

II Kings – An Overview

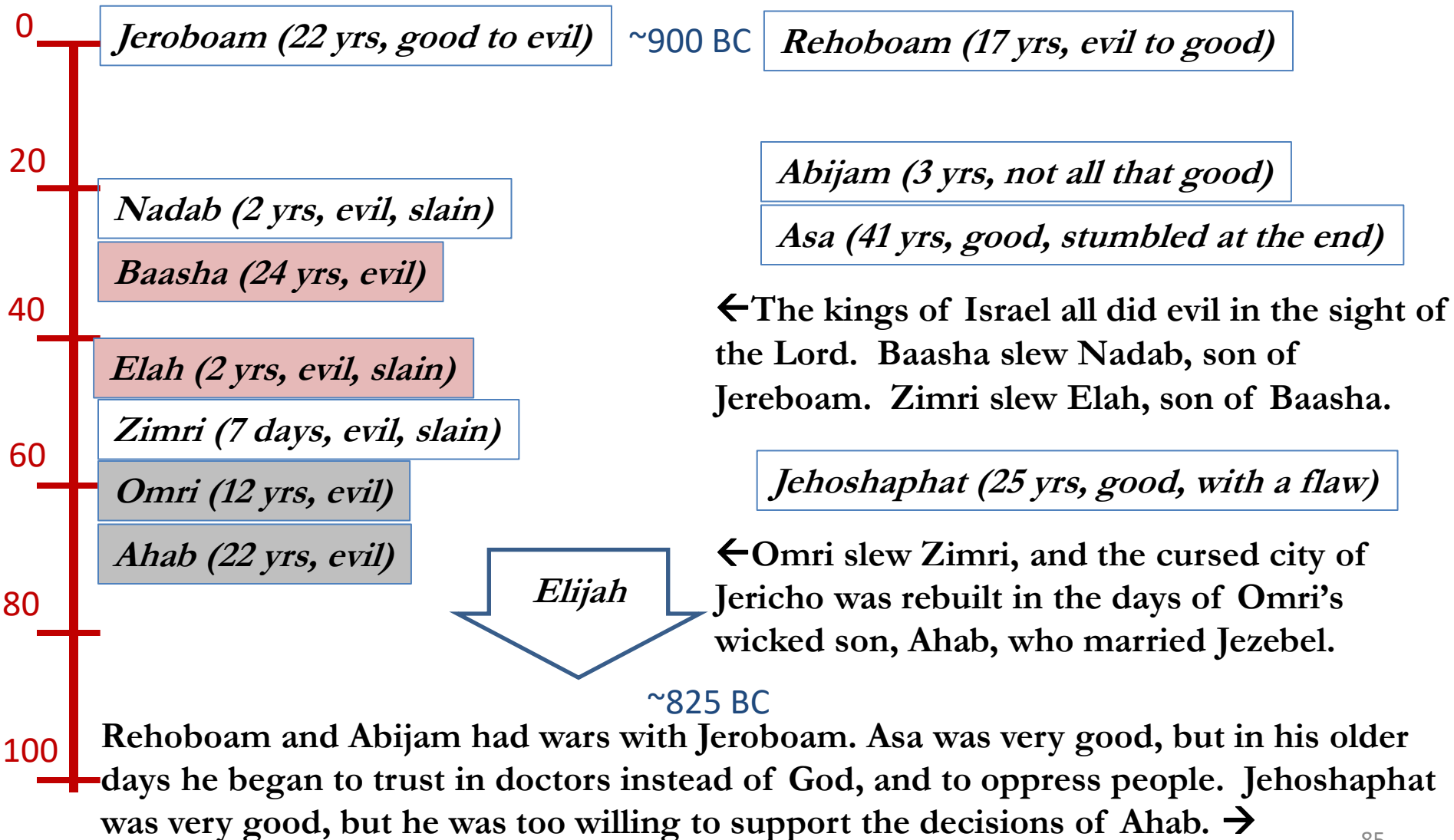
About 319 years covered, in the lands surrounding Israel and Judah.

1. Ahab's son, sends soldiers for Elijah, who calls fire from heaven (c1).
2. God takes Elijah to heaven (c2).
3. Elisha ministers to Judah, Israel, and Edom in battle against Moab. (c3).
4. Elisha ministers to an impoverished widow, and to a great woman.
5. God has Elisha cure Naaman the Syrian of leprosy (c5).
6. Elisha does many miracles (c6-7).
7. Elisha announces the reign of Hazael over Syria, and Jehu over Israel (c8-9).
8. Jehu destroy the house of Ahab (c10).
9. Ahab's daughter, Athaliah, kills her grandchildren to rule Judah (c11).
10. Jehoash's reign after Athaliah's death (c12).
11. The death of Elisha (c13).
12. Jehoahaz, Joash, Jereboam, and Zachariah reign in Israel, Amaziah and Azariah reign in Judah. (c14)
13. Azariah becomes a leper; Joram and then Ahaz reign in Judah, while Zachariah, Shallum, Menahem, Pekahiah, Pekah, and Hoshea reign in Israel (c15).
14. Ahaz hurts Judah in idolatry (c16).
15. The Assyrians overthrow Israel, and take most of the northern ten tribes into other lands, while bringing foreigners into Israel (c17).
16. Hezekiah reigns in Judah, and seeks unto the Lord God (c18).
17. Judah survives the Assyrians (c19).
18. God heals Hezekiah (c20).
19. The wicked reigns of Manasseh and Amon (c21).
20. Judah's revival under Josiah (c22-23).
21. Judah forsakes the Lord (c24).
22. The Chaldeans destroy the wall and temple, and take Judah into Babylonian captivity (c25).

