Fellowship Church, Adult Sunday School Handout June 14, 2020 / W.H.

Intro: Talk – current event.

Series: The Kings of Israel, examples for our Learning and Admonition (lesson 4 of 12)

**Title:** The Divided Kingdom or Civil War (lesson 4 of 12) **Text:** 1 Kings 11:26-16:7

**Background:** United Kingdom – Monarchy, King Saul, David, and Solomon (foundations)

Ground rules. **Lessons and admonitions** about kings and nations (forest) ways and works (good or evil) and the elect people of God. Hebrews 5:10-14 as individual believers discern good and evil (trees and tree). Some current news illustrations. Samuel and kings focus on the political perspective, whereas Chronicles focuses on the temple and worship of God. Some current political news added. Blue highlights are patterns of evil.

Evil King of a Nation & Politics (Israel-Monarchy, 7 to 9 dynasties) People Text

Rehoboam (J) Tax increase, counsel young elite more burden/revolt 11:26-12:24, 14:21-31

Jeroboam (I) Change worship center, Idol worship, revise history do evil - sin 12:25-14:20

Abijam (J) walked in the sins of father Rehoboam, not David (Uriah) division-civil war 15:1-8 (4-Jerusalem)

Nabad (I) did evil in the sight of the LORD made people to sin 15:25-28

Baasha (I) did evil in the sight of the LORD, walked in the way of Jeroboam made people to sin 15:29-16:7

Good King of a Nation & politics (Judah-Monarchy of 1 dynasty) 15:9-15

**Asa (J)**1. did right in the eyes of the LORD, as David his father

2. took away the Sodomites out of the land

3. removed all the idols his father made

4. removed his mother from being queen – burnt her idol in the brook of Kidron (Valley of Decision)

5. his heart was perfect with the LORD all his days

6. dedicated and brought **treasures** into the house of the LORD

**Ponder:** 15:14 He did not remove the high places (little foxes). 15:16-22 He gave **treasures** to King of Syria. 15:23b in old age his feet were diseased. 2 Chronicles 16:2 seeked physicians, not seek the Lord.

2 Chronicles 16:7-10, God is not pleased with alliance with King of Syria. Feared Baasha: Pr 29/Jer 41:9 pit/Mt 10:28 **Admonition:** age and time do not make us better; only as we continue to do good. Asa was good until his last days.

Next Sunday: The Divided Kingdom. 1 Kings 16-22 (5 evil and 1 good king) The other two reasons why it is important to study Samuel and Kings separate from Chronicles.

*Option:*

*Jacob (Human) and Israel (Divine) Promise of Future Mercy and Justice (Ezra-Nehemiah & May 14, 1948)*

(114) 27 But fear not you, O my servant **Jacob**,and be not dismayed, **O Israel**: for, behold, I will save you from afar off, and your seed from the land of their captivity; and **Jacob** shall return, and be in rest and at ease, and none shall make [him] afraid.  28 Fear you not, **O Jacob** my servant, says the LORD: for I [am] with you; for I will make a full end of all the nations where I have driven you: but I will not make a full end of you, but correct you in measure; yet will I not leave you wholly unpunished.

Note: Jacob represents the human side of man, the old man (Romans 6-7). Israel represents the divine side of man, the new man in Christ (Romans 8). Possibly Jacob is an individual and Israel a nation. Verse 28 (Mt 28:20, always, even onto the end), there is always a remnant. Justice in New Testament is 1 Corinthians 5:10, 2 Corinthians 3:14-15 and 2 Timothy