

Failing to learn from failure

2 Kings 14:23-15:31 (page 304)

- I. **JEROBOAM II (41 YRS) DID EVIL, BUT WON BECAUSE GOD CARED FOR THE GODLY (2 KINGS 14:23-29).**
 - A. He restored boundaries other kings had lost (14:23-25).
 - B. The Lord cared how much his people were suffering and helped them in spite of how evil the rulers were (14:26-29).

- II. **ZECHARIAH (6 MO.) DID EVIL, WAS ASSASSINATED BY SHALLUM (2 KINGS 15:8-12;)**
 - His reign finished the prophecy about Jehu (2 Kings 10:30).

- III. **SHALLUM (1 MO.) DID EVIL, WAS ASSASSINATED BY MENAHEM (2 KINGS 15:13-15)**

- IV. **MENAHEM (10 YRS) DID EVIL, HURT HIS OWN PEOPLE (2 KINGS 15:16-22)**
 - A. Vented his rage against his own people (15:16-18)
 - B. Taxed his own people in an attempt to buy peace (15:19-22)

- V. **PEKAHIAH (2 YRS) DID EVIL, WAS ASSASSINATED BY PEKAH (2 KINGS 15:23-25)**

- VI. **PEKAH (20 YRS) DID EVIL, WAS ASSASSINATED BY HOSHEA (2 KINGS 15:27-31)**

Lessons from the final kings of Northern Israel

1. God is sovereign over how long evil people succeed.
2. God often accomplishes good things through evil people.
3. Those seeking glory by controlling others end up despised instead.
4. Failure to take warnings is the path to discipline and disaster.