

The Importance of Speaking and Listening

(Considering the interplay between Monarchs and Prophets)

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Some questions to ask ourselves:

Take your time when you consider these questions. Perhaps ponder on each one for a few days before you move onto the next one. It might be useful to seek God by praying with someone.

- * Who do we listen to? How much time do we spend listening to these different people/things?
What/who gets most of my attention during the average day? How does this affect me?
- * How easy is it to listen to God? What can I do to make it easier to hear God speak to me?
What will this involve? Am I prepared to do this whatever the cost?
- * Who listens to me? How can I ensure that what I say is usually beneficial to others?
How can I speak 'prophetically' to those around me? What does this mean?
Am I obedient when God prompts me to speak to others (whether an individual or a group)?
- * How much do I pray for and actively encourage NCF's leaders?
Do I go out of my way to be positive and helpful to others?
- * How are the Books of Kings written differently to the Books of Chronicles?
- * Are the main characters (apart from God) the Kings or the Prophets?
- * List some of the main reasons that many of the Kings were evil. What did this stem from?
- * How did the Kings react to the Prophets? How do I respond to God when He talks to me?
- * How different are my attitudes, beliefs and actions to the Kings I have read about?
Does anything need to change? What will be my initial step? When will I do this?

Monarchs of the united Israel (c.1050-c.930BC)

Name	Length of Reign	Scripture References	Prophets that advised	Summary
Saul	42	1 Samuel 9-31 2 Samuel 1 1 Chronicles 9,10	Samuel	Initially quite good, with some defects later.
David	40	1 Samuel 16-31 2 Samuel 1-24 1 Kings 1, 2 1 Chronicles 3, 11-29 Many Psalms	Samuel Nathan	Very good, with defects.
Solomon	40	1 Kings 1-11 2 Chronicles 1-9	Nathan	Initially quite good, with evil tendencies later.

Monarchs of Judah (c.930-c.582BC)

Name	Length of Reign	Scripture References	Prophets that advised	Summary
Rehoboam	17 yrs	1 Kings 12 2 Chronicles 10-12	Shemaiah (1 K.12:22-24 + 2 C.12:15), Iddo	Evil
Abijah	3 yrs	1 Kings 15:1-8 2 Chronicles 13	Iddo (2 C.13:22)	Evil
Asa	41 yrs	1 Kings 15:9-24 2 Chronicles 14-16	Hanani (2 C.16:7f)	Good, with defects.
Jehoshaphat	25 yrs	1 Kings 22:41-50 2 Chronicles 17-21:1	Jahaziel (2 C. 20:14f)	Good, with defects.
Jehoram	8 yrs	2 Kings 8:16-24 2 Chronicles 21		Evil
Ahaziah	1 yr	2 Kings 25-29 2 Chronicles 22:1-9		Evil
Queen Athaliah	6 yrs	2 Kings 11 2 Chron. 22:10-23:21		Evil
Joash	40 yrs	2 Kings 11, 12 2 Chronicles 23, 24	Zechariah, son of Jehoiada ?Joel, son of Pethuel	Good, with defects.
Amaziah	29 yrs	2 Kings 14:1-20 2 Chronicles 25	“A man of God” (2 C. 25:7)	Good initially, with plenty of defects later.
Uzziah/Azariah	52 yrs	2 Kings 14:21,22 15:1-7 2 Chronicles 26	Isaiah son of Amoz	Good, with defects later.
Jotham	16 yrs	2 Kings 15:32-38 2 Chronicles 27	Micah of Moresheth	Good, with defects.
Ahaz	16 yrs	2 Kings 16 2 Chronicles 28	Micah	Evil
Hezekiah	29 yrs	2 Kings 18-20 2 Chronicles 29-32	Isaiah, Micah	Very good, with defects.
Manasseh	55 yrs	2 Kings 21:1-18 2 Chronicles 33:1-20		Evil, quite righteous later.
Amon	2 yrs	2 Kings 21:19-26 2 Chronicles 33:21-25		Evil
Josiah	31 yrs	2 Kings 22, 23:1-30 2 Chronicles 34, 35	Huldah 22:14f; 34:22f, Jeremiah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah	Very good, with defects.
Jehoahaz	3 months	2 Kings 23:30-35 2 Chronicles 36:1-4	Jeremiah	Evil
Jehoiakim	11 yrs	2 Kings 23:36-24:6 2 Chronicles 36:5-8	Jeremiah Habakkuk	Evil
Jehoiachin	3 mon, 10 d	2 Kings 24:8-16, 25:27-30 2 Chronicles 36:9, 10	Jeremiah	Evil
Zedekiah/Mattaniah	11 yrs	2 Kings 24:17-25:7 2 Chronicles 36:11-23	Jeremiah	Evil

**Many killed or taken off to captivity to Babylon
by King Nebuchadnezzar in c.605-c.582BC.**

Monarchs of Israel (c.903-c.722BC)

Name	Length of Reign	Scripture References	Prophets that advised	Summary
Jeroboam I	22 yrs	1 Kings 12-14 2 Chron 10		Evil
Nadab	2 yrs	1 Kings 15:25-32		Evil
Baasha	24 yrs	1 Kings 15:33-16:7	Jehu, son of Hanani	Evil
Elah	2 yrs	1 Kings 16:8-14		Evil
Zimri	7 days	1 Kings 16:15-20		Evil
Omri	12 yrs	1 Kings 16:16-28		Evil
Ahab (Queen Jezebel)	22 yrs	1 Kings 16:29-22:40	Elijah the Tishbite Elisha, son of Shaphat A prophet (20:35f) Micaiah, son of Imlah	Evil
Ahaziah	2 yrs	1 Kings 22:51-53 2 Kings 1	Elijah the Tishbite Elisha, son of Shaphat	Evil
Joram/Jehoram	12 yrs	2 Kings 1:17, 3, 8:16, 25-29		Evil
Jehu	26 years	2 Kings 9,10	Elisha, son of Shaphat	Good, with some severe defects later.
Jehoahaz	17 yrs	2 Kings 13:1-9		Evil
Jehoash	16 yrs	2 Kings 13:10-25		Evil
Jeroboam II	41 yrs	2 Kings 14:23-29	Amos, Hosea, Jonah (2 K.14:25)	Evil
Zechariah	6 months	2 Kings 15:8-12		Evil
Shallum	1 month	2 Kings 15:13-16		Evil
Menahem	10 yrs	2 Kings 15:17-22		Evil
Pekahiah	2 yrs	2 Kings 15:23-26		Evil
Pekah	20 yrs	2 Kings 15:27-31		Evil
Hoshea	9 yrs	2 Kings 17:1-6		Evil

**Many killed or taken off to captivity to Assyria
by Tiglath-Pileser III, Shalmaneser V and Sargon II in c.740- c.722BC.**

Later Prophets

Name	Scripture References	Prophets that advised
Babylonian Exile		Ezekiel Daniel
Assyrian Exile		
Post Exile		Haggai Zechariah Malachi

God is speaking!



Are we listening?
How should we respond?

This background Paper can be used in conjunction with our Sermon Series during January and February 2017:

- 1st January - John Stephenson - Introduction + King Rehoboam
- 8th January - Andy Thomas - King Jeroboam I
- 15th January - Jean Gapelbe - King Ahab
- 22nd January - Gordon Neale - King Jehoshaphat
- 29th January - John Stephenson - King Jehu
- 5th February - Paul Wood - King Hezekiah
- 12th February - John Stephenson - King Manasseh
- 19th February - Jean Gapelbe - King Josiah
- 26th February - Andy Thomas - Kings Zedekiah & Hoshea + Conclusion

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