

1 Kings 16:29-34 **Ahab and Jezebel rule over Israel**

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30 Now Ahab the son of Omri did evil in the sight of the Lord, more than all who were before him.

31 And it came to pass, as though it had been a trivial thing for him to walk in the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, that he took as wife Jezebel the daughter of Ethbaal, king of the Sidonians; and he went and served Baal and worshiped him. 32 Then he set up an altar for Baal in the temple of Baal, which he had built in Samaria. 33 And Ahab made a wooden image. Ahab did more to provoke the Lord God of Israel to anger than all the kings of Israel who were before him.

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Facts Revealed:

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- ✧ Ahab became king of Israel in the 38th year of Asa's 41 year reign in Judah.
- ✧ The progression of evil in the kings of Israel follows a continual down hill path as each king proves to be worse than the one before him.
- ✧ Ahab's father Omri had done worse than all the kings of Israel before him, compounding the problems started by Jeroboam in the sin which he caused Israel to sin. [1 Kings 16:25-26]
- ✧ Jeroboam's sin was making the golden calves at Dan and Bethel, then removing the priests descended from Aaron and the Levites and replacing them with priests of his own making and establishing his own holy days and offered his own sacrifices to the golden calves he had set up. [1 Kings 12:25-33]
- ✧ Now Ahab is even worse than his father and he compounded the problem by his marriage to Jezebel and his worship of Baal, building a temple to Baal, setting up an altar to Baal and making a wooden image. [1 Kings 16:30-33]

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- ✧ Through Joshua, God had put a curse on the one to rebuild Jericho, which was fulfilled by and through Hiel during the time of Ahab king of Israel. [Joshua 6:26]