

# Journey Through the Bible: A Year of Our Lord

## Session 18: The End of the Northern Kingdom (Ch. 15-17)

Remember Acts 17:11

### Outline of the Historical Books (Pre-Exile):

Joshua: The Conquest of the Land  
Judges: The Generation After Joshua  
Ruth: A Story of Love & Grace  
I Samuel: The Rise of the Monarchy  
II Samuel: The Reign of David  
I Kings: Solomon & A Divided Kingdom  
**II Kings: The Prophets & the Downfall**  
I Chronicles:  
II Chronicles:

### Outline of II Kings:

#### **The Path to Judgement (Ch. 9-17)**

The Rise of Jehu  
Israel's Political Instability  
The Assyrian Diaspora  
An Epilogue of Israel  
(Time of Jonah, Amos, & Hosea)

#### **The Road to the Exile (Ch. 18-25)**

Hezekiah's Victory  
Manasseh's Corruption  
Josiah's Reforms  
The Babylonian Invasion  
An Epilogue of Judah  
(Time of Obadiah, Joel, Isaiah, Micah, Nahum,  
Habakkuk, Zephaniah & Jeremiah)

### The End of the House of Jehu (Ch. 14 & 15):

- Jeroboam II (Coregent 793-782; King 782-753BC)
  - o Son of Jehoash (Great Grandson of Jehu)
  - o Conquered Damascus (Capitol of Aram)
  - o Extended Israel's Borders to their Greatest Area
  - o Zenith of Israel's Military & Financial Success
  - o Characterized by Exploitation of the Poor
  - o Continued Golden Calf Worship
  - o Prophets: Hosea, Joel, Amos, & Jonah
  - o Severe Earthquake (Est. 7.8-8.2)  
Amos 3:14, 6:11, 8:8, 9:1; Zech. 14:5

The End of the House of Jehu (Cont.):

- Zechariah “Remembered by God” (753-753BC)
  - o Son of Jeroboam II
  - o Prophesized 4<sup>th</sup> Generation of Jehu
  - o Reigned Only 6 Months
  - o Maintained the State Controlled Idols of Israel
  - o Murdered by Shallum (Army Commander)
    - Reigns 1 Month (Assassinated)

The Brief Reign of the House of Menahem (Ch. 15)

- Menahem (752-742BC)
  - o “The Consoler”
  - o Army Officer Under Zechariah
  - o Refused to Recognize Shallum & Invaded Samaria (Murdered Shallum)
  - o Became a Vassal of Assyria
  - o Brutally Suppressed a Revolt in Tiphseh Destroying the City (Executing All Citizens)
  - o Died of Natural Causes
- Pekahiah (742-740BC)
  - o “God Has Opened the Eyes”
  - o Son of Menahem
  - o Continued the Sin of Jeroboam I
  - o Assassinated by Pekah (Army Commander) & 50 Soldiers from Gilead

The Rise of Assyria:

- Founded in Assur (North of Babylon) Circa 2025BC
  - o Assyria: “Land of Assur” (Ref. Gen. 10:11)
  - o Principle Deity Ashur: Father of Gods
  - o Competitor of Hittite & Egyptian Regional Influence
- Capitol Moved to Nimrud (879-706BC)
  - o Nineveh from 705-612BC
  - o “Neo-Assyrian Empire” (4<sup>th</sup> Empire)
  - o Increase of Wealth Through Military Tribute, Conquest, Ethnic Dissolution

Pekah & the End of the Independent Kingdom (Ch. 15-16):

- Pekah (740-732BC)
  - o Set Up a Shadow Government in Gilead in 752
  - o Becomes Sole Ruler after the Murder of Pekahiah





