SAUL

DAVID

SOLOMON

Israel (Samaria)

Jeroboam

Did evil in the sight of the LORD

Fearing his tribes would return to Jerusalem during the Feast Days, he built 2 golden calves & placed one in Bethel & the other in Dan. Invented a holy day in the 8th month. Expelled the Levites & made priests of the lowest sort.

Nadab

Jeroboam’s son

Did evil in the sight of the LORD

Baasha

From the House of Issachar-overthrew Nadab-smote ALL the House of Jeroboam

Did evil in the sight of the LORD

Elah

Baasha’s son

Did evil in the sight of the LORD

Zimri

Elah’s captain who murdered Elah & the ENTIRE House of Baasha

Reigned 7 days

Omri

Zimri’s captain who killed Zimri

Did evil in the sight of the LORD

Omri bought & built the city of Samaria. Israel’s capital was then relocated from Shekam to Samaria. 1Kings 16:24

Ahab

Omri’s son

Did evil above all

Married Jezebel, the daughter of a Zidonian king

Built an altar to Baal

Elijah the Tishbite killed Ahab’s false prophets for which Jezebel swears to kill Elijah.

God tells Elijah to anoint Hazael to be king over Syria & Jehu over Israel. These 2 men slaughter Israel. God protected only a remnant of 7,000 that did not ‘bend the knee to Baal’.

Ahaziah

Ahab’s son

Did evil in the sight of the LORD

Also served Baal

Jehoshaphat made alliance with Ahaziah as he had made an alliance with his father, Ahab.

Jehoram (aka Joram)

Brother to Ahaziah, son of Jezebel

(Ahaziah fathered no heir)

Jehoshaphat was still reigning in Judah when Jehoram began to reign

Judah (Jerusalem)

Rehoboam

Solomon’s son

Did evil in the sight of the LORD

God allowed Egypt to make servants of the Judeans. However, because Rehoboam repented, God did not permit the Egyptians to further destroy Jerusalem.

(2Chron 12)

Abijam (aka Abijah)

Rohoboam’s son

Did evil in the sight of the LORD

Asa

Did right in the sight of the LORD

The Lord destroys an attempt by the Ethiopians to attack Judah.

(2Chron 16)

Baasha, King of Israel, came against Asa. Asa responded by giving Benhadad, King of Syria, treasures from the House of the Lord to secure his protection. God then tells Asa that because he sought protection from Damascus rather than the Lord God, Judah would be at war throughout the rest of Asa’s reign.

Also: Asa was severely diseased in his feet & sought help from the physicians-another offense to the Lord.

Jehoshaphat

Asa’s son

Did right in the sight of the LORD

Reigned 25 years

Moab, Ammon & Mt Seir were ready to invade Judah. God tells Jehoshaphat: ‘Stand ye still & see the salvation of the Lord’. 2Chron 20:17

The people of Judah sang praises to God instead of fighting. Meanwhile, Moab & Ammon attacked Mt Seir & then destroyed each other. 2Chron 20:21-23

Jehoram

Jehoshapat’s son

Did evil in the sight of the LORD

Slew all his brethren & married a daughter of Ahab from the House of Israel.

During his reign the Edomites rebelled against Judah. God permited Judah to prevail in spite of Jehoram because of the promises given to David. Elijah prophesied Jehoram would be smitten with an incurable disease of the bowels & that they will fall out of his body. After 2 years this came to pass & he died.

Ahaziah

Jehoram’s son

Mother: Athalia

Reigned one year

Also married a woman from the House of Ahab.

WAR

Rehoboam/

Jeroboam

WAR

Asa/

Baasha

ALLIANCE

Jehoshaphat/

Ahab

ALLIANCE

Ahaziah/

Jehoram

Jehu

Son of Judean king, Jehoshapaht

Anointed by Elisha

Jehu destroyed the House of Ahab & killed Judean king, Ahaziah.

However, he kept the golden calves in Dan & Bethel & departed not from the sins of Jeroboam.

Ahaziah & Israel’s King Jehoram warred together against Syria.

Elisha anointed Jehu, son of Jehoshaphat, to destroy the House of Ahab (which had also infiltrated Judah by marriage) & to be king over the northern 10 tribes. Jehu succeeded in killing both Israel’s King Jehoram & Judah’s King Ahaziah. He also killed Ahab’s wife, Jezebel.

Note: God destroyed the House of Ahab (Israel), but not the House of Ahaziah because of the promise that was made to David.

