

## 1 Kings 15:25-34 **Kings of Israel – Nadab - Baasha**

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27 Then Baasha the son of Ahijah, of the house of Issachar, conspired against him. And Baasha killed him at Gibbethon, which belonged to the Philistines, while Nadab and all Israel laid siege to Gibbethon. 28 Baasha killed him in the third year of Asa king of Judah, and reigned in his place. 29 And it was so, when he became king, that he killed all the house of Jeroboam. He did not leave to Jeroboam anyone that breathed, until he had destroyed him, according to the word of the Lord which He had spoken by His servant Ahijah the Shilonite, 30 because of the sins of Jeroboam, which he had sinned and by which he had made Israel sin, because of his provocation with which he had provoked the Lord God of Israel to anger.

31 Now the rest of the acts of Nadab, and all that he did, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel? 32 And there was war between Asa and Baasha king of Israel all their days.

### Baasha Reigns in Israel

33 In the third year of Asa king of Judah, Baasha the son of Ahijah became king over all Israel in Tirzah, and reigned twenty-four years. 34 He did evil in the sight of the Lord, and walked in the way of Jeroboam, and in his sin by which he had made Israel sin.

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#### Facts Revealed:

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- ✧ After the death of Jeroboam, Nadab his son reigned 2 years in Israel.
- ✧ When ungodliness takes over a nation from its leaders down, it is very difficult for the people to shake the heinous influence of pagan humanistic thought and reasoning.
- ✧ Israel was never able to shake off the sins of Jeroboam by which he made Israel to sin.
- ✧ They continued to cling tenaciously to Jeroboam's idolatry until they were carried away by the Assyrians.
- ✧ Idolatry has never proved to be any kind of benefit for the people of Israel, but a source of trouble on every hand.
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- ✧ The Word of God always comes to pass in the time of God's choosing.
  - ✧ The prophet Ahijah had foretold this event in his message to the wife of Jeroboam when she went to the prophet regarding her sick son. [1 Kings 14:7-11, 14, 15:25-30, 16:1-7]
  - ✧ Ahijah of the tribe of Issachar, the father of Baasha, was an Israelite not related to the prophet Ahijah who made the prophecy of the destruction of the house of Jeroboam which was fulfilled by Baasha.
- ✧ 31 Now the rest of the acts of Nadab, and all that he did, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?
- 32 And there was war between Asa and Baasha king of Israel all their days. [1 Kings 15:31-32]
- ✧ I could find no mention of Nadab son of Jeroboam in the books of the Chronicles.
  - ✧ Baasha was king of Israel from the 3<sup>rd</sup> to the 27<sup>th</sup> year of the reign of Asa King of Judah.
  - ✧ There were wars between Baasha and Asa all their days.
- ✧ 33 In the third year of Asa king of Judah, Baasha the son of Ahijah became king over all Israel in Tirzah, and reigned twenty-four years.
- 34 He did evil in the sight of the Lord, and walked in the way of Jeroboam, and in his sin by which he had made Israel sin. [1 Kings 15:33-34]
- ✧ Baasha destroyed the remnant of the house of Jeroboam, but he followed the sins of Jeroboam which caused Israel to sin.
  - ✧ Though a man is used by God to bring judgment on one who sinned, still that man is not necessarily a godly man himself, as in the case of Baasha king of Israel against Jeroboam, and Nebuchadnezzar King of Babylon whom God later used to punish Judah and Jerusalem.
  - ✧ To the destruction of Israel by the Assyrians, the people of Israel never departed from the sins of Jeroboam. [2 Kings 17:22-23]