

June 25 Answers

- 1) The death of Asa, and the reigns of Jehoshaphat and Ahab. How disappointing it was to read that Asa spent the last years of his life preparing his **tomb** instead of his heart (2 Chr 16:12, 14). What a tragic end to a such a godly man! Thankfully, Jehoshaphat loved God and followed His commands. He even ordered the **Law** to be taught throughout the cities of Judah. This teaches us that when we love God, we want to **share** His Word with others. God blessed Jehoshaphat and made him wealthy and powerful, but he did not become **proud**. Instead, he recognized that God was the true source of his success. We would do well to follow his example of humility. While Jehoshaphat worshipped God in the south, Ahab sought other gods in the north. Not content with Jeroboam's golden calves, he married **Jezebel** and brought her Baals to Samaria. Baal was the god of **rain** and bountiful harvests, and we can imagine Ahab's surprise when Elijah told him there would be no rain until he gave the word. God was out to show an idolatrous Israel that He was the one true God of heaven! Elijah often comes across as **larger** than life, but James said that he was just like **us** (Jam 5:16–17). He is a stirring example of the great power that comes when a righteous person prays in **harmony** with God's will. Elijah watched as the Kerith brook slowly dried up, but he didn't leave until God told him to go to Zarephath. Are we willing to **remain** where God has placed us even if our circumstances are slowly getting worse and worse?