Early Kings of the Divided Nation (see I Kings chap. 14-22)

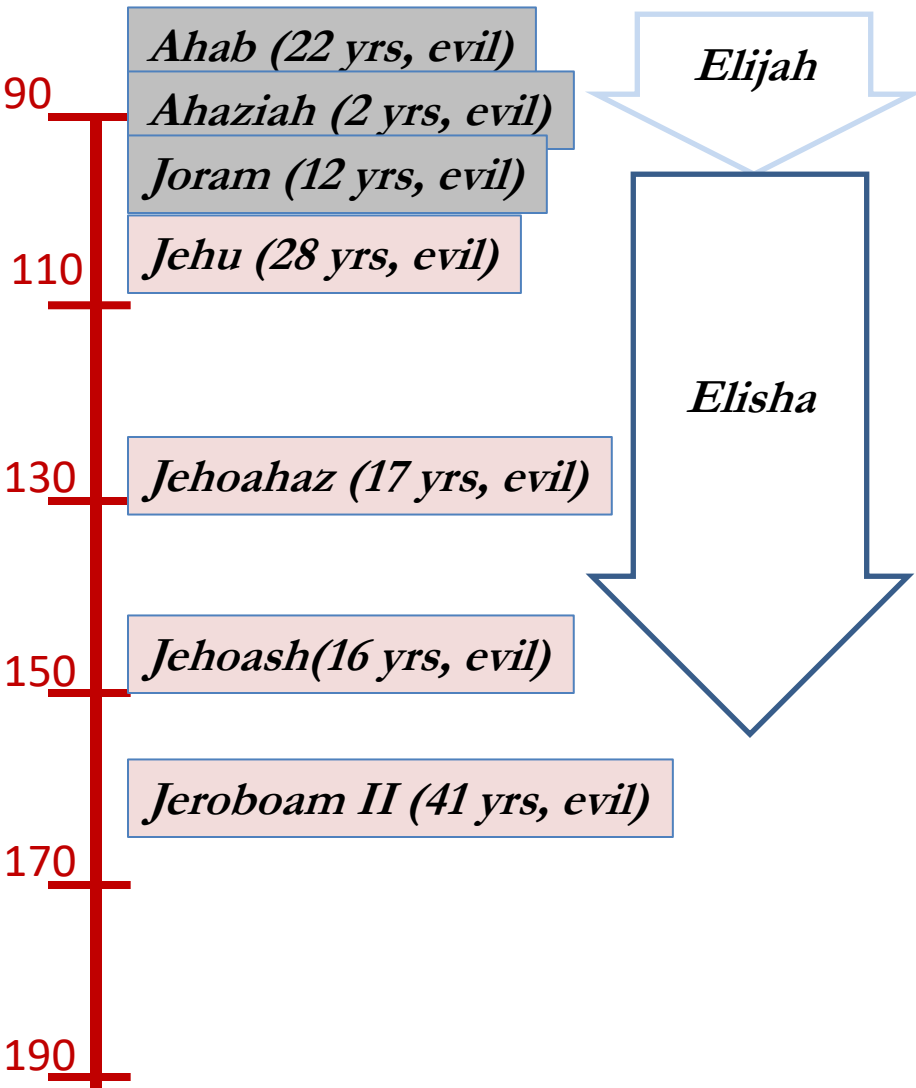
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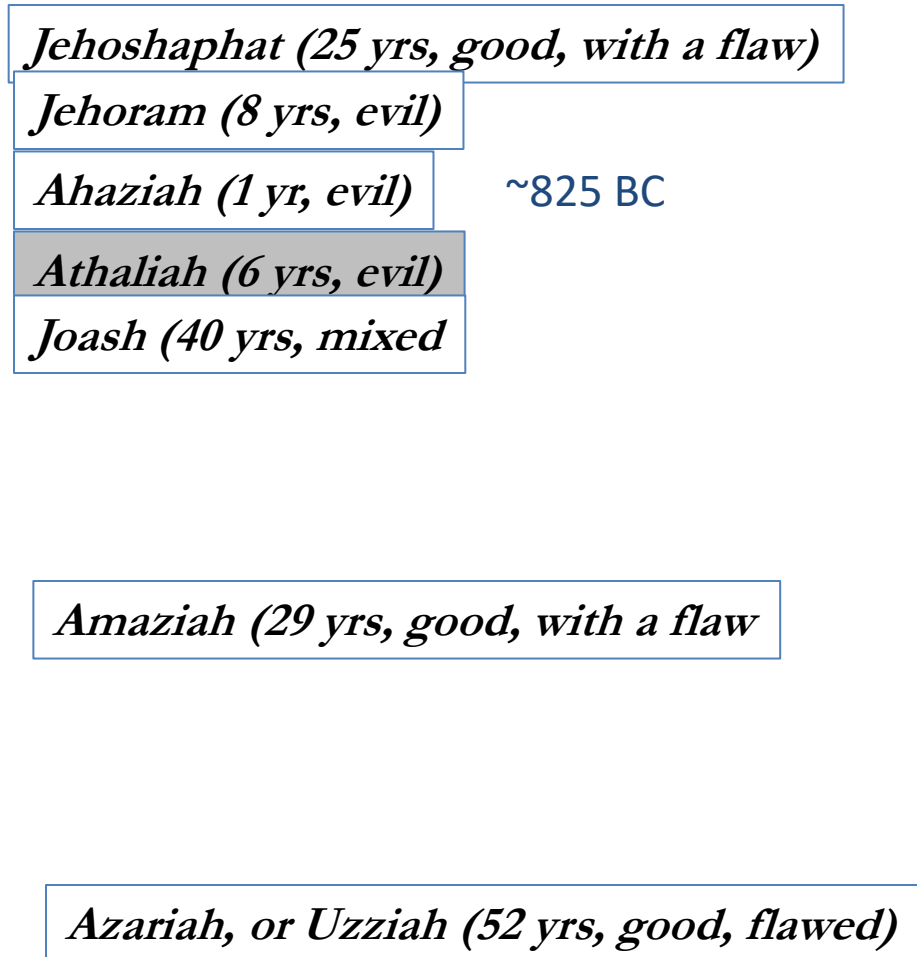


Middle Kings of the Divided Nation (chapters 1-14)

