

THE FALL OF THE KINGS AND THE RISE OF THE PROPHETS 1 Kings 15:1-16:34

Big Idea: *Sin is deceptive, but our loving God is sovereign over our lives.*

1. Introduction: Ahab the evil king, Hiel at _____, and Elijah the prophet

1 Kings 16:33-17:1 “And Ahab also made the Asherah. Thus, Ahab did more to provoke the LORD God of Israel than all the kings of Israel who were before him.”

³⁴ In his days Hiel the Bethelite built Jericho; he laid its foundations with the *loss of* Abiram his first-born, and set up its gates with the *loss of* his youngest son Segub, according to the word of the LORD, which He spoke by Joshua the son of Nun.

¹ Now Elijah the Tishbite, who was of the settlers of Gilead, said to Ahab, “As the LORD, the God of Israel lives, before whom I stand, surely there shall be neither dew nor rain these years, except by my word.”

2. We are either _____ or _____ patterns of sin.

1 Kings 16:7 “Moreover, the word of the LORD through the prophet Jehu the son of Hanani also came against Baasha and his household, both because of all the evil which he did in the sight of the LORD, provoking Him to anger with the work of his hands, in being like the house of Jeroboam, and because he struck it.”

3. Sin is _____ and irrational.

1 Kings 16:12 “Thus, Zimri destroyed all the household of Baasha, according to the word of the LORD, which He spoke against Baasha through Jehu the prophet.”

4. Sin always leads to _____ than we expect.

1 Kings 16:18-19a “And it came about, when Zimri saw that the city was taken, that he went into the citadel of the king’s house and burned the king’s house over him with fire, and died, ¹⁹ because of his sins which he sinned.”

5. Narrator’s epilogue: The _____ of sin.

Romans 6:23 “For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

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