



1. Throughout Judah's history, Jerusalem (1 Kings 15:4) remained its capital and center of worship.
2. The Northern Kingdom had several capital cities.
 - a. Jeroboam first built his capital at Shechem (1 Kings 12:25), but he also built Penuel (1 Kings 12:25).
 - b. By the time of Baasha, the kings of Israel ruled from Tirzah (1 Kings 15:21, 33).
 - c. King Omri built the city of Samaria (1 Kings 16:24) for his capital, and it remained the capital of Israel until the Northern Kingdom was taken captive by the Assyrians.
 - d. Omri's son Ahab also had a palace in Jezreel (1 Kings 21:1), where he lived part of the time even though this was not his official capital.