

SUMMARY OF THE KINGS

KINGS OF JUDAH

1 dynasty 20 kings

REHOBOM 17 yrs (931-913) Bad. He provoked the revolt of Israel by oppressive taxation. Three good years but then downhill. Idolatry. Wars with Jeroboam and Shishak of Egypt. who plundered Temple.

ABIAH/ABIJAM 3 yrs (913-911) Bad. Possible good start vs Israel (1 Ch. 13), but then downhill.

ASA 41 yrs (911-870) Good. Religious reforms, even against grandmother. Victory against Ethiopians/Cushites. Backsliding in later years: lack of trust in the Lord during war with Israel; seeks Syrian aid, imprisoned Hanani the prophet. Suffered disease in feet.

JEHOSHAPAT 25 yrs (875-848). Good. Religious and material prosperity but he entangled his family in alliance and marriage with the house of Ahab.

JEHORAM/JORAM 12/8 yrs (853-841) BAD. Married to Athaliah daughter of Ahab. Introduced Baal worship. Revolt of Edom and losses to enemies.

AHAZIAH/JEHOAHAZ 1 yr. (841) BAD. Son of Athaliah was killed by Jehu while with his uncle Joram of Israel.

(Athaliah 6 yrs (841-835) Queen mother usurps power. Tries to kill all heirs to the throne, but Joash was hidden by his aunt Jehosheba and her husband, the priest Jehoiada. Athaliah was ousted when the priests bring Joash, the true heir out of hiding.

JOASH/ JEHOASH 40 yrs (835-795) Good/bad. Good start under Jehoiada. Temple repaired in spite of priests' delays. Turned to idolatry. Murdered Zechariah. Killed by his own servants.

AMAZIAH 29 yrs (796-767) Good? Began well, accepted Lord's rebuke for lack of trust (use of mercenaries) but later turned to the idolatry of Edom. Defeated by Joash of Israel. Killed by his own people.

UZZIAH/AZARIAH 52 yrs (792-740) Good? Last prosperity for Judah. Pride led to usurping priests office. Punished by leprosy.

JOTHAM 16 yrs (750-732) Good king but the people continued Idolatry.

AHAZ 16+yrs (735-716) BAD! Terrible idolatry and unbelief. Losses to Israel and Syria. Turned to Assyria for help. Syrian idolatry

HEZEKIAH 29+ yrs (727-687?) Good! Great religious reforms. Delivered from Sennacherib. Healed of disease. Coregency issues.

MANASSEH 55 yrs (697-643) BAD!! Depths of idolatry. Punished by captivity. Repented.

AMON 2 yrs (643-641) Bad.

JOSIAH 31 yrs (641-609) Good! Religious reforms. Killed in battle. Judah's last hope.

JEHOAHAZ/Shallum 3 mo. Bad. Ousted by Pharaoh Neco replaced by brother.

JEHOIAKIM/Eliakim 11 yrs (609-598) Bad. Revolted against Babylon. First deportation (Daniel) (605).

JEHOIACHIN/JECONIAH. Bad. Ruled only 3 months before being deported to Babylon with Ezekiel.

ZEDEKIAH/Mattaniah 11 yrs (597-586) Bad. Another son of Josiah. Puppet of Nebuchadnezzar, but his rebellion led to the destruction of Jerusalem

DESTRUCTION OF JERUSALEM AND THE TEMPLE 586 BC. 587?

KINGS OF ISRAEL
5 dynasties, Roman numerals
5 single kings All Bad

- I JEROBOAM 22 yrs (931-910) Led secession of Israel. Introduced calf worship at Dan and Bethel.
Opposed the prophet who spoke against idolatry. His son Abijah died.
NADAB 2 yrs (910-908) Nothing worthwhile.
- II BAASHA 24 yrs (908-886) Killed Nadab. Unsuccessful wars vs Asa of Judah.
ELAH 2 yrs (886-884) Worthless drunk, murdered by ...
(ZIMRI who lasted only 7 days before he was killed by ...
(TIBNI (885-880) claimed throne vs Omri
- III OMRI 12 yrs (885-874) Won power struggle with Tibni. Great in earthly sense. Founded Samaria and worsened idolatry.
AHAB 22 yrs (874-853) WORST! He and Jezebel promote Baal and fight Elijah. Kills Naboth.
Alliance with Judah. Killed vs Syria/Aram.
AHAZIAH 2 yrs (853-852) Injured, seeks help from idols. Tries to arrest Elijah; fire from heaven.
Alliance with Judah.
JORAM/JEHORAM 12 yrs (853-841) Brother of Ahaziah. Ally of Judah vs Syria. Killed by Jehu.
- IV JEHU 28 yrs (841-813) Wiped out Ahab's family and Baal worship, but kept calf idolatry. Losses to Syria.
JEHOAHAZ 17 yrs (814-798) More losses to Syria. Did seek the Lord.
JOASH/JEHOASH 16 yrs (798-782) Some appreciation for Elisha but failed to decisively defeat Syria because of half-heartedness.
JEROBOAM II 41 yrs (793-753) Last prosperity of Israel but no repentance.
ZECHARIAH 6 months. End of Jeroboam's dynasty, killed by...
(SHALLUM (1 month) who in turn was killed by:
- V MENAHEM 10 yrs (752-742) Brutal and fierce. Had to buy off Assyria.
PEKAHIAH 2 yrs (742-740) Killed by Pekah.
(PEKAH 20 yrs (752/740-732) Lost land to Assyria.
(HOSHEA 9 yrs (732-722) Got rid of Pekah with Assyrian help but rebelled and Samaria was destroyed.

DESTRUCTION OF ISRAEL AND SAMARIA 722 BC