

## (3) Baasha

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**BIBLICAL RECORD:**

- 1 Kings 15:27 – 16:7
- 1<sup>st</sup> reference: 1 Kings 15:16
- Last reference: Jeremiah 41:9
- Mentioned 28 times in the Bible

**POSITION:**

- 3<sup>rd</sup> King in the Northern Kingdom of Israel . . . Became King in Tirzah, a city mentioned in the Song of Solomon 6:4

**DYNASTY:** 9 dynasties totaling 19 kings

- 2<sup>nd</sup> of 9 dynasties in the Northern Kingdom.
- Founder of Israel's 2<sup>nd</sup> dynasty (Baasha & Elah)

**REIGN:**

- 24 years
- 908-886 B.C.

**CHARACTER:**

- Bad

**DEATH:**

- **1 Kings 16:16** – “So Baasha rested with his fathers and was buried in Tirzah. Then Elah his son reigned in his place.”

**FAMILY:**

- Son of Ahijah
- Tribe of

**RULER(s) IN THE SOUTHERN KINGDOM:**

- Asa (41), the 3<sup>rd</sup> King in the Southern Kingdom of Judah

**PROPHET(s):**

- Jehu

**OBSERVATIONS:**

- The founder of Israel's 2<sup>nd</sup> dynasty (Baasha & Elah)
- **Proverbs 3:33** – “The curse of the Lord is in the house of the wicked.” Is certainly true of Baasha and for many of Israel & Judah's kings.

**FACTS:**

- God condemned Baasha through the prophet Jehu. 1 Kings 16:1-7
- Destroyed the house of Jeroboam (1 Kings 16:7) For his idolatries the prophet Jehu declared to him the determination of God to exterminate his family, which was accomplished by Zimri (5<sup>th</sup>) in the days of his son Elah (4<sup>th</sup>) (1 Kings 16:10-13).

**LESSONS FROM HIS LIFE & REIGN:**

- God gave Baasha an opportunity and he blew it (1 Kings 16:2) . . . So often we fail in the opportunities God gives us.
- Hurting others in order to advance yourself is never good. 1 Kings 15:26
- Do not set a bad precedence. Baasha started a bad tradition for selecting Israel's kings when he assassinated Nadab and took his place.
- Your sin will find you out. **Numbers 32:23** – [Moses said to the people] “But if you do not do so, then take note, you have sinned against the Lord; and be sure your sin will find you out.” Baasha's evils caught up with him. **1 Kings 16:7** – “And also the word of the Lord came by the prophet Jehu the son of Hanani against Baasha and his house, because of (1) all the evil that he did in the sight of the Lord in provoking Him to anger with the work of his hands, (2) in being like the house of Jeroboam, and (3) because he killed them.”

**KEY PASSAGE(s):**

- **2 Kings 15:24** – “He did evil in the eyes of the Lord, walking in the ways of Jeroboam, and in his sin, which he caused Israel to commit.”