



Sermon outline

Regime Change
1 Kings 15:25-16:14

Intro: how come powerful, violent rulers seemingly get away with it?

Life outside God's Davidic kingdom, the facts:

- Jeroboam → Nadab →  15:25-32
 - o Wicked
 - Warned
 - Wiped out
- Baasha → Elah →  15:33-16:14
 - o Wicked
 - Warned
 - Wiped out
- Zimri... etc

So what is life like outside the kingdom of God's chosen king?

- o Idolatry: miserable monotony
- o Power: malevolent machinations
- o Values: might=right morality

BUT three lessons for us today:

- 1. God is still in control even over such powerful wicked rulers**
- 2. God still holds every wicked ruler accountable for their actions**
- 3. When God says he'll judge idolatry, he really does mean it**