

- Recap of last week. Elisha tells Jehu that God will use him to destroy Ahab and Jezebel and their house. This justice happens to occur in the vineyard of Naboth. (2 Kings 9). Jehu, King in the North, kills off all the prophets of Baal, dies and is succeeded by his son Jehoahaz (2 Kings 10). In the South, after Ahaziah dies, his mother seizes power as Queen and has all the royal family killed. One of her sons, Joash is hidden away and when he is seven he takes over as King. He has his mother the Queen executed, restores the temple, and pays off the King of Syria (remember that Hazael had taken over for Ben-Hadad) to leave. (2 Kings 10-12)
- When Joash was in the 23<sup>rd</sup> year of his reign (remember that would have made him 30), Jehoahaz takes over as King in the North. He continues to lead Israel in idolatry, so God allows the Syrians under Hazael to keep oppressing them. (2 Kings 13:1-3)
- Finally, Jehoahaz asks God to take away the Syrian oppression so he does, but the Israelites do continue in idolatry. (2 Kings 13:4-7)
- When Joash King in the South was 37 years old, Jehoahaz King of the North dies and is succeeded by his son Jehoash whose reign lasts 16 years. (2 Kings 13:8-10)
- Jehoash does nothing to change things in Israel regarding idol worship. (2 Kings 13:11)
- Jehoash and Elisha both die, but not before Elisha predicts victory. Even contact with Elisha's bones causes a dead man to come back to life. The Syrians are finally vanquished and the Israelites recapture all their land. (2 Kings 13:12-25)
- In the South, Joash dies and his son Amaziah takes over when he is 25 and he reigns 49 years. (2 Kings 14:1-2)
- Amaziah is largely a good King. He does mostly good deeds including executing those who had killed his father, but he keeps the law by not killing their children too. But he does not take the idols away completely. (2 Kings 14:5-6) (2 Chronicles 25:1-4)
- Amaziah hires a large mercenary army from the North to fight for the South. God tells him to let them go home so he does. The people he hired are not happy to return because they were not able to plunder cities. (2 Chronicles 25:5-10)
- Amaziah conducts a lot of successful raids and kills lots of people. He angers God by bringing back other gods from one of the lands he conquers. God tells him because he did this he will be destroyed. (2 Chronicles 25:5-17)
- Amaziah baits Jehoash into battle. Jehoash wins and Israel carries off many riches and slaves from the South to the North. (2 Kings 14:7-14) (2 Chronicles 25:18-24)
- Jehoash dies in the North and is succeeded by Jeroboam II. In the South, Amaziah is killed and his sixteen-year-old son Azariah takes over for him. (2 Kings 14:15-22)
- Jeroboam II reigns for 41 years in the North. He is not a good king, but he does have military victories that recapture all the land which had been taken from the North. After 41 years on the throne he dies and is succeeded by his son Zechariah. (2 Kings 14:23-29)
- Back in the South, Azariah reigned for fifty-two years. He was generally a good King, but did not completely abolish idol worship. He contracts the disease called leprosy and has to live in a different house. He finally dies and his son Jotham takes over. (2 Kings 15:1-7) (2 Chronicles 25:25-28)
- Back in the North, Zechariah was King only six months, and he was assassinated by Shallum who becomes King in his place. (2 Kings 15:8-12)

- Shallum is in place only one month and he is assassinated by Menahem who becomes King for 10 years. He is particularly bloody, ripping open pregnant women and continuing to encourage idolatry. He also levies taxes on the rich in order to pay off the Samaritans to go away. (2 Kings 15:13-20)
- Menahem dies and Pekahaiah takes over for two years. He is not a good king and Pekah assassinates him and takes over as King. He reigns twenty years and is not a good king either. (2 Kings 15:21-31)

### Questions

1. How long does Jehoahaz reign in the North?
2. Why does God finally have the Syrians leave Israel?
3. What do the Israelites do after the Syrians leave?
4. How many years into the reign of Joash in the South did Jehoash take over as King in the North?
5. Was Jehoash a good King or a bad King?
6. What in Elisha's death causes a man to come back to life?
7. Who takes over as King in the South when Joash dies?
8. How old is Amaziah when his Kingship is over?
9. Name one good thing and one bad thing that Amaziah did.
10. Why did Amaziah send his mercenary army home?
11. How did the returning mercenary army feel about being dismissed?
12. What happens when Amaziah baits Jehoash into battle?
13. Who takes over for Jehoash in the North?
14. Who takes over for Amaziah in the South?
15. How old was Azariah at the end of his reign?
16. Was Azariah a good or bad King?
17. How long does Shallum reign and how does he die?
18. How long does Menahem reign and what is he infamous for?