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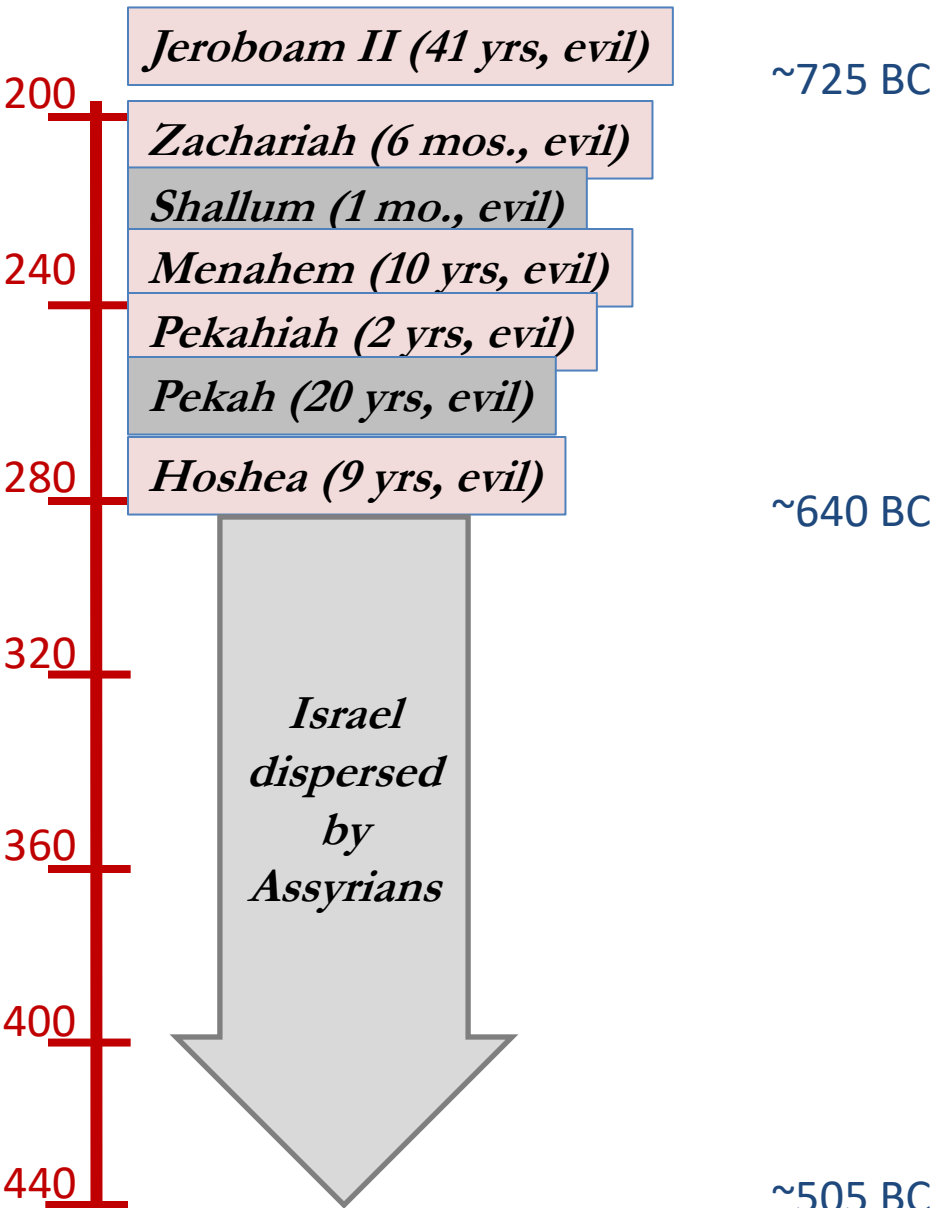


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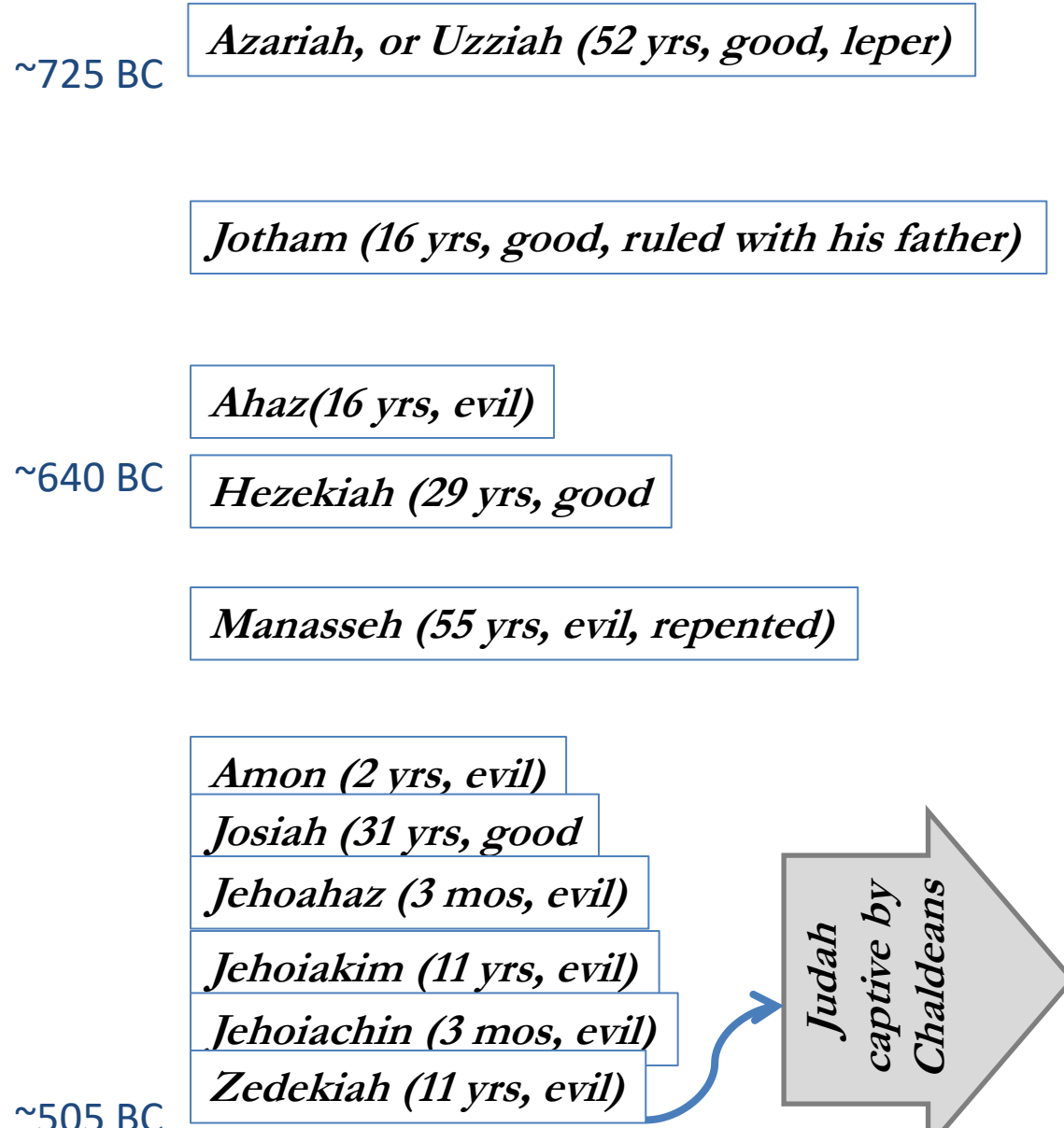