Jehoshaphat & Ahab made an alliance to war in Ramothgilead against Syria. God’s only prophet in Samaria, Micaiah warned against it. However, the LORD had sent a ‘lying spirit’ in the mouths of the many false prophets who favored war. Ahab ignored Micaiah’s solitary word of caution & was killed in the battle.

God was wroth with Jehoshaphat for having made an alliance with Ahab. Later, God is wroth again when Jehoshaphat makes a second alliance with Ahab’s son, Ahaziah, to build ships. The LORD broke the ships so that they were never able to sail to Tarshish as planned.

Athaliah

Ahaziah’s mother

Did evil in the sight of the LORD

Realizing her son, Ahaziah, was killed by Jehu, Athaliah quickly set out to then destroy all the royal seed in Judah before assuming position as Queen. However, an infant of the royal line, Joash, was hidden in the House of the Lord for 6 years.

Athalia allowed the House of the Lord to be broken up.

WAR

Amaziah/

Joash

Jehoahaz

Jehu’s son

Did evil in the sight of the Lord

Reigned for 17 years

The Lord delivered him into the hand of Hazael, king of Syria, & Hazael’s son, Benhedad.

Joash (aka Jehoash)

Jehoahaz’ son

Did evil in the sight of the LORD

The king visited Elisha while he was on his death bed. Elisha told the king that in order to predict Israel’s strength over Syria he must shoot arrows into the ground. Joash shot 3 times & stopped. Elisha became wroth & said,

“If you had shot 5-6 times Syria would have been destroyed. Now you will only hold them back 3 times, but they are destined to return & prevail over Israel.”

Jeroboam

Joash’s son

Did evil in the sight of the LORD

(Jonah was prophet: 2Kings 14:25)

Zacahariah

Jeroboam’s son

Reigned 6 months

Did evil in the sight of the LORD

Shalem (aka Shallum)

Took the throne from Zachariah

Did evil in the sight of the LORD

Reigned 6 months

Menahem

Did evil in the sight of the LORD

Pul, king of Assyria, came against Israel. However, Menahem caused all the wealthy men of Jerusalem to pay 50 shekels of silver each & Pul retreated after receiving the money.

Jehoash (aka Joram) (aka Joash)

Ahaziah’s son

Did right in the sight of the LORD

Joash was set upon the throne by Jehoiada the priest when he was 7 years old.

He took the throne from Athalia.

Repaired the House of the Lord

To avoid war with Hazael, King of Syria, Joash gave all hallowed treasures of the House of the Lord to him.

After Jehoiada the priest died, Joash & his sons began to worship idols.

Zechariah, Jehoida’s son, prophesied against them & was stoned.

After (& because of) Zechariah’s stoning, God sent Syria to prevail over Judah.

Joash was slain by his servants.

Amaziah

Joash’s son

Did right in the sight of the Lord

Warred against & destroyed the Edomites

However, he took the Edomite Gods back with him & bowed down before them. For this God permitted Israel (Joash) to war against Judah & prevail.

Uzziah (aka Azariah)

Amaziah’s son

Did right in the sight of the LORD

Uzziah, in a state of victorious exileration after a successful battle, made the mistake of burning incense in the temple of the Lord. He immediately became leprous & lost his kingship. He spent the rest of his days dwelling in a several house outside of Jerusalem.

Jotham

Uzziah’s son

Did right in the sight of the LORD

Started to reign at 25 & reigned 16 years

Judged Judah while his leprous father dwelt in a several house.

Pekahiah

Menaham’s son

Did evil in the sight of the LORD

Pekah, his captain, slew him & took his place

Pekah

Son of Remaliah

Did evil in the sight of the LORD

Invaded Judah & took the people as bondmen.

However, Oded the prophet spoke against this action as did other Israelite leaders, so the prisoners were clothed, fed & released.

Hoshea

Son of Elah

Did evil in the sight of the LORD

Reigned 9 years

Hoshea was servant to the king of Assyria. When he rebelled, Assyria invaded Samaria & took the people captive, scattering them across Assyrian Territory so they could pose no threat the empire. (=the Diaspora) Shalmaneser, king of Assyria, placed the Israelites in the ‘cities of the Medes’. 2Kings 17:6

Ahaz

Jotham’s son

Did evil in the sight of the LORD

Built an altar modeled after one seen in Damascus.

Completely rearranged the temple furniture, holy things & rituals.

Made his son pass through the fire

Israel & Syria allied themselves to invade Judah.

King Ahaz sent the treasures of the House of the Lord to the king of Assyria as payment for protection. Judah was spared.

Isaiah prophesied that the alliance between Syria (King Rezin) & Ephraim (under Pekah) would not prevail against Judah.

