

A Look into The Life of King Baasha

Here are the **main points on the life of King Baasha**, based on the biblical account primarily found in **1 Kings 15:16–34** and **1 Kings 16:1–7**:

1. Origin and Rise to Power

- Baasha was the **son of Ahijah** from the tribe of **Issachar**.
- He became king of **Israel** (the northern kingdom) by **conspiring against and assassinating King Nadab**, son of Jeroboam.
- After taking the throne, he **exterminated the entire house of Jeroboam**, fulfilling a prophecy given by the prophet Ahijah.

2. Reign as King of Israel

- He ruled for **24 years** from **Tirzah**, a capital of the northern kingdom.
- His reign was marked by **constant conflict with Asa**, king of **Judah**.
- He attempted to **fortify Ramah**, near Judah's border, to cut off Asa, but was thwarted when Asa bribed the king of Aram (Syria) to attack Israel.

3. Religious and Moral Failings

- Baasha **continued in the sins of Jeroboam**, leading Israel in idolatry.
 - Despite witnessing the downfall of Jeroboam's house, he **did not repent** or change the nation's course.
 - His actions provoked God's anger, and the prophet **Jehu** delivered a prophecy against him.
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4. Divine Judgment

- God declared that **Baasha's dynasty would end** like Jeroboam's.
 - His **descendants were wiped out**, and his house came to a violent end.
 - The prophecy was fulfilled during the brief reign of his son **Elah**, who was assassinated by **Zimri**.
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5. Death and Legacy

- Baasha died a **natural death** and was buried in Tirzah.
- His legacy was one of **violence, idolatry, and rebellion** against God.
- He is remembered as a king who **missed the opportunity** to lead Israel back to righteousness.

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King Bassha's Life: <https://youtu.be/Wk3JrtEuL5c>

King Bassha Teaching: <https://youtu.be/vWc15gkkenE>

PART 2 / QUESTIONS

Bible Study Questions I Kings 15:16-34 & 16:1-7

1. What happens when people repeat harmful choices they've already seen go wrong?
2. Why is it important to listen when God sends someone like the prophet Jehu to give a warning?
3. How does constant fighting or jealousy between people or groups affect everyone involved?
4. What kind of impact can one person's choices have on their family or community and how can Jesus offer a new beginning?