Later Kings of the Divided Nation (chapters 15-25)

ISRAEL, 10 NORTHERN TRIBES



JUDAH, THE HOUSE OF DAVID



Ahab's Son Gets Sick (chapter 1)

- Ahab's son, Ahaziah, reigned over Israel after Ahab's death (described in I Kings chap 22).
- He fell through a lattice and became very ill, so he sent messengers to Ekron to inquire of the god Baalzebub there whether or not he would get well.
- The angel of the Lord told Elijah to inform the messenger that Ahaziah would die.
- The messenger returned early and told this to the king. After inquiring what the man who told him looked like, he knew it was Elijah. He sent soldiers after Elijah.



- Elijah sat on a hill, and a captain of 50 soldiers commanded him to come down.
- Elijah bade fire to fall, and it burned them.
- Another 50 soldiers came, and this captain rudely commanded Elijah to come down.
- Fire consumed them, also.
- A third group of 50 came, and their captain humbly besought Elijah to come. Elijah went with them, and gave his message personally to king Ahaziah.
- Ahaziah died according to the word of the Lord.
- He had reigned two years, and his brother Jehoram reigned over Israel after his death.

Elijah Leaves this World (chapter 2)

- Elisha served Elijah, and though Elijah bade him stay, Elisha followed him from Gilgal to Bethel to Jericho to the crossing of Jordan River, which Elijah parted with his mantle.
- All along the way, the sons of the prophets told Elisha that God would take Elijah away, but Elisha told them to be quiet, and kept going.
- On the other side of Jordan, Elijah asked Elisha what he could do for him.
- Elisha requested a double portion of the spirit upon Elijah. Elijah said that was a hard thing, but if he saw how Elijah departed this world, then Elisha request would be granted.
- God took Elijah up to heaven with horses and chariots of fire, and Elisha saw it.
- Elijah's mantle fell to earth, and Elisha took it up, and parted the waters of Jordan with it.
- The sons of the prophets pressured Elisha into allowing a search for Elijah, so he did, but they did not find Elijah, who was with God in heaven.
- Elisha went to Jericho, and healed the source of water for the city.
- Then he went to Bethel, where many children mocked him for being bald. He cursed them, and two female bears came and tore up 42 children.



Israel, Judah, and Edom Attack Moab (chapter 3)

- Mesha, the king of Moab, had been paying 100,000 sheep in tribute to Israel, but quit.
- Jehoram (also called Joram) prepared to march on Moab and asked for Jehoshaphat to provide Judah's help. Again, Jehoshaphat did this, and they also got help from Edom.
- They decided to march through Edom, and found themselves stuck with no water.



- Jehoram despaired, and concluded that all three armies were lost.
- Jehoshaphat again asked if there was a prophet of the Lord, and Elisha was in the area.
- Elisha said he wanted nothing to do with Jeroram, son of Ahab, but he would help Jehoshaphat. He asked for a minstrel to play.
- Then, he told the armies to dig many ditches in the area. God filled the ditches with water.
- Not only did the water revive the armies, but the Moabites saw the morning sun on this water, they thought it was blood, and that the three armies had slain each other, so they attacked.
- The three armies then rose up and won a great victory. The king of Moab sacrificed a son.
- The three armies spoiled the land of Moab.

Elisha Ministers to the Hurting (chapter 4)

- A widow woman came to Elisha, saying her good husband, one of the sons of the prophets, had died in debt, and the creditor was going to take her two sons as bondmen.
- Elisha asked what she had, and all she had was a pot of oil.
- Elisha told her to borrow as many vessels as she could, to shut the door of her house on herself and her two sons, and to pour out the oil she had into the vessels.
- The oil poured and poured until it filled all the vessels she had borrowed, and then stopped.
- Elisha told her to pay the debt with the abundance of oil, and to live off selling the surplus oil.
- Another woman of great wealth appreciated Elisha's ministry, so she had her husband build a little guest room for Elisha when he travelled through their area.
- Elisha inquired what he could do for her.
- She requested nothing, but Elisha's servant told him that she was barren, and her husband quite old.
- Elisha said God would soon give them a son, and he did.
- One day, her little boy was in the field with his dad, and got a severe headache. Taken inside to his mom, he died.
- She hastily rode to Elisha, and told him what happened.
- Elisha sent his servant with his staff to raise the boy.
- The boy remained dead, so Elisha went himself and stretched himself over him. The boy sneezed, and rose!



God Heals Leprosy (chapter 5)

- The nation of Syria, enemy of Israel on the northeast, had a very successful and honored general named Naaman, who was afflicted with leprosy.
- In Naaman's household was an Israelite girl, a captive slave, who wished aloud that Naaman could visit Elisha, the prophet of God in Israel, to heal his leprosy.
- This wish made its way to the king of Syria, who sent much silver and gold to the king of Israel in order that Naaman might be healed. The king of Israel feared a pretext for war.
- Elisha heard, and rebuked the king for worrying, and said for him to send Naaman to him.
- Naaman came to Elisha's home, but Elisha only sent a servant to tell him to bathe in the Jordan River seven times to be healed of leprosy.
- Naaman was angry, having thought the prophet would come to him and wave his hands over him, or make a more visible show of healing, and he started to depart in anger.
- But one of Naaman's servants pointed out that Naaman would have been glad to do something difficult to be healed of leprosy, so why would he not try something simple?



- Naaman decided to try it, and when he bathed 7 times in Jordan, he was healed.
- He tried to give a reward to Elisha, but Elisha refused it. He also stated he would worship the true and living God, but hoped Elisha would understand when he had to go to the false temple with the king of Syria.
- Elisha's servant then chased after Naaman to claim part of the reward Elisha had refused, and became a leper himself.

