

## King-When Bad Is All You've Had

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WHEN BAD IS ALL YOU'VE HAD:

Rendezvous with counterfeits.

Your relationships are characterized by feelings rather than faith.

Idolatry can feel better than integrity because cheating is easier than commitment.

Realization without change.

It's good to see what Christ wants of you; it's better to surrender to what He wants of you.

Rejective with Christ.

Matthew 2:1-3

Having a king that you can follow in dysfunction is easier than having a King that you follow in discipleship.

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### **KINGS OF ISRAEL:**

Jeroboam-(1 Kings 12:28)-<sup>28</sup> Therefore the king asked advice, made two calves of gold, and said to the people, “It is too much for you to go up to Jerusalem. Here are your gods, O Israel, which brought you up from the land of Egypt!”

Nadab-(1 Kings 15:26)-<sup>26</sup> Nadab disobeyed the Lord by following the evil example of his father, who had caused the Israelites to sin.

Baasha-(1 Kings 15:34)-<sup>34</sup> Baasha also disobeyed the Lord by acting like Jeroboam, who had caused the Israelites to sin.

Elah-(1 Kings 16:9, 13)-<sup>9</sup> Zimri commanded half of Elah’s chariots, and he made plans to kill Elah. One day, Elah was in Tirzah, getting drunk at the home of Arza, his prime minister,  
<sup>13</sup> Baasha and Elah sinned and caused the Israelites to sin, and they made the Lord angry by worshipping idols.

Zimri-(1 Kings 16:19)-<sup>19</sup> because of the sins which he had committed in doing **evil in the sight of the Lord**, in walking in the way of Jeroboam, and in his sin which he had committed to make Israel sin.

Tibni-(1 Kings 16:21-22)-<sup>21</sup> Then the people of Israel were divided into two parts: half of the people followed Tibni the son of Ginath, to make him king, and half followed Omri. <sup>22</sup> But the people who followed Omri prevailed over the people who followed Tibni the son of Ginath. So Tibni died and Omri reigned.

Omri-(1 Kings 16:25)-<sup>25</sup> Omri **did evil in the eyes of the Lord**, and did worse than all who *were* before him.

Ahab-(1 Kings 16:30)-<sup>30</sup> Now Ahab the son of Omri **did evil in the sight of the Lord**, more than all who *were* before him.

Ahaziah-(2 Kings 1:2)-<sup>2</sup> Now Ahaziah fell through the lattice of his upper room in Samaria, and was injured; so he sent messengers and said to them, “Go, inquire of Baal-Zebub,<sup>[a]</sup> the god of Ekron, whether I shall recover from this injury.”

Joram/Jehoram-(2 Kings 3:2)-<sup>2</sup> And he did evil in the sight of the Lord, but not like his father and mother; for he put away the *sacred* pillar of Baal that his father had made.

Jehu-(2 Kings 10:28-31)-<sup>28</sup> Thus Jehu destroyed Baal from Israel. <sup>29</sup> However Jehu did not turn away from the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who had made Israel sin, *that is*, from the golden calves that *were* at Bethel and Dan. <sup>30</sup> And the Lord said to Jehu, “Because you have done well in doing *what is* right in My sight, *and* have done to the house of Ahab all that *was* in

My heart, your sons shall sit on the throne of Israel to the fourth *generation*.”<sup>31</sup> But Jehu took no heed to walk in the law of the Lord God of Israel with all his heart; for he did not depart from the sins of Jeroboam, who had made Israel sin.

Jehoahaz-(2 Kings 13:2)-<sup>2</sup> And he **did evil in the sight of the Lord**, and followed the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who had made Israel sin. He did not depart from them.

Joash-(2 Kings 12:2-3)-<sup>2</sup> Jehoash **did what was right in the sight of the Lord** all the days in which Jehoiada the priest instructed him.<sup>3</sup> But the high places were not taken away; the people still sacrificed and burned incense on the high places.

Jeroboam II-(2 Kings 14:24)-<sup>24</sup> And he **did evil in the sight of the Lord**; he did not depart from all the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who had made Israel sin.

Zechariah (2 Kings 15:9)-<sup>9</sup> And he **did evil in the sight of the Lord**, as his fathers had done; he did not depart from the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who had made Israel sin.

