

1 Kings 16

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16 Then the word of the LORD came to Jehu the son of Hanani against Baasha, saying,

(Hanani was the same prophet who told ASA that God would strike him down with disease because he bribed the Syrians, instead of trusting in God for Judah's defense against Israel. Asa then had Hanani thrown into prison for it)

NOTE: (This is just another proof that men don't make great kings. God wanted to be Israel's King; but they refused Him. Now they are reaping the results of their poor decision)

²Forasmuch as I exalted thee out of the dust, and made thee prince over my people Israel; and thou hast walked in the way of Jeroboam, and hast made my people Israel to sin, to provoke me to anger with their sins; (God speaking to Baasha through the prophet Jehu)

³Behold, I will take away the posterity of Baasha, and the posterity of his house; and will make thy house like the house of Jeroboam the son of Nebat. (posterity = progeny, descendants; God will end the kingdom and the progeny of Baasha)

⁴Him that dieth of Baasha in the city shall the dogs eat; and him that dieth of his in the fields shall the fowls of the air eat. (There won't even be a decent burial for Baasha's descendants)

⁵Now the rest of the acts of Baasha, and what he did, and his might, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel? **2Chronicles-16**

⁶So Baasha slept with his fathers, and was buried in Tirzah: and Elah his son reigned in his stead. (Elah won't last long because of God's punishment to Baasha)

⁷And also by the hand of the prophet Jehu the son of Hanani came the word of the LORD against Baasha, and against his house, even for all the evil that he did in the sight of the LORD, in provoking him to anger with the work of his hands, in being like the house of Jeroboam; and because he killed him. (He was a murderer and idolater. He didn't wait for God to get rid of Nadab. He killed him instead, for his own gain)

⁸In the twenty and sixth year of Asa king of Judah began Elah the son of Baasha to reign over Israel in Tirzah, two years. (Elah = an oak or a strong tree)

⁹And his servant Zimri, captain of half his chariots, conspired against him, as he was in Tirzah, drinking himself drunk in the house of Arza steward of his house in Tirzah. (Elah was a drunk; not much of a leader. He ruled less than 2 years)

¹⁰And Zimri went in and smote him, and killed him, in the twenty and seventh year of Asa king of Judah, and reigned in his stead. (Succession of leadership by murder in Israel)

¹¹And it came to pass, when he began to reign, as soon as he sat on his throne, that he slew all the house of Baasha: he left him not one that pisseth against a wall, neither of his kinsfolks, nor of his friends. (He killed all the males in the family of Baasha; including cousins and other relatives. He even killed his friends)

¹²Thus did Zimri destroy all the house of Baasha, according to the word of the LORD, which he spake against Baasha by Jehu the prophet.

¹³For all the sins of Baasha, and the sins of Elah his son, by which they sinned, and by which they made Israel to sin, in provoking the LORD God of Israel to anger with their vanities. (vanities = emptiness – the prime of this word means to lead someone astray with idolatry)

¹⁴Now the rest of the acts of Elah, and all that he did, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?

¹⁵In the twenty and seventh year of Asa king of Judah did Zimri reign seven days in Tirzah. And the people were encamped against Gibbethon, which belonged to the Philistines. (Zimri only ruled 7 days. This all happened while the armies of Israel were attacking Gibbethon. Israel had degraded into a lawless, heathen nation. This is inevitable when a nation abandons God)

NOTE: (Look at the Christian nations today. They are riddled with sexual perversion, poverty and atheism. The people have pretty much lost all of their personal liberty to domineering governments with unelected officials)

¹⁶ And the people that were encamped heard say, Zimri hath conspired, and hath also slain the king: wherefore all Israel made Omri, the captain of the host, king over Israel that day in the camp. (They saw Zimri as a traitor for killing the king. They made the military leader, Omri, their next king)

¹⁷ And Omri went up from Gibbethon, and all Israel with him, and they besieged Tirzah. (A military coup d'état against Zimri to avenge the murder of king Elah)

¹⁸ And it came to pass, when Zimri saw that the city was taken, that he went into the palace of the king's house, and burnt the king's house over him with fire, and died. (Suicide)

¹⁹ For his sins which he sinned in doing evil in the sight of the LORD, in walking in the way of Jeroboam, and in his sin which he did, to make Israel to sin. (Like his predecessors, he kept the false religion of Jeroboam alive)

²⁰ Now the rest of the acts of Zimri, and his treason that he wrought, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?