Miracles and Famine (chapter 6)

- At their request, Elisha went with the sons of the prophets to build a dwelling place for themselves.
- As they were building, and axe-head slipped off and fell into the water, and it was a borrowed axe-head.
- Elisha cast a stick into the water, and the axe-head floated! They then recovered the axe-head from water.
- The king of Syria sent bands of men to ambush the king of Israel within Israel, but Elisha warned about it.
- In frustration, the king of Syria found out why his ambushes were failing, and sent a force to capture Elisha as he was dwelling in the city of Dothan.
- When the young lad who served Elisha started his morning chores, he saw the enemy forces and feared.
- Elisha told him to not be afraid, and then prayed that God would open his eyes. God did, and the lad saw that they were protected by horses and chariots of fire!
- Elisha prayed that God would smite the Syrians with blindness, and God did so. He then led them into the city of Samaria and asked for their sight to be restored. The king of Israel asked if he could attack them. Elisha said to feed them and send them home.
- Later, the king of Syria invaded Israel and besieged Samaria, causing great famine.
- The king of Israel blamed this distress on Elisha, and determined to execute him.
- But Elisha was prepared for the king's servants, and had a message for them.



The End of the Siege and the Famine (chapter 7)

- Elisha told the servants of the king of Israel that the famine would end, and that great abundance would be available, in 24 hours.
- One high-ranking lord expressed disbelief. Elisha told him he would see it, but not eat it.
- Four lepers sat near the gate of Samaria, and decided to give themselves up to the Syrians, to be killed quickly, or perhaps be fed and captured and driven off.
- When they got to the Syrian camp, it was deserted. God had caused a noise during the night of a great army, and the Syrian soldiers had fled, leaving all their goods.
- The camp was full of food and treasure, so the lepers began to enjoy it and hide it.
- Then, their consciences bothered them, and they felt they should tell the king's house.
- When king Joram (Ahab's son) heard it, he thought it a trap, and so sent scouts.
- The scouts came back and reported safety.
- Then, the people of Samaria began to rush out in order to get at the food and treasure.
- The high-ranking lord who had not believed Elisha was responsible for traffic in and out of the city gate, so he saw some of the treasure that was available.
- The rush of people was so great, however, that the people trampled over this lord, and he died. So, the word of God by the mouth of Elisha came to pass.



New Kings in Syria and Judah (chapter 8)

- Elisha warned the Shunammite woman, whose son he had raised from death, that a seven year famine was coming, so she took her family into the land of the Philistines to survive.
- Seven years later, the king of Israel was asking Gehazi, the servant of Elisha, to tell of his miracles, and Gehazi told of him raising a woman's son back to life.
- At that moment, the woman came into the court of the king to appeal to have her lands restored to her family. Gehazi told the king that this was the woman!
- The king of Israel restored the woman's lands and produce to her.
- Elisha travelled to Syria, and came into Damascus.
- King Benhadad of Syria was very sick, and sent Hazael to inquire of Elisha whether or not he would get well.
- Elisha said he might get well, but God had said he would die.
- Elisha began to weep, and Hazael asked him why. Elisha said because Hazael would do much harm to Israelites, as king of Syria.
- Hazael went back to Benhadad and reported that he would recover.
- Hazael then wet a thick cloth, and laid it on Benhadad's face.
- Benhadad strangled, and Hazael took the throne of Syria.
- In Judah, Jehoshaphat die, and his son Joram (or Jehoram) reigned, who had married Athaliah, the daughter of Ahab.
- Joram reigned eight years, and was very evil. Although he won some military victories, Judah lost control of Edom and Libnah.
- Joram died, and his evil son Ahaziah reigned two years. Ahaziah travelled to Israel to visit his wounded cousin, king of Israel.



A New King in Israel (chapter 9)

- Elisha instructed a child of the prophets to take a box of oil, go to the army at Ramoth-gilead, take Jehu into a private room, and anoint him king over Israel, and flee.
- When Jehu emerged from the anointing, his fellow captains asked what had happened. At first, he thought they knew, but then told them that the man had anointed him king.
- The captains laid down their garments and sounded a trumpet and declared him king.
- Jehu then rode swiftly to Jezreel, where Joram, king of Israel, was recovering from wounds, and Ahaziah, king of Judah, was visiting him. Joram sent two messengers to intercept.
- When Jehu passed both messengers, Joram got in his own chariot, and rode out to see.
- Joram asked if Jehu came in peace, and Jehu said no peace as long as Jezebel lived.



- Joram fled, and Jehu shot him in his chariot.
- Ahaziah fled, and Jehu's men caught up with him, and he died in Megiddo (Armagedon).
- Jehu rode into Jezreel, where Jezebel put on her make-up and threatened Jehu.
- Jehu told the eunuchs that, if they supported him, to throw her off her balcony.
- They did, and Jehu's horses trampled her.
- Jehu went inside to eat, and then ordered her funeral, but by this time the dogs had eaten her body except for her skull, feet and palms of her hands, fulfilling the words of Elijah.

Ahab's Legacy Destroyed (chapter 10)

- Jezebel and Ahab's son Joram were dead, but God had charged Jehu to destroy the house of Ahab out of Israel, and Ahab had 70 sons in Samaria.
- Jehu wrote letters to the elders of Jezreel and Samaria and said for them to pick a son as king and fight, or else to cut off all 70 heads.
- They cut off the sons' heads, and then Jehu made public their complicity in his reign.
- Jehu slew 42 men coming to visit Ahaziah.
- Jehu asked Jonadab, if in agreement with him, to enter his chariot and behold his zeal.
- Jehu then proclaimed a feast unto Baal, gathered all Baal's followers, and gave them special garments. He made sure no servants of the true Lord were among them.
- Then he instructed his men to slay all of the followers of Baal, and so they did.
- So Jehu destroyed the house of Ahab, and destroyed the worship of Baal, and God said that his sons would sit on the throne of Israel for four generations.
- But Jehu did not care for the worship of the Lord, or take heed unto God's other commandments, and he continued the worship of the golden calves.
- God gave Israel less military success, and the Syrians had more success.
- Jehu reigned for 28 years, and then died, and his son Jehoahaz took his place.



