

**Divided Kingdom Period:
Israel- Northern Kingdom Until Captivity.
*I Kings 12:1-22:53; II Kings 1:1-17:41; II Chronicles 10:1-36:23***

TWO KINGDOMS:

With the death of Solomon God promised the kingdom would be divided and 10 tribes would be ruled by Jeroboam. (see *I Kings 11:31*) *I Kings 12* records the unwise decision of Rehoboam, Solomon's son, to disregard the advice of the old men and take the advice of the young men to tax the people more. Rehoboam was an arrogant young man. (See *I Kings 12:12-13*) The ten northern tribes rebel against him and Jeroboam become king of the ten tribes as prophesied *I Kings 12:20*. The seed of David ruled only the tribes of Judah and Benjamin from this time forward.

At this point in the study we will study the two nations chronologically but only one at a time. This is not a precise study because of the relationship they had to each other and the overlapping of history. We will study the Northern Kingdom first. This study will include the 19 kings of the north. In STEP 15 we will study the prophets to the Northern Kingdom. Please consult **STEPS IN TIME I and III** for this study.

NORTHERN KINGDOM:

The Northern Kingdom was known as Israel, It is also called at times Samaria because of its capital. There were 10 of the 12 tribes in this kingdom. The Northern Kingdom had a total of 19 kings and nine dynasties (families) of rulers. All 19 of the kings of the north were evil kings that did not follow God. The fate of the kingdom was to be conquered and deported by Assyrians in 722 B.C.

KINGS OF THE KINGDOM:

Allow me to give a very brief comment on the reign of each king in the order they ruled. You will notice some of the king's rule overlapped others. This is due to co-reigns of a king and his son. All dates are from *The Reese's Chronological Bible*. The number following the king's name is the years he ruled. The scripture is given for your personal study.

FIRST DYNASTY

1- Jeroboam I- 22 years: 945-924
I Kings 11:26-14:20; II Chron 9:29-13:22

Jeroboam was one of Solomon's cabinet members. He was the one who led the revolt of the ten Northern Kingdom. Jeroboam led the nation into pagan worship when he set up the calves to be worshipped at Bethel. Apostasy would be their legacy from this time forward.

God destroyed his pagan altars paralyzed his arms and struck his son as punishment. He was defeated in battle by Abijah, second king of the Southern Kingdom. He died of a plague from God upon him.

2-Nadab- 2 years: 925-924
I Kings 15:25-28

Nabab was the son of Jeroboam and was assassinated by a man named Baasha. This is the end of the first dynasty and the beginning of the second. *1 Kings 14:14* stated, **"Moreover the LORD shall raise him up a king over Israel, who shall cut**

***off the house of Jeroboam that day:
but what? even now."***

SECOND DYNASTY

3- Baasha- 24 years: 924-901

I Kings 15:27-16:7; II Chron 16:1-6

Baasha had fulfilled the prophecy of Ahijah when he killed Nabad. Baasha fought against Asa the third king of Judah (The Southern Kingdom) and built a wall to prevent trade with Jerusalem. His seed would also be destroyed the same as Jeroboam's.

4- Elah- 2 years: 902-900

I Kings 16:6-14

Elah the son of Baasha came to the kingship after his father. A drunken soldier assassinated him and the second dynasty ended.

THIRD DYNASTY

5- Zimri- 7 days: 900

I Kings 16:9-20

Zimri had fulfilled prophecy by killing Elah but ruled only 7 days as king. He was trapped in his own palace and had a fiery suicidal death. He was the third family to rule and with his death the third dynasty ended.

FOURTH DYNASTY

6- Omri- 12 years: 900-889

I Kings 16:15-28

Omri became king and moved the capital of the Northern Kingdom to Samaria. He also arranged the marriage of his son Ahab to a woman named Jezebel. His dynasty would last for four kings.

7- Ahab- 22 years: 889-870

I Kings 16:28-22:40; II Chron 18:1-34

Ahab was married to a foreign woman named Jezebel. She brought

Baal worship into fashion in the Northern Kingdom. Because of the Baal worship a great famine fell upon the land. God allowed Ahab to defeat the Syrians on two occasions. He deceived the Southern Kingdoms king Jehoshaphat. His death was predicted by many prophecies. (See *I Kings 20:42; 21:19; 22:17, 28*) Elijah was the prophet during this time.

8- Ahaziah- 2 years: 870-869

I Kings 22:40-II Kings 1:18;

II Chron 20:35-37

Ahaziah was the oldest son of Ahab and Jezebel. He persuaded Jehoshaphat, King of the Southern Kingdom, to enter a ship building venture with him. He died from a severe fall in his palace to which he turned to a pagan god Baal-Zebub for healing instead of Jehovah. He tried unsuccessfully to arrest Elijah.

9- Jehoram- 12 years: 869-858

II Kings 3:1-9:25; II Chron 22:5-7

Jehoram was the youngest son of Ahab and Jezebel and was also known as Joram. He persuaded Jehoshaphat to ally with him against Syria. The prophet Elijah worked a miracle for Jehoshaphat sake that allowed for victory. He was the king on the throne when Naaman came to be healed of leprosy. He was the last king in the fourth dynasty. Jehu murdered him in the Valley of Jezreel.

FIFTH DYNASTY

10- Jehu- 28 years: 858-831

II Kings 9:1-10:36; II Chron 22:7-12

Elisha's messenger anointed him king. He was a bloody king that killed the Southern Kingdom's king Ahaziah. (This Ahaziah is not Ahab's son king #8)

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Jehu was the one who killed Jehoram, Jezebel and 70 sons of Ahab. He also destroyed the Baal worshipers. His dynasty would last until 762 B.C.; 96 years.

11- Jehoahaz- 17 years: 830-814

II Kings 13:1-9

He was the son of Jehu and saw his army almost wiped out by the Syrians. He showed some remorse over his sins but was short lived and probably not real.

12- Jehoash- 16 years: 816-798

II Kings 13:10-14:16; II Chron 25:17-24

He was also known as Josah. He visited Elisha on his deathbed, defeated King Amaziah of Judah on the battlefield and plundered Jerusalem taking hostages and much wealth.

13- Jeroboam II- 41 years: 798-762

II Kings 14:23-29

A forty-one year reign is covered in only 7 verses. He has been called the "Napoleon of the Northern Kingdom." He recovered and restored most of the lost territory and captured Damascus and Hamath in Syria. Amos announced the end of the Southern Kingdom during this time.

14-Zechariah- 6 months: 762

II Kings 14:29-15:12

He was the great great grandson of Jehu. He was murdered by a man named Shallum and this ended the fifth dynasty.

SIXTH DYNASTY

15- Shallum- 1 month: 761

II Kings 15:10-15

There is an old saying, "live by the sword die by the sword." After only a reign of one month Shallum was murdered by a soldier named Menahem. So much for the sixth dynasty.

SEVENTH DYNASTY

16- Menahem- 10 years: 761-751

II Kings 15:14-22

He was one of the cruelest and brutal dictators of Israel. He was guilty of ripping open pregnant women in battles. He bribed the Assyrian King Tiglath-Pilezer with a two million-dollar bribe.

17- Pekahiah- 2 years: 750-748

II Kings 15:22-26

The son of Menahem who would reign for only two years before the army commander would assassinate him and end the seventh dynasty.

EIGHTH DYNASTY

18- Pekah- 20 years: 748-729

II Kings 15:27-31; II Chron 18:5-8

Pekah joined Syria in an unsuccessful attempt to punish Judah. He saw Assyria capture some of the northern parts of Israel and some of the eastern cities. Hoshea assassinated him after a 20-year reign. The 8th dynasty ended.

NINTH DYNASTY

19- Hoshea- 9 years: 729-721

II Kings 15:30-17:6

Hoshea will be the final king of Israel. He joins in an alliance with Egypt to attempt to prevent Assyria from overthrowing Israel but God was the one in control of this matter not Egypt. Samaria is attacked and falls and