²¹ Then were the people of Israel divided into two parts: half of the people followed Tibni the son of Ginath, to make him king; and half followed Omri. (Israel was disintegrating as a nation. Division can only lead to more trouble for the people who live there)

²² But the people that followed Omri prevailed against the people that followed Tibni the son of Ginath: so Tibni died, and Omri reigned. (Civil war in Israel lasted 4 years. According to Josephus, a historian, Tibni was killed in the war)

²³ In the thirty and first year of Asa king of Judah began Omri to reign over Israel, twelve years: six years reigned he in Tirzah. (And six years in Samaria)

²⁴ And he bought the hill Samaria of Shemer for two talents of silver, and built on the hill, and called the name of the city which he built, after the name of Shemer, owner of the hill, Samaria. (Samaria would remain the capital of Israel until they were taken captive by the Assyrians)

²⁵ But Omri wrought evil in the eyes of the LORD, and did worse than all that were before him. (By now, Israel is a totally heathen nation of sinners and perverts)

²⁶ For he walked in all the way of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, and in his sin wherewith he made Israel to sin, to provoke the LORD God of Israel to anger with their vanities. (vanities = the emptiness of idol worship)

²⁷ Now the rest of the acts of Omri which he did, and his might that he shewed, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?

²⁸ So Omri slept with his fathers, and was buried in Samaria: and Ahab his son reigned in his stead. (Omri reigned 12 years)

²⁹ And in the thirty and eighth year of Asa king of Judah began Ahab the son of Omri to reign over Israel: and Ahab the son of Omri reigned over Israel in Samaria twenty and two years. (This is the 5th king in Israel, during the reign of Asa in Judah)

³⁰ And Ahab the son of Omri did evil in the sight of the LORD above all that were before him. (The kings of Israel keep getting worse than their predecessors)

NOTE: (Not one of the kings of Israel was a descendant of David. Also, not one of the kings of Israel worshipped Yahoveh. They were all idolaters, murderers and perverts. Anyone who still loved and worshipped God had moved into Judah and Benjamin by this time)

³¹ And it came to pass, as if it had been a light thing for him to walk in the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, that he took to wife Jezebel the daughter of Ethbaal king of the Zidonians, and went and served Baal, and worshipped him. (Zidonians are also known as Phoenicians in historical texts)

(Ethbaal = with Baal; he was also a priest of Baal – according to Josephus) (Jezebel = chaste; she was anything but chaste)

(Ahab and Jezebel were pretty much the bottom of the barrel, so far as the kings of Israel are concerned. They were the worst of the worst)

³² And he reared up an altar for Baal in the house of Baal, which he had built in Samaria.

³³ And Ahab made a grove; and Ahab did more to provoke the LORD God of Israel to anger than all the kings of Israel that were before him. (The groves were for Ishtar worship. She was the Phoenician goddess of love and fertility)

NOTES: (This is where our Easter comes from. They had springtime morning ritual orgies in these groves and rolled decorated eggs, and mated like rabbits. This is where the Easter Bunny comes from)

(God established Passover as our holyday – not Easter. Christians today don't know that because most preachers don't teach the Bible chapter by chapter, verse by verse. Most people remain Biblically ignorant because of that)

³⁴ In his days did Hiel the Bethelite build Jericho: he laid the foundation thereof in Abiram his firstborn, and set up the gates thereof in his youngest son Segub, according to the word of the LORD, which he spake by Joshua the son of Nun. Joshua-6:26 (God put a curse on whichever man dared to rebuild Jericho. Israel will suffer that curse)