

I. Review of the Outline of Kings

- A. Central emphasis: *opportunity missed*
- B. Opportunities are God-created
- C. Israel's national opportunity
(1 Kings 17 – 2 Kings 10)

II. Central Issue of the Time: The Sin of Jeroboam

- A. Pronouncement of judgement on Baasha
(1 Kings 16:1-4)
- B. Assessment of Jehu
(2 Kings 10:28-31)

III. Three Key Movements in the Story of Israel's Opportunity:

- A. Elijah on Mt. Carmel
- B. God's dealings with Ahab after Mt. Carmel
- C. The reign of Jehu

IV. God's Method is His Word

- A. **Pronouncement of judgement on Baasha**
(1 Kings 16)
 - 1. Everything happened as the prophet said
- B. **Rebuilding of Jericho**
(1 Kings 16:34)
 - 1. God's curse through Joshua comes to pass on Heil's family
- C. **Elijah's prediction of drought**
(1 Kings 17:1)
 - 1. Resulted in no rain for a miraculous period of time

D. Elijah’s prayer on Mt. Carmel

(1 Kings 18:36)

1. “I have done all these things at Your word”

E. God’s predictions of Ahab’s victories

(1 Kings 20:13, 28)

1. Everything came to pass as the prophets predicted

F. God’s grace to Ahab when he repented

(1 Kings 21:27-29)

1. Ahab was given an opportunity to observe God’s grace when he listened to God’s Word

G. The anointing of Jehu

1. The Lord predicts accurately what He will enable Jehu to do

V. The Essential Message to Israel is Summed up in Elijah’s Message on Mt. Carmel

A. If the Lord (Jehovah) is God, serve Him

(1 Kings 18:21)

B. This sums up the entire prophetic thrust

1. Either serve God with all your heart
or
Give it up altogether
2. God has given His Word and given us ample opportunity to know that He will fulfill all of it
3. Our choice to follow or reject does not alter the outcome. God is watching over His Word to perform it