

ISRAEL'S INTERNAL DISINTEGRATION
(2 Kings 15:8-26)

- I. The Reign of Zechariah (2 Kings 15:8-12)
 - A. INHERITED the throne from JEROBOAM II
 - B. CONTINUED in the sins of JEROBOAM I
 - C. Ruled for SIX MONTHS
 - 1. Death ENDED the dynasty of JEHU
 - 2. A FULFILLMENT of PROPHECY (cf. 2 Kings 10:30)

- II. The Reign of Shallum (2 Kings 15:13-15)
 - A. CLAIMED the throne by ASSASSINATION
 - B. Ruled for ONE MONTH

- III. The Reign of Menahem (2 Kings 15:16-22)
 - A. CLAIMED the throne by ASSASSINATION
 - B. CONTINUED in the sins of JEROBOAM I
 - C. Ruled for TEN YEARS
 - 1. Noted for BRUTALITY
 - 2. Secured his THRONE by HIRING Assyrian SUPPORT financed by burdensome TAXES

IV. The Reign of Pekahiah (2 Kings 15:23-26)

- A. INHERITED the throne from Menahem
- B. Ruled for TWO YEARS
- C. CONTINUED in the sins of JEROBOAM I

V. Lessons

- A. The CERTAINTY of the PROPHETIC WORD (v. 12)
- B. The TRAGEDY of INSTITUTIONAL SIN (vv. 9, 18, 24, 28)