Ahab's Daughter Tries to Seize the Throne (chapter 11)

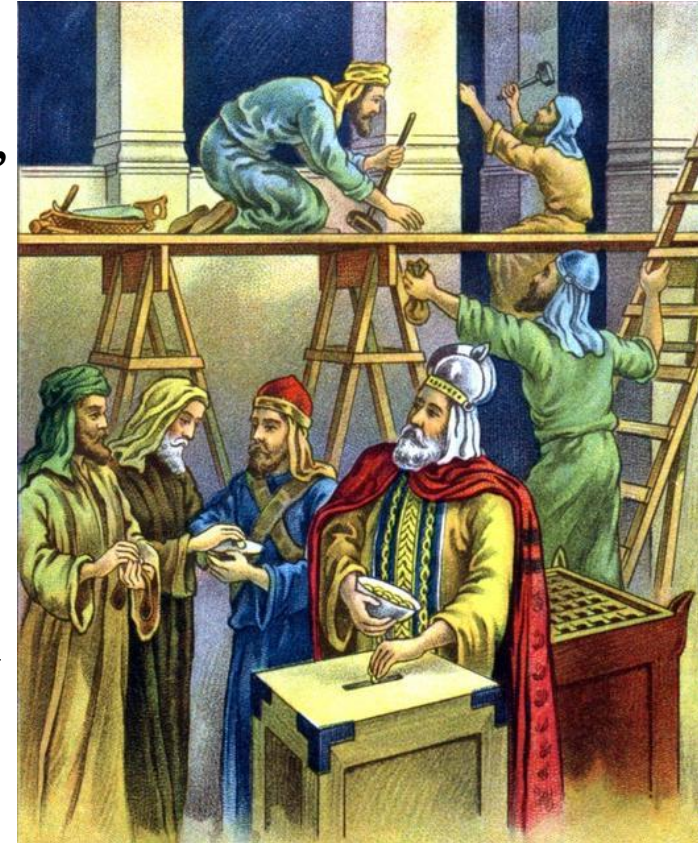
- Athaliah was Ahab's daughter, and the widow of Joram, king of Judah, and mother of Ahaziah, who had been slain by Jehu while visiting the other Joram in Israel.
- She had all of the royal seed (perhaps her own grandchildren!) put to death so she herself could rule on the throne in Jerusalem.
- Jehosheba, the sister of Ahaziah, wife of Jehoiada the high priest, stole away one little baby named Joash, who was her nephew (Ahaziah's son) - she and her husband hid him.
- They continued hiding Joash until he was seven years old.
- Jehoida called together the leaders of the military, and shewed young Joash to them.



- Jehoida told them to be in key positions in the temple to anoint the lad, who was of the house of David, and gave them weapons of David from the temple.
- They anointed Joash, and cried "God save the king".
- Athaliah walked in on this and cried "Treason"!
- Jehoida commanded for her to be taken and put to death, and then the land rejoiced and had peace.

King Jehoash, or Joash (chapter 12)

- Jehoash (also called Joash) began to reign over Judah when he was only 7 years old, and did what was right all the days that the high priest Jehoiada, who saved his life, lived. But the people still did not worship in the temple.
- Jehoash commanded that all the money that came to the priests should be used to repair the temple.
- After 23 years, the temple was still not repaired!
- Jehoash was not happy, and instructed the priests not to receive any more money, but turn it over for repairs.
- The priests agreed to take no more money, but not to do the repairs.
- Jehoiada bored a hole in the lid of a collection chest and put it by the altar at the entrance to the temple, and when the chest was full, he emptied it and set it out again.
- When they collected much, they gave the money to faithful workmen, who did the repair.
- In II Chronicles, the scriptures tell how Jehoash forsook the Lord after Jehoiada's death.
- He bought off Hazael, king of Syria, to avoid war.
- Jehoash's servants made a conspiracy against him, and killed him. In II Chronicles, the scripture state that Jehoash had reigned 40 years. In the last 2 years of his reign, the king of Israel was also named Joash (or Jehoash).
- Jehoash's son, Amaziah, reigned over Judah in his father's stead.



The Death of Elisha (chapter 13)



- Jehoahaz succeeded his father Jehu as king of Israel, but did evil, holding on to the sins of Jereboam I, i.e., the worship of golden calves. He reigned 17 years.
- During this time, God gave them much loss to Syria.
- Jehoahaz called on God and survived, but Israelites had to go back to living in tents, and he barely had an army.
- His son Joash (Jehoash) ruled for 16 yrs. after his death.
- Joash did evil, but he went to see Elisha, who was sick.
- He wept over Elisha, but the prophet told him to take a bow and some arrows, and he put his hands over Joash's.
- He told Joash to shoot an arrow eastward out the window, and Joash did that. He told Joash that it was the arrow of the Lord's deliverance from Syria.
- He told Joash to hold the arrows and smite the ground.
- Joash smote the ground three times, and Elisha was angry he did not smite more times, for he said that Israel would only smite Syria three times.
- Elisha died and was buried. One day afterward, when they were burying another man in that graveyard, the Moabite invaded, and they quickly threw the body into the tomb. The body rolled up against the bones of Elisha, and the man revived, and stood up!
- Hazael died, and his son Ben-hadad ruled after him. God was merciful to Israel.
- Joash defeated the Syrians three times, and recovered some Israelite cities.

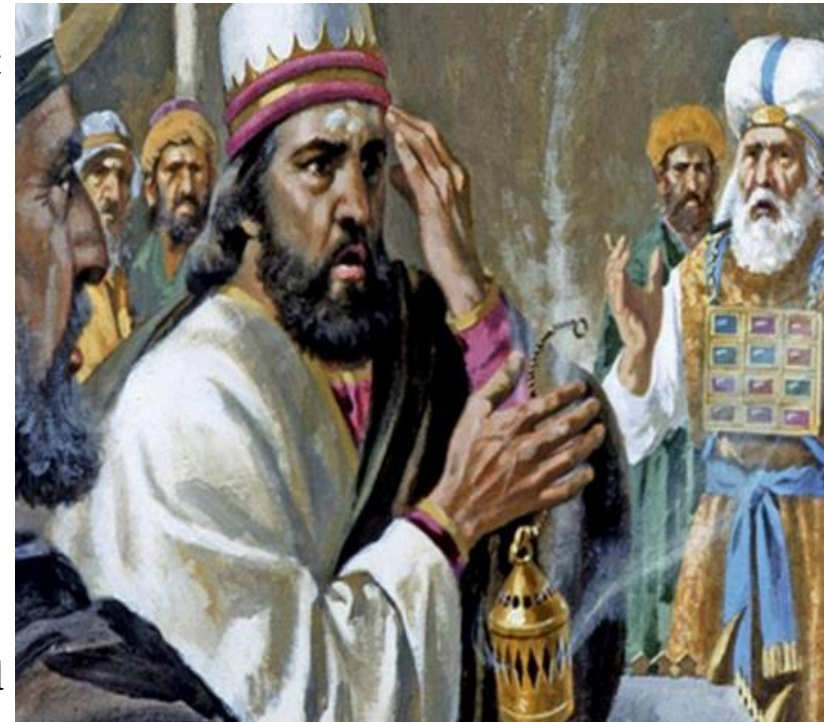
Battle Between Israel and Judah (chapter 14)

