Fellowship Church, Adult Sunday School Handout June 21, 2020 / W.H.

Intro: Welcome. Local admin. Talk – current event. Father’s Day

**Lessons & admonitions from the Kings of Israel:** 1-3 United Kingdom, **Foundations**.

4-11 Divided Kingdom, **Good & Evil**. 4-5 1 Kings, **6 prophet break**, 7-10 2 Kings, **11 prophet break**

12 Review and application

Series: The Kings of Israel, examples for our Learning and Admonition (lesson 5 of 12)

**Title:** Asa is Good and his Father is Evil. Jehosophat is Better than His son Asa **Text:** 1 Kings 16-22

**Background:** King Saul, David, and Solomon (foundations) Rehoboam and Jeroboam (good and evil)

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 works

Evil King of a Nation & Politics People Text

**Rehoboam (J)** Tax increase, counsel young elite, heavy govt 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

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 15:29-34 16:2-3J,7J

Elah (I) drink until drunk, provoke God to anger with vanities made Israel to sin 16:8-14

Zimri (I) 7 days, burnt house over him and died, sight of Lord, Jeroboam made Israel to sin 16:15-20

Tinbni & Omri (I) civil war, do evil in sight of Lord, provoke God anger made Israel to sin 16:21-22 16:26J, 31J

Ahab (I) **Very evil.** Evil in the sight of Lord, above all before, Zezebel-Baal, made Israel to sin 16:29-22:40 21:22J

Ahaziah (I) evil in the sight of the Lord, walked in **way of father**, Baal made Israel to sin 22:51-53 22:52J,2Ki3:3J

* 11 books mentioned in OT not canonized. Jehu 2Ki 10:29J, 2Ki 10:31J

Good King of a Nation & politics

Asa (J) (Good/Fair) People 15:9-15

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. **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.

Jehoshaphat (J)(Good/Good?) People 22:41-50

1. **Walked** in all the **ways of Asa his father**, he turned not aside from it

2. Did right in the eyes of the Lord

3. Made **peace** with the king of Israel

4. **Might showed and how he warred**

5. Remnant of the **sodomites**, which remained in the days of Asa, he took out of the **land**

6. **Alliances with ungodly nations was prevented** “he would not” with Israel – Ahaziah, 24:48-49

**Ponder:** 15:43 He did not remove the high places (little foxes) people burnt and offered incense.

**Admonition:**

Next Sunday: Lessons and Admonitions from the Prophets in 1 Kings (lesson 6 of 12) Prophet Break

Moabite Stone (Mesha Stele) and the god Chemosh.

4 spiritual laws throughout kings

(1) **1 Corinthians 10:11** (past) Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: (present) and they are **written** for **our admonition**, (future) upon whom the ends of the world are come.

(2) **Romans 15:4** (past)For whatsoever things were **written** aforetime (present) were written for **learning**, that we through patience and comfort **of the scriptures** (future) might have **hope**.

(Jer 31:33-34 a new heart, Acts 17:30-31 times of ignorance God winked at, Matthew 5-7)

(3) The Heart of Kings. Deuteronomy 17:14-20

14 When thou art come unto the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee, and shalt possess it, and shalt dwell

therein, and shalt say, I will set a king over me, like as all the nations that [are] about me; 15 Thou shalt in any wise set [him] king over thee, whom the LORD thy God shall choose: [one] from among thy brethren shalt thou set king over thee: thou mayest not set a stranger over thee, which [is] not thy brother. 16 But he shall not multiply horses to himself, nor cause the people to return to Egypt, to the end that he should multiply horses: forasmuch as the LORD hath said unto you, Ye shall henceforth return no more that way. 17 Neither shall he multiply wives to himself, that his heart turn not away: neither shall he greatly multiply to himself silver and gold.

**18** And it shall be, **when he sitteth upon the throne of his kingdom, that he shall write him a copy of this law in a book out of [that which is] before the priests the Levites: 19 And it shall be with him, and he shall read therein all the days of his life: that he may learn to fear the LORD his God, to keep all the words of this law and these statutes, to do them:** **20 That his heart be not lifted up above his brethren, and that he turn not aside from the commandment, [to] the right hand, or [to] the left:** to the end that he may prolong [his] days in his kingdom, he, and his children, in the midst of Israel.

(4) Jerusalem. God’s prophetic clock. City of David. Cup of Trembling, pray for peace of Jerusalem, New Jerusalem.

Jeremiah 32:31-33. 31 For this city has been to me [as] **a provocation of my anger and of my fury from the day that they built it even to this day;** that I should remove it from before my face, 32 Because of all the **evil** of the children of Israel and of the children of Judah, which they have done to **provoke me to anger**, they, their kings, their princes, their priests, and their prophets, and the men of Judah, and the inhabitants of Jerusalem. 33 And they have turned to me the back, and not the face: though **I taught them, rising up early and teaching them, yet they have not listened to receive instruction.**

Optional

*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