

~TIBNI (31)
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- A contender for the kingship of the ten-tribe kingdom of Israel following the seven-day rule of Israel's fifth king Zimri in about **951 B.C.E.** The populace was divided over whether **Tibni** or Omri should now be king.
- Four years later, during which time civil war presumably raged, the issue was finally settled, **Tibni** lost to Omri's supporters and met death. He was a son of Ginath.
- In the twenty-seventh year of Asa the king of Judah, Zimri became king for seven days in Tirzah, while the people were encamping against Gibbethon, which belonged to the Philistines. (**1 Kings 16:15**)
- It was then that the people of Israel began to divide themselves into two parts. There was one part of the people that became followers of **Tibni** the son of Ginath, to make him king, and the other part followers of Omri. (**1 Kings 16:21**)
- Finally the people that were following Omri overcame the people that were following **Tibni** the son of Ginath, so that Tibni met death, and Omri began to reign. (**1 Kings 16:22**)
- In the thirty-first year of Asa the king of Judah, Omri became king over Israel for twelve years. In Tirzah he reigned six years. (**1 Kings 16:23**)