- Amaziah was 25 when he succeeded his father Jehoash; Like him, he started off doing right, but then forsook the Lord. He slew those who killed his father, but not their kids.
- He won a great victory against the Edomites. In II Chronicles, the scriptures say that he obeyed God, dismissing ungodly mercenaries of north Israel, who then went away mad.
- After obeying God in shewing mercy and dismissing mercenaries and winning a victory, II Chronicles states that he set up gods from Edom, and began to worship them!
- Having won this victory, he challenged king Joash of Israel, who warned him against starting war.
- Amaziah ignored the warning and started the battle. He lost, and was taken captive by Joash.
- Joash brought him to Jerusalem and broke down part of the walls of the city.
- Amaziah outlived Joash by 15 years, and continued to reign over Judah (29 years in all). But a conspiracy arose against him, and he fled Jerusalem and went to Lachish, but the conspirators followed him and slew him there.
- The people took his son, Azariah (or Uzziah), and made him king at 16 years old. He reigned 52 years.
- Meanwhile, Jereboam II succeeded his father Joash as king of Israel 41 years, and though he continued the golden calf worship, God showed mercy to Israel.



Israel Declines, Judah Holds On (chapter 15)

- Although Azariah (Uzziah) was a good king, reigning from 16 to 68 years old, he attempted to act as a priest, and the Lord struck him with leprosy.
- For the last years of his reign, his son Jotham did the public role of king so he could live in quarantine.
- In Israel, Jereboam II died and his son Zachariah reigned, fulfilling God's promise that Jehu's children to the 4th generation should reign in Israel. But Zachariah did evil, so his reign lasted only 6 months.
- A man named Shallum conspired and killed him, and took the throne for one month. Menahem killed him.
- Menahem reigned cruelly for 10 years, and did evil, and his son Pekahiah succeeded him.
- Pekahiah reigned 2 years, and did evil, and Pekah conspired against him and killed him.
- Pekah reigned for 20 years, and did evil, and even frightened the nation of Judah once.
- Hoshea made a conspiracy against Pekah, and killed him.
- Hoshea then reigned 9 years as the last king of Israel's 10 tribes.
- Meanwhile, Azariah died; Jotham succeeded his father as king of Judah, and did right.
- Jotham was 25 when he began to reign, and reigned 16 years.
- When he died, his son Ahaz reigned over the nation of Judah.



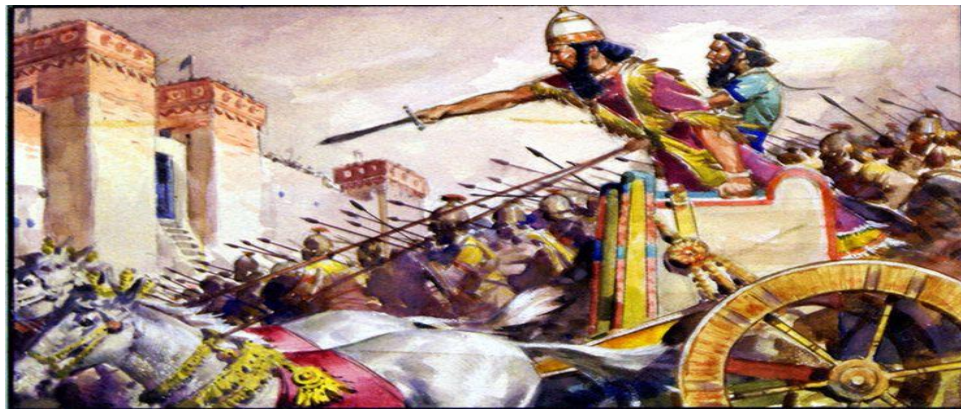
Judah Weakened; Israel Fallen (chapters 16-17)



- Ahaz was 20 when he first reigned in Judah, and reigned 16 years, and did evil by idolatry and child sacrifice.
- He was afraid of Israel and Syria, and paid Assyria.
- He set up a false Syrian altar, to use with the true altar.
- He died, and his son Hezekiah reigned after him.
- In the 6th year of Hezekiah, the 9th year of Hosea, Shalmaneser king of Assyria besieged and took Samaria.
- In chastisement for their many sins, and ignoring God's prophets, God caused most Israelites to be taken captive and dispersed throughout the middle east.
- The Assyrians brought in other peoples to occupy Israel.
- These people brought in other gods, and the true God sent lions among them, which gave them trouble.
- The Assyrian king sent a priest of the Lord to teach the commandments of the God of Israel, and so the people adopted a mix of true and false religion.
- These mixed people feared God, but served their idols.
- They eventually were called Samaritans.

Hezekiah and the Revival of Judah (chapters 18-19)

- The nation of Judah was very weak because of the idolatry of Ahaz.
- Hezekiah his son came to the throne at 25, and reigned 29 years, and did that which was right in God's sight.
- Hezekiah trusted in the Lord God, and worshipped him. He even destroyed Moses' brazen serpent, because people had begun to worship it! He called it a piece of brass.
- In Hezekiah's 6th year, Israel fell. In Hezekiah's 14th year, Assyrian king Sennacherib marched in Judah, took cities, and besieged Jerusalem.
- Rabshakeh, envoy of Sennacherib, came to Jerusalem to tell them to surrender, saying they could not look for help from Egypt, or from any god.
- Hezekiah sent word to the prophet Isaiah to pray, and Isaiah received a message of comfort from God.
- Rabshakeh was called away, and sent a very threatening letter to Hezekiah, who spread the letter before the Lord.
- Again, God comforted Hezekiah, and sent an angel who destroyed 185,000 Assyrian soldiers camped about the city.
- Sennacherib retreated to Assyria, where he was murdered by two of his sons.



