I KINGS 16; May 25; Israel's Kings: Elab, Zimri, Omri, Ahab

ANALYSIS:
1. Whose family was totally destroyed by the LORD, just like the family
of Jeroboam?
2. Of the three men who attempted to be king over Israel, Zimri, Omni, and Tibni, who prevailed?
3. What godly king of Judah reigned during the events of this chapter?
4. What king of Israel built the capital city of Samaria?
5. What king of Israel married the wicked princess, Jezebel, the daughter of Ethbaal, king of the Zidonians?

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT:

The LORD God had this to say to the disobedient king Baasha in verses 2 and 3: "Forasmuch as I exalted thee out of the dust, and made thee prince over my people Israel; and thou hast walked in the way of Jeroboam, and hast made my people Israel to sin, to provoke me to anger with their sins; Behold, I will take away the posterity of Baasha, and the posterity of his house; and will make thy house like the house of Jeroboam the son of Nebat." The message is clear. If Baasha wanted to walk in the way of Jeroboam, he was going to get the same judgment that Jeroboam received. Both men had been exalted to the position of king over Israel from another tribe besides Judah. The LORD had blessed them greatly. They had been exalted out of the dust. And the LORD expected them to obey him and keep his commandments. When they refused, the LORD destroyed them utterly and miserably (v 4).

We have received blessings that far outweigh the blessings that Jeroboam and Baasha received. We have been blessed with a level of prosperity and truth that these kings could not even imagine. The LORD expects us to use our blessings for his service and the glory of the Lord Jesus Christ. Are you walking in the way of the LORD this day?

HELP:

- 1. Baasha's family was destroyed by Zimri just like Jehu the prophet has foretold (v 12).
- 2. Omni prevailed after both Zimri and Tibni died (vv 18, 22).
- 3. Asa, king of Judah (vv 8, 15, 23, 29).
- 4. Omni, king of Israel (v 24).
- 5. Ahab, son of Omni and king of Israel (v 31).