

The Kings of Judah

King	Period	Character	Historical
Rehoboam	931-913	Bad	I Kings 11:42-14::31; II Chron. 9:31-12:16
Abijam	913-9-11	Bad	I Kings 14:31-15:8; II Chron. 13:1-22
Asa	911-870	Good	I Kings 15:8-24; II Chronicles 14:1-16:14
Jehoshaphat	873-848	Good	I Kings 22:41-50; II Chron. 17:1-20:37
Jehoram	853-841	Bad	II Kings 8:16-24; II Chron. 21 (Stricken by God)
Ahaziah	841	Bad	II Kings 8:24-9:29; II Chron. 22 (murdered)
Athaliah	841-835	Bad	II Kings 11:1-20; II Chron. 22:10-23:21 (M)
Joash	835-796	Good	II Kings 11:1-12:21; II Chron. 22-24:27 (M)
Amazia	797-767	Good	II Kings 14:1-20; II Chron. 25:1-28 (murdered)
Axariah	792-740	Good	II Kings 15:1-7; II Chron. 26:1-23 (Stricken)
Jotham	750-732	Good	II Kings 15:32-38; II Chron. 27:1-9
Ahaz	735-716	Bad	II Kings 16:1-20; II Chron. 28:1-27
Hezekiah	716-687	Good	II Kings 18:1-20:21; II Chron. 29:1-32:33
Manasseh	697-643	Bad	II Kings 21:1-18; II Chron. 33:1-20
Amon	643-641	Bad	II Kings 21:19-26; II Chron. 33:21-25 (M)
JOSIAH	641-609	Good	II Kings 22:1-23:30; I Chron. 34:1-35:27
Jehoahaz	609 (3 mo.)	Bad	II Kings 23:31-33; II Chron. 36:1-4 (Deposed)
Jehoiakim	609-598	Bad	II Kings 23:34-24:5; II Chron. 36:5-7 (B)
Jehoiachin	598 (3 mo.)	Bad	II Kings 24:6-16; II Chron. 36:8-10 (Deposed)
Zedekiah	597-58	Bad	II Kings 24:17-25:30; II Chron. 36:11-21

Zedekiah was controlled by Babylon

Miscellaneous Information

- Some of the reigns overlap due to co-regencies (concurrent reigns). There were periods of anarchy where a new king reigned in the same year following a very short reign.
- Judah**
 - Judah – the Southern Kingdom had 20 kings, eight good - all one dynasty, house of David. During this time there were four great revivals. Time period: 390 years. It was most important to maintain the line of David. Mary was told that she would have a son named Jesus and that He would occupy the throne of His father, David.
 - The line of the kings of Judah demonstrates the fulfillment of the Davidic Covenant – An eternal kingdom (II Samuel 7:12-13 – Jesus Christ is the Eternal King).
 - After seventy years of captivity in Babylon, the children of Israel began to make their way back into the land of promise.
 - Great reformers in Judah include Asa, Jehoshaphat, Hezekiah, and Josiah.
 - Athaliah was the only woman to rule in Judah and she was very wicked.
 - The three sons of Josiah turned the nation back to corruption, apostasy and pagan worship. During their 22 year reign, Jeremiah warned extensively concerning what would happen if God's people did not return to Him. The failure of the people to believe Jeremiah led to the end of the line of kings in Judah in 586 BC with the Babylonian captivity.
- Israel** - the northern Kingdom had 19 kings, all bad and nine dynasties. There were no revivals during this time and they were finally dispersed to Assyria in 722 BC.

Promise

- Manasseh's sins will bring disaster - II Kings 21:10-16
- Josiah will escape impending evil days - II Kings 22:15-20

Fulfillment

- II Kings 23:26
- II Kings 23:29-30