

**Nadab, Baasha, Elah, Zimri, Tibni, and Omri:**

**The Chaos of Rebellion**

**Lesson 8**

*“The way of transgressors is hard.” Proverbs 13:15*

**Baasha’s Dynasty**

**The beginning of Baasha’s dynasty (1 Kings 15:25-34)**

* **Jeroboam’s legacy –** Jeroboam is repeatedly viewed as the source of idolatry that would plague these and future kings (1 Kings 15:30, 34; 16:2, 3, 7, 19, 26).
* **Baasha’s massacre –** While Nadab, Jeroboam’s son, is waging war against the Philistines, his general rises up kills him and his whole family.

**The end of Baasha’s dynasty (1 Kings 16:1-15)**

* **The prediction of the end of his dynasty (16:1-4)** This prediction is very similar to the one that Baasha had likely heard of Jeroboam receiving (1 Kings 14:7-11).
* **The fulfillment of the end (16:8-15)** Ironically, the end of Baasha’s dynasty mirrored the end of Jeroboam’s dynasty (1 Kings 15:25-30).

**The Civil War**

Once Baasha’s reign was ended, it led to a major civil war with three competitors.

**Zimri’s reign (1 Kings 16:15-20)** Shortest reign of all the kings. After Zimri assassinated the king, Omri brought the army and soundly defeated Zimri.

**Tibni’s reign (1 Kings 16:21-22)** Fought for control of the kingdom against Omri, but ultimately failed. His death meant the end of his attempt to rule.

**Omri’s reign (1 Kings 16:23-28)** Ended up as the next established king of Israel. His dynasty would become one of the most powerful, especially thanks to his son Ahab.

**Conclusion**

**The consequences of our decisions multiply across the generations.**

The choice of Jeroboam continued to eat away at the nation one generation after another.

**Rebellion leads to chaos.**

Those who choose to ignore God’s Word and his warnings are sowing the seeds of their own destruction.

**God is the perfect judge**

* **God’s judgment is certain.**
* **God’s judgment is in his own time.**
* **God’s judgment is always fair.**