

## Where Is God in a Coup?

*2 Kings 15:13-26*

1. \_\_\_\_\_ reign of Shallum (v. 13-16)
  - a. Known for his role in ending \_\_\_\_\_ dynasty
    - i. After \_\_\_\_\_ years
    - ii. In fulfillment of \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Unknown due to length of his reign (1 \_\_\_\_\_)
  
2. \_\_\_\_\_ reign of Menahem (v. 17-22)
  - a. Possible loyalty to \_\_\_\_\_
    - i. In midst of military campaign in the \_\_\_\_\_
    - ii. Interrupted campaign to deal with \_\_\_\_\_
    - iii. Intertribal warfare most \_\_\_\_\_ under him
  - b. Constant search for \_\_\_\_\_
    - i. Against “\_\_\_\_\_” within (Tiphseh)
    - ii. With support of “\_\_\_\_\_” within (Tirzah)
    - iii. With support of \_\_\_\_\_ king
      1. Extraordinary \_\_\_\_\_
      2. Extraordinary \_\_\_\_\_
    - iv. \_\_\_\_\_ in the long run
  - c. No change in \_\_\_\_\_ policy
  
3. \_\_\_\_\_ reign of Pekahiah (v. 23-26)
  - a. Only “\_\_\_\_\_” transition
    - i. For \_\_\_\_\_ kings
    - ii. For \_\_\_\_\_ years
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_ failure
    - i. Repeated sins of \_\_\_\_\_
    - ii. Repeated failure of leadership to \_\_\_\_\_
    - iii. God’s gift of divine stability is \_\_\_\_\_

*When Ephraim saw his sickness, and Judah his wound, then Ephraim went to Assyria, and sent to the great king. But he is not able to cure you or heal your wound.*

Hosea 5:13

*On the day of our king, the princes became sick with the heat of wine; he stretched out hand with mockers. For with hearts like an oven they approach their intrigue; all night their anger smolders; in the morning it blazes like a flaming fire. All of them are hot as an oven, and they devour their rulers. All their kings have fallen, and none of them calls upon me.*

Hosea 7:5-7

*Where now is your king, to save you in all your cities? Where are all your rulers – those of whom you said, ‘Give me a king and princes’? I gave you a king in my anger, and I took him away in my wrath.*

Hosea 13:10-11

## **Notes for Further Study**

1. Review Deuteronomy 17:14-20.
  - a. What are the Godly expectations of a king?
  - b. Did any northern king (Israel) even come close to fulfilling those expectations?
  - c. Why do you suppose God allowed them to persist in their sins for over 200 years (930-722 BC)?
2. Read Deuteronomy 28. The traditional timeline of Israel has them entering the promised land in 1406 BC and the destruction of Israel was 722 BC; a nearly 700 year period.
  - a. What would have happened if Jeroboam and Jehu and other kings in Israel had obeyed God?
  - b. What surprises you the most about this sad history?
3. Read the passages of Hosea above.
  - a. Was the constant barrage of coups surprising to God?
  - b. What role did God play in this messy end to the history of the northern kingdom?
  - c. How should this make us approach today’s mess?