Shallum-(2 Kings 15:10, 13-14)-<sup>10</sup> Then Shallum the son of Jabesh conspired against him, and struck and killed him in front of the people; and he reigned in his place.  
<sup>13</sup> Shallum the son of Jabesh became king in the thirty-ninth year of Uzziah king of Judah; and he reigned a full month in Samaria.<sup>14</sup> For Menahem the son of Gadi went up from Tirzah, came to Samaria, and struck Shallum the son of Jabesh in Samaria and killed him; and he reigned in his place.

Menahem-(2 Kings 15:18)-<sup>18</sup> And he **did evil in the sight of the Lord**; he did not depart all his days from the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who had made Israel sin.

Pekahiah-(2 Kings 15:24)-<sup>24</sup> And he **did evil in the sight of the Lord**; he did not depart from the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who had made Israel sin.

Pekah-(2 Kings 15:28)-<sup>28</sup> And he **did evil in the sight of the Lord**; he did not depart from the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who had made Israel sin.

Hoshea-(2 Kings 17:2)-<sup>2</sup> And he **did evil in the sight of the Lord**, but not as the kings of Israel who were before him.

#### **KINGS OF JUDAH:**

Rehoboam-(1 Kings 14:21-24)-<sup>21</sup> And Rehoboam the son of Solomon reigned in Judah. Rehoboam *was* forty-one years old when he became king. He reigned seventeen years in Jerusalem, the city which the Lord had chosen out of all the tribes of Israel, to put His name there....<sup>22</sup> Now Judah did evil in the sight of the Lord, and they provoked Him to jealousy with their sins which they committed, more than all that their fathers had done.<sup>23</sup> For they also built for themselves high places, *sacred* pillars, and wooden images on every high hill and under

every green tree. <sup>24</sup> And there were also perverted persons in the land. They did according to all the abominations of the nations which the Lord had cast out before the children of Israel.

Abijah-(1 Kings 15:1, 3)-In the eighteenth year of King Jeroboam the son of Nebat, Abijam became king over Judah. <sup>3</sup> And he walked in all the sins of his father, which he had done before him; his heart was not loyal to the Lord his God...

Asa-(1 Kings 15:11-14)-<sup>11</sup> Asa **did what was right in the eyes of the Lord**, as *did* his father David. <sup>12</sup> And he banished the perverted persons from the land, and removed all the idols that his fathers had made. <sup>13</sup> Also he removed Maachah his grandmother from *being* queen mother, because she had made an obscene image of Asherah. And Asa cut down her obscene image and burned *it* by the Brook Kidron. <sup>14</sup> But the high places were not removed. Nevertheless Asa's heart was loyal to the Lord all his days.

Jehoshaphat-(2 Chronicles 20:31-33)-<sup>31</sup> So Jehoshaphat was king over Judah... <sup>32</sup> And he walked in the way of his father Asa, and did not turn aside from it, **doing what was right in the sight of the Lord**. <sup>33</sup> Nevertheless the high places were not taken away, for as yet the people had not directed their hearts to the God of their fathers.

Jehoram/Joram-(2 Kings 8:18)-<sup>18</sup> And he walked in the way of the kings of Israel, just as the house of Ahab had done, for the daughter of Ahab was his wife; and he **did evil in the sight of the Lord**.

Ahaziah-(2 Kings 8:26-27)-<sup>26</sup> Ahaziah was twenty-two years old when he became king... <sup>27</sup> And he walked in the way of the house of Ahab, and **did evil in the sight of the Lord**, like the house of Ahab, for he *was* the son-in-law of the house of Ahab.

Athaliah-(2 Kings 11:1-3)-When Athaliah the mother of Ahaziah saw that her son was dead, she arose and destroyed all the royal heirs. <sup>2</sup> But Jehosheba, the daughter of King Joram, sister of Ahaziah, took Joash the son of Ahaziah, and stole him away from among the king's sons *who were* being murdered; and they hid him and his nurse in the bedroom, from Athaliah, so that he was not killed. <sup>3</sup> So he was hidden with her in the house of the Lord for six years, while Athaliah reigned over the land.

Joash/Jehoash-(2 Kings 12:1-3)-In the seventh year of Jehu, Jehoash became king, and he reigned forty years in Jerusalem... <sup>2</sup> Jehoash **did what was right in the sight of the Lord** all the days in which Jehoiada the priest instructed him. <sup>3</sup> But the high places were not taken away; the people still sacrificed and burned incense on the high places.

Amaziah-(2 Chronicles 25:1-2, 25, 27)- Amaziah was twenty-five years old *when* he became king... <sup>2</sup> And he **did what was right in the sight of the Lord**, but not with a loyal heart. <sup>25</sup> Amaziah the son of Joash, king of Judah, lived fifteen years after the death of Joash the son of Jehoahaz, king of Israel. <sup>27</sup> After the time that Amaziah turned away from following the Lord,

they made a conspiracy against him in Jerusalem, and he fled to Lachish; but they sent after him to Lachish and killed him there.

Uzziah (Also known as Azariah)-(2 Chronicles 26:4)- <sup>4</sup> And he **did what was right in the sight of the Lord**...

Jotham-(2 Kings 15:34-35)- <sup>34</sup> And he **did what was right in the sight of the Lord**; he did according to all that his father Uzziah had done. <sup>35</sup> However the high places were not removed; the people still sacrificed and burned incense on the high places...

Ahaz-(2 Kings 16:2-4)-... he **did not do what was right in the sight of the Lord** his God, as his father David *had done*. <sup>3</sup> But he walked in the way of the kings of Israel; indeed he made his son pass through the fire, according to the abominations of the nations whom the Lord had cast out from before the children of Israel. <sup>4</sup> And he sacrificed and burned incense on the high places, on the hills, and under every green tree.

Hezekiah-(2 Kings 18:3)- <sup>3</sup> And **he did what was right in the sight of the Lord**, according to all that his father David had done.

Manasseh-(2 Kings 21:1-9)- Manasseh was twelve years old when he became king, and he reigned fifty-five years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Hephzibah. <sup>2</sup> **And he did evil in the sight of the Lord**, according to the abominations of the nations whom the Lord had cast out before the children of Israel. <sup>3</sup> For he rebuilt the high places which Hezekiah his father had destroyed; he raised up altars for Baal, and made a wooden image, as Ahab king of Israel had done; and he worshiped all the host of heaven and served them. <sup>4</sup> He also built altars in the house of the Lord, of which the Lord had said, "In Jerusalem I will put My name." <sup>5</sup> And he built altars for all the host of heaven in the two courts of the house of the Lord. <sup>6</sup> Also he made his son pass through the fire, practiced soothsaying, used witchcraft, and consulted spiritists and mediums. He **did much evil in the sight of the Lord**, to provoke *Him* to anger. <sup>7</sup> He even set a carved image of Asherah that he had made, in the house of which the Lord had said to David and to Solomon his son, "In this house and in Jerusalem, which I have chosen out of all the tribes of Israel, I will put My name forever; <sup>8</sup> and I will not make the feet of Israel wander anymore from the land which I gave their fathers—only if they are careful to do according to all that I have commanded them, and according to all the law that My servant Moses commanded them." <sup>9</sup> But they paid no attention, and Manasseh seduced them to do more evil than the nations whom the Lord had destroyed before the children of Israel.

Amon-(2 Kings 21:20-22)- . <sup>20</sup> And he **did evil in the sight of the Lord**, as his father Manasseh had done. <sup>21</sup> So he walked in all the ways that his father had walked; and he served the idols that his father had served, and worshiped them. <sup>22</sup> He forsook the Lord God of his fathers, and did not walk in the way of the Lord.

Josiah-(2 Kings 22:2)- <sup>2</sup> And he **did what was right in the sight of the Lord**, and walked in all the ways of his father David; he did not turn aside to the right hand or to the left.

Jehoahaz-(2 Kings 23:32)-<sup>32</sup> And he **did evil in the sight of the Lord**, according to all that his fathers had done.

Jehoiakim-(2 Kings 23:37)-<sup>37</sup> And he **did evil in the sight of the Lord**, according to all that his fathers had done.

Jehoiachin-(2 Kings 24:9)-<sup>9</sup> And he **did evil in the sight of the Lord**, according to all that his father had done.

Zedekiah-(2 Kings 24:19)-<sup>19</sup> He also **did evil in the sight of the Lord**, according to all that Jehoiakim had done.