
2. THE A \_\_\_\_\_ BY HIS SERVANTS (v. 25-27)

## INTROSPECTION

- \* WHAT PATH ARE YOU FOLLOWING? TO WHOSE COUNSEL HAVE YOU BEEN LISTENING?
- \* HOW WOULD YOU **KNOW** GOOD COUNSEL FROM UNGODLY COUNSEL?
- \* HOW MUCH TIME ARE YOU SPENDING IN SEARCHING THE SCRIPTURES? REMEMBER THE BEREANS!
- \* HOW ARE **YOU** INFLUENCING THOSE AROUND YOU?
- \* IS THERE A NEED TO "CHANGE THE WAY YOU THINK" ... AND, THEREFORE, ACT?