Hezekiah

Ahaz’ son

Did right

~Hezekiah broke Moses’ brass serpent.

~He held a great Passover (in the second

month) that lasted 14 days. He sent invitations

into Israel, but most “laughed him to scorn”.

~After Assyria took Samaria, king Sennacherib’s

captain, Rabshekeh, vocally admonished the

Judean army that no nation was strong enough to

withstand an Assyrian assault. Moreover, he warned

that no god could possibly protect a people against

 the inevitable, declaring that surrender was the only

reasonable alternative. Additionally, king Sennacherib

sent a letter listing all his conquests. Hezekiah sought the Lord

& the prophet Isaiah tells him to be unafraid of the Assyrian.

That night an angel of the Lord killed (about) 185,000 Assyrian soldiers

& Rabshekeh returns home in ignomy.

~Hezekiah was seriously ill. Isaiah told him to prepare

to die. Devastated, Hezekiah prayed throughout the night.

God responded by granting him 15 more years. As a sign, the Lord set the

shadow on a sun dial back 10%.

~The king of Babylon visited after his recovery & Hezekiah

showed him all Judah’s wealth. Isaiah prophesied that this

mistake would result in a Babylonian invasion & the total looting of Judah,

but not for several generations to come.

Manasseh

Hezekiah’s son

12 days old when he began to reign

reigned 55 years

Did evil in the sight of the LORD

Caused his children to pass through the fire

Put a carved image in God’s temple

The king of Assyria took him to Babylon where he repented before God. He was returned to Jerusalem & tore down all the altars of strange gods.

Amon

Manasseh’s son

Began to reign at 22 & reigned for 2 years.

Did evil in the sight of the LORD

Amon was killed by his servants.

Josiah

Amon’s son

8 years old when he began to reign & reigned 31 years.

Did right in the sight of the LORD

When Josiah was 26 years of age Hilkiah the priest discovered the Book of the Law in the House of the Lord. Josiah realized that Judah was long in violation of the Lord’s precepts. He inquired guidance of Huldah the prophetess. She prophesied that God intended evil upon Judah. However, she also reassured Josiah that God would protect him from the evil by bringing him to a peaceful death prior to the devastation. Josiah destroyed all the idols in Jerusalem, Bethel & even Samaria.

When the Egyptian army was crossing his territory to war against Assyria, the Egyptian warned Josiah to remain uninvolved. He launched an attack anyway & was killed. Jeremiah mourned his death.

2Kings 22-23

Jehoahaz (aka Shallum)

Josiah’s son

Did evil in the sight of the LORD

Pharaoh dethroned Jehoahaz & placed his brother in his stead.

Jehoiakim (aka Eliakim)

Pharaoh made the name change from Eliakim to Jehoiakim-

Also Josiah’s son

Did evil in the sight of the LORD

Taxed Judah to pay Pharaoh

The Lord commanded Jeremiah to dictate warnings of the impending Babylonian invasion as evidence of God’s wrath.

Baruch the scribe did the actual writing onto a scroll.

When certain Judean princes revealed the scroll to Jehoiakim, he threw it into a fire. For this action, God declared that Jehoiakim would have none to sit upon the throne of David. Nebuchadrezzar took him to Babylon.

Johoiachin (aka Coniah) (aka Jecoiah)

Jehoiakim’s son

Did evil in the sight of the LORD

Reigned 3 months

Babylon further ravages Jersusalem.

Nebuchadrezzar also took Jehoiachin into Babylon, making Mattaniah, Hehoiachin’s father’s brother, king over Judah. In the process Nebuchadrezzar changed Mattaniah’s name to Zedekiah.

In the 13th year of Jehoicahin’s captivity, the new king of Babylon, Evilmerodach, took him out of his prison cell & treated him with kindness.

(Jehoiachin was grandfather to Zerubbabel.)

Zedekiah (aka Mattaniah)

Jehoiakim’s brother

Did evil in the sight of the LORD

Reigned 11 years

He was the last king of Judah.

Zedekiah was also warned by Jeremiah, but failed to heed the cautions.

During the final Babylonian invasion, Nebuchadrezzar took EVERYTHING from the temple, including Solomon’s 2 door pillars, Jachin & Boaz.

He also burnt the entire city.

However, Nebuchadrezzar left the poor of the land to be vinedressers & husbandmen.

Zedekiah did not listen to Jeremiah’s warning to go willingly into captivity. Instead, he tried to escape. Upon capture, Nebuchadrezzar killed his sons & then blinded Zedekiah.