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26 Now Nadab the son of Jeroboam became king over Israel in the second year of Asa king of Judah, and he reigned over Israel two years. **27** And he did evil in the sight of the LORD, and walked in the way of his father, and in his sin by which he had made Israel sin. **28** Then Baasha the son of Ahijah, of the house of Issachar, conspired against him. And Baasha killed him at Gibbethon, which belonged to the Philistines, while Nadab and all Israel laid siege to Gibbethon. **29** Baasha killed him in the third year of Asa king of Judah, and reigned in his place. **30** And it was so, when he became king, that he killed all the house of Jeroboam. He did not leave to Jeroboam anyone that breathed, until he had destroyed him, according to the word of the LORD which He had spoken by His servant Ahijah the Shilonite, **31** because of the sins of Jeroboam, which he had sinned and by which he had made Israel sin, because of his provocation with which he had provoked the LORD God of Israel to anger. **32** Now the rest of the acts of Nadab, and all that he did, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel? **33** And there was war between Asa and Baasha king of Israel all their days. **34** In the third year of Asa king of Judah, Baasha the son of Ahijah became king over all Israel in Tirzah, and reigned twenty-four years. **35** He did evil in the sight of the LORD, and walked in the way of Jeroboam, and in his sin by which he had made Israel sin. Then the word of the LORD came to Jehu the son of Hanani, against Baasha, saying: **36** "Inasmuch as I lifted you out of the dust and made you ruler over My people Israel, and you have walked in the way of Jeroboam, and have made My people Israel sin, to provoke Me to anger with their sins, **37** surely I will take away the posterity of Baasha and the posterity of his house, and I will make your house like the house of Jeroboam the son of Nebat. **38** The dogs shall eat whoever belongs to Baasha and dies in the city, and the birds of the air shall eat whoever dies in the fields." **39** Now the rest of the acts of Baasha, what he did, and his might, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel? **40** So Baasha rested with his fathers and was buried in Tirzah. Then Elah his son reigned in his place. **41** And also the word of the LORD came by the prophet Jehu the son of Hanani against Baasha and his house, because of all the evil that he did in the sight of the LORD in provoking Him to anger with the work of his hands, in being like the house of Jeroboam, and because he killed them.

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1. Nadab, a man like dad

- a. God had taken Jeroboam's 1st child since there was some good in him
- b. Nadab was just like his father, Jeroboam
 - a1. He not only kept the Golden Calves, but he worship them as well
 - a2. He continued in the sins of his father
- c. Despite all the warnings & consequences Nadab observed in his father's life, he continued in same way of his father, leading to the same result
- d. Consequentialism = actions have predictable results (bad diets lead to health issues, reckless driving leads to crashes, anger leads to strife,...)
 - a1. Risk management = reducing risk of bad results by removing poor actions
 - a2. Evil kings reaped similar results as other evil rulers who came before them
 - a3. Unbiblical behavior leads to judgment
 - a4. To avoid judgment one must be righteous

2. The rise of Baasha

- a. God had pronounced judgment on the house of Jeroboam for his idol worship
 - a1. He made (caused) Israel to sin (people

generally follow their leaders)

- a2. As in Noah's & Elijah's days, each person has a choice whether to be holy or follow society into folly & judgment
- b. Baasha assassinated Nadab at Gibbethon during a campaign against the Philistines
 - a1. No reason is given for the assassination
 - a2. Nadab rules only 2 years
- c. Baasha rules in Nadab's place
 - a1. He finds every descendent of Jeroboam & slays them in fulfillment of Ahijah's prophecy
 - a2. God can use the wicked to execute judgment (Philistines against Saul, Assyria against Israel, Babylonians against Judah)
 - b1. This does not mean that God endorses or favors the wicked, for they too will be judged
 - b2. Is. 44:28 God sent the pagan king, Cyrus, to rescue Judah & send them back to their land
3. Baasha's rule
 - a. Ironically, Baasha was just as evil as Nadab
 - a1. He continued pagan worship
 - a2. He caused Israel to sin
 - b. God sent Jehu the prophet (not the later King Jehu) to state that the same fate that befell Jeroboam's household will befall his
 - a1. The same sins reap the same results
 - a2. Baasha did not ascend to the throne on his own (God's doing)
 - c. Via Jehu, God reminds Baasha that He had taken him from dust to the throne
 - a1. Baasha does not acknowledge this, nor does he show any gratitude or loyalty
 - a2. Jeroboam was told the same thing
 - d. The dogs & birds curse
 - a1. Just like with Jeroboam & Ahab, Jehu states that dogs & birds will eat his offspring
 - a2. The evil mighty always fall to disgrace