Hezekiah Healed, But Stumbles (chapter 20)

- Hezekiah, in his 14th year of rule, became very sick, and God sent Isaiah to him to tell him to get ready to die.
- Hezekiah wept, and prayed that God would spare him from death. God heard his cry, and gave him 15 more years, and told Isaiah to lay a lump of figs on Hezekiah's boil.
- God caused the sundial shadow to go backward 10 degrees as a sign of his answer.
- Berodach-baladan, the king of Babylon, sent messengers to Jerusalem to congratulate him on his healing.
- Hezekiah showed them all his treasures.
- When Isaiah asked him what they had seen, Hezekiah told him they had seen everything.
- Isaiah told him all these treasures would be carried to Babylon, and that Hezekiah's descendants would be eunuchs in the court of Babylon. Hezekiah was glad to hear that there would be peace in his years.
- Hezekiah ruled 15 more years, and then died in peace. His son Manasseh came to the throne to reign in his place.



Manasseh and Amon (chapter 21)



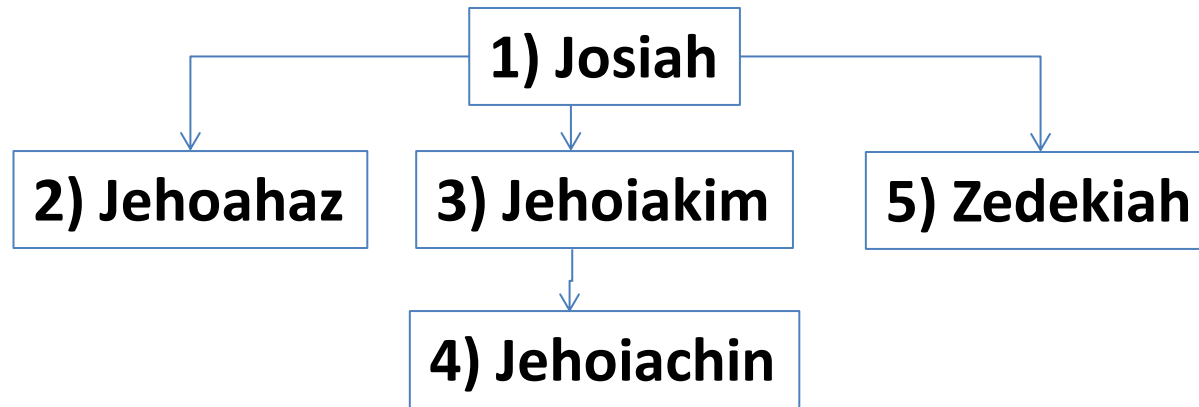
- Manasseh began to reign at 12 years old, and did evil.
- He reigned for 55 years, and rebuilt sites for the worship of false gods, and set an idol, and altars for the worship of false gods even in the temple itself.
- He sacrificed his own child, and practiced witchcraft, and he shed much innocent blood.
- The nation followed Manasseh into idolatry.
- For this evil, God determined to destroy Jerusalem, and send the people into captivity.
- The book of II Chronicles tells us that the king of Assyria captured Manasseh, and held him prisoner in Babylon. When he was there, he repented, and made it back to Jerusalem, where he began to tear down the idols, strengthen the nation of Judah, and repair the temple.
- Manasseh died at the age of 67, and his son, Amon, began to reign at the age of 22.
- Amon, like his father Manasseh, did that which was very evil in God's sight.
- He reigned 2 years, and his servants slew him.

Tender-hearted King Josiah (chapter 22)

- After the murder of Amon, the people of the land made his son Josiah king at 8 years old.
- Josiah was a good king, and did that which was right in the sight of the Lord.
- When Josiah was 26, he began a serious work of cleaning and repairing the house of the Lord, and the workers labored faithfully.
- While doing this work, they came across a copy of the scriptures, which they brought to the king and read.
- When the scriptures were read unto Josiah, he tore his clothes in grief, because he realized that the nation had not been correctly following the Lord their God.
- He sent messenger to a prophetess of God named Huldah, who sent back word that God would indeed judge Jerusalem and Judah for their many transgressions against his precepts.
- She also said that, because Josiah's heart was tender and humble before God, there would be peace during the reign of Josiah, which lasted 31 years.



Josiah and the Last Kings (chapters 23-24)



- Josiah tore down idols and their system of worship in Jerusalem and surrounding areas.
- In Bethel, he tore down the altar of the golden calf, and fulfilled the prophecy of I Kings chapter 13, burning the priests' bones, but sparing the bones of the man of God.
- Josiah kept a blessed passover with the nation of Judah. He then decided to fight against Pharaoh-necho, and was mortally wounded at Megiddo.
- His son Jehoahaz took the throne at 23, but did evil. He reigned only 3 months, and was captured by Pharaoh-necho, who took him to Egypt to die, and put his brother Eliakim on the throne in his place after taking much tribute, and changed his name to Jehoiakim.
- Jehoiakim began to reign at 25, and reigned 11 years, but he did evil also. Nebuchadnezzar came against him, and took him and some of the people captive (like Daniel) to Babylon, and put his son Jehoiachin on the throne at 8 years old.
- Jehoiachin reigned a little over 3 months, and did that which was evil. Nebuchadnezzar surrounded Jerusalem, and Jehoiachin and his family surrendered and were taken to Babylon. Nebuchadnezzar put his uncle Mattaniah on the throne, and changed his name to Zedekiah.

The Fall of Jerusalem (chapter 25)



- Zedekiah reigned 11 years, and did evil before God.
- The Chaldean army came again in the 9th year of his reign, and held Jerusalem in siege until it fell in the 11th year.
- The Chaldeans slew Zedekiah's sons before his eyes, then blinded him, and took him to prison in Babylon.

- The Chaldeans destroyed the wall of Jerusalem and the temple, and took very many of the people into captivity. They left an Israelite named Gedaliah to serve as their governor, but some of the Israelites slew him.
- In fear, many of the people of Judah fled to Egypt, which was vain, for Nebuchadnezzar also conquered Egypt. Years later, a remnant returned.
- The precious vessels of the temple were taken as spoil to Babylon.
- After 37 years of captivity, Evil-Merodach, king of the Chaldeans after Nebuchadnezzar, showed mercy to the former young king Jehoiachin, and gave him better clothes and food at the king's table, and gave him a daily allowance.

