

### ~ELAH 3 (80)

(E'lah) [1-5, related to Hebrew, 'E/, God]

- Fourth king of the northern ten-tribe kingdom of Israel. **Elah** came to the throne in about **952 B.C.E.**, on the death of his father Baasha and ruled in Tirzah for parts of two years.
- In the twenty-sixth year of Asa the king of Judah, **Elah** the son of Baasha became king over Israel in Tirzah for two years. (**1 Kings 16:8**)
- While **Elah** was drunk, Zimri, the chief over half the chariots, put him to death to get the kingship for himself and then went on to wipe out all of Baasha's house, fulfilling Yehowah's prophecy.
- The word of Yehowah now came to Jehu the son of Hanani against Baasha, saying; (**1 Kings 16:1**)
- Inasmuch as I raised you up out of the dust that I might constitute you leader over my people Israel, but you went walking in the way of Jeroboam and so caused my people Israel to sin by offending me with their sins. (**1 Kings 16:2**)
- Here I am making a clean sweep after Baasha and after his house, and I shall certainly constitute his house like the house of Jeroboam the son of Nebat. (**1 Kings 16:3**)
- Anyone of Baasha that is dying in the city the dogs will eat, and anyone of his that is dying in the field the fowls of the heavens will eat. (**1 Kings 16:4**)
- As for the rest of the affairs of Baasha and what he did and his mightiness, are they not written in the book of the affairs of the days of the kings of Israel? (**1 Kings 16:5**)
- Finally Baasha lay down with his forefathers and was buried in Tirzah, and **Elah** his son began to reign in place of him. (**1 Kings 16:6**)
- And also by means of Jehu the son of Hanani the prophet, Yehowah's word itself had come against Baasha and his house, both because of all the badness that he committed in the eyes of

Yehowah by offending him with the work of his hands, that it might become like the house of Jeroboam, and because he struck him down. (**1 Kings 16:7**)

- In the twenty-sixth year of Asa the king of Judah, **Elah** the son of Baasha became king over Israel in Tirzah for two years. (**1 Kings 16:8**)
- And his servant Zimri the chief of half the chariots began to conspire against him, while he was in Tirzah drinking himself drunk at the house of Arza, who was over the household in Tirzah. (**1 Kings 16:9**)
- And Zimri proceeded to come in and strike him down and put him to death in the twenty-seventh year of Asa the king of Judah, and he began to reign in place of him. (**1 Kings 16:10**)
- And it came about that when he began to reign, as soon as he sat down upon his throne, he struck down all the house of Baasha. He did not let anyone of his remain that urinates against a wall or his avengers of blood or his friends. (**1 Kings 16:11**)
- Thus Zimri annihilated the whole house of Baasha, according to the word of Yehowah that he had spoken against Baasha by means of Jehu the prophet. (**1 Kings 16:12**)
- On account of all the sins of Baasha and the sins of **Elah** his son with which they sinned and with which they caused Israel to sin by offending Yehowah the God of Israel with their vain idols. (**1 Kings 16:13**)
- As for the rest of the affairs of **Elah** and all that he did, are they not written in the book of the affairs of the days of the kings of Israel? (**1 Kings 16:14**)