

**Old Testament 101-9: Kingdom of Judah**

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**Location:** I Kings 12/II Chron.10 - II Kings 25/II Chron. 36

**Overview:** After the division of Israel around 940/930BC, the southern kingdom of Judah continued the dynasty of David. There were both righteous and wicked kings in the land. Its capital was Jerusalem. Judah fell under the shadow of Egypt, Assyria and Babylon over time; ultimately, the city was destroyed by Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon in 586 BC.

**Foreshadow focus:** Several times God delivered Judah from impossible odds because of the faith of its kings. Such care is promised to the Christian today in Matthew 6.

**Things you need to know:**

- 1. Book of Kings and Book of Chronicles
  - a. Kings records both Judah & Israel
  - b. Focuses on history
  - c. Chronicles records primarily Judah
  - d. Focuses on covenant keepers
- 2. Reign of Jehoshaphat
  - a. 3rd most righteous king - 2 Chron. 17
  - b. Alliance with Ahab - 2 Chron. 19:1-3
- 3. Reign of Joash - 2 Chron. 23-24
  - a. Righteous when Jehoiada lived - 2 Chron 24:2
- 4. Reign of Hezekiah
  - a. Most faithful king - 2 Kings 18:5
  - b. Avoided Assyrian destruction - 2 Chron. 32
  - c. Restored Passover - 2 Chron. 30
- 5. Reign of Manassah
  - a. Most wicked king of Judah - 2 Chron. 33:1-9
  - b. Prayer of repentance - 2 Chron. 33:10-19
- 6. Reign of Josiah
  - a. Most lawful king - 2 Kings 23:25
  - b. Restored Temple & Passover - 2 Chron 34-35
- 7. End of Judah - 2 Chron. 36

Worth Remembering: The Righteous Kings	
	2 Chron. 14:2
	2 Chron. 17:4
	2 Chron. 27:6
	2 Chron. 29:2
	2 Chron. 34:2

**People you need to know (in addition to the righteous kings):**

Micaiah the Prophet	Jehoiada the High Priest	Athaliah the Queen	Nebuchadnezzar

Kings of Judah, House of David 931-586 BC		
Year BC	King	Description of Reign
931-914	<b>Rehoboam</b>	<b>Death:</b> natural causes
914-911	<b>Abijah</b>	<b>Death:</b> natural causes
911-870	<b>Asa</b>	<b>Death:</b> severe foot disease
870-845	<b>Jehoshaphat</b>	<b>Death:</b> natural causes
851-843	<b>Jehoram</b>	<b>Death:</b> severe stomach disease (hernia, Crone's disease?)
843-842	<b>Ahaziah</b>	<b>Death:</b> killed by Jehu, who usurped the throne of Israel
842-835	<b>Athaliah (Queen)</b>	<b>Death:</b> killed by the troops assigned by Jehoiada the Priest to protect Joash.
842-802	<b>Joash/ Jehoash</b>	<b>Death:</b> killed by his officials namely: Zabad, son of Shimeath, (a Moabite) and Jehozabad, son of Shimrith, (a Moabite)
805-776	<b>Amaziah</b>	<b>Death:</b> killed in Lachish by the men sent by his officials who conspired against him.
788-736	<b>Uzziah/ Azariah</b>	Struck with Leprosy for entering the Temple <b>Death:</b> Natural Causes,
758-742	<b>Jotham</b>	<b>Death:</b> natural causes
742-726	<b>Ahaz</b>	The Assyrian king Tiglath-Pileser III records he received tribute from Ahaz; compare 2 Kings 16:7-9 <b>Death:</b> natural causes
726-697	<b>Hezekiah</b>	Mentioned in Assyrian chronicles of Sennacherib of Assyria. He was king of Judah when Israel was deported <b>Death:</b> Natural Causes
697-642	<b>Manasseh</b>	Mentioned in Assyrian records of Esarhaddon. Taken to Babylon, later released. <b>Death:</b> natural causes
642-640	<b>Amon</b>	<b>Death:</b> killed by his officials, which were killed later on by the people of Judah.
640-609	<b>Josiah</b>	Last free (non-vassal) and upright king of Judah <b>Death:</b> shot by archers during the battle against Neco of Egypt. He died upon his arrival on Jerusalem.
609	<b>Jehoahaz</b>	<b>Death:</b> Neco, king of Egypt, dethroned him and was replaced by his brother, Eliakim. <b>Death:</b> Egyptian Captivity
609-598	<b>Jehoiakim/ Eliakim</b>	The Battle of Carchemish (605BC) (Jeremiah 46:2) <b>Death:</b> Natural Causes
598-597	<b>Jehoiachin/ Jeconiah</b>	Jerusalem was captured by the Babylonians and Jehoiachin deposed on 16 March, 597 BC. Called Jeconiah in Jeremiah and Esther, his grandson is Zerubbabel. <b>Death:</b> Nebuchadnezzar brought him to Babylon, where he died in comfortable captivity
597-586	<b>Zedekiah</b>	Rebellion against Nebuchadnezzar (588-586 BC). Jerusalem was captured the temple destroyed, and Judah reduced to a province. <b>Death:</b> Blinded, and died in prison/captivity