

Bible Challenge 2014
Going Deeper – Questions for Readings
Week 26

Make a list of the Kings of Israel and Judah that are mentioned in 1 Kings 15-16 and 2 Chronicles 13-17. What are their strengths and weaknesses? What distinguishes a wise king from a fool? How is the behavior of these kings representative of all human beings?

Who is Elijah? What was he called to do by God and why?

If you were asked to preach a sermon on the story of Elijah, the widow of Zarephath, and her son from 1 Kings 17:7-24, what would be the main focus of your message and why?

How does Elijah experience the presence of God in 1 Kings 19:11-14? Do you believe we can experience God in the same way? Why or why not?

The story of Naboth's vineyard in 1 Kings 21 is a great example of how the cycle of sin can spiral a person out of control. What is Ahab's first or original sin in this story? How does Ahab compound this sin? What role does Jezebel play in this cycle of sin? What is the only thing that breaks this cycle?

When Jehoshaphat is teaching the people of Judah to "return to God" in 2 Chronicles 19, what is he asking of and expecting them to do?

Who became the first queen of Judah? Why? How long was her reign and what was it like? How did her reign come to an end? Why? (2 Chronicles 22:10-23:21)

What is the central theme of the book of Obadiah? What does it teach us about God? What does it teach us about justice and vengeance?