

Royal Lessons for Life

Baasha, Elah, Zimri, and Tibni

(Israel)

Baasha's Biography

- Baasha is a usurper from the tribe of Issachar who assassinated Nadab and destroyed Jeroboam's house – I Kings 15:27-29
- He continued in the ways of Jeroboam – I Kings 15:34
- The prophet Jehu declares that his own house would end because of his sins – I Kings 16:1-7
- He reigns for 24 years and is succeeded by his son Elah – I Kings 15:3, 16:6

Elah's Biography

- Elah reigns for two years over Israel – I Kings 16:8
- He is drunk when assassinated by Zimri, one of his lieutenants, thus ending the house of Baasha – I Kings 16:9-10

Zimri's Biography

- Zimri reigns for seven days – I Kings 16:15
- Omri, Elah's general, moved against Zimri – I Kings 16:16-17
- Zimri commits suicide by burning the royal palace down around him – I Kings 16:18

Tibni's Biography

- After the death of Zimri, the kingdom is divided between rivals Omri and Tibni – I Kings 16:21
- After four years of fighting, Omri prevailed and Tibni dies (executed?) – I Kings 16:22

Lessons from the Lives of These Kings

- The chaos of this period perfectly illustrates the anarchy that takes over society when truth and righteousness have been removed – Psalm 11:3
- Baasha did the right thing in ending Jeroboam's line but with the wrong motivation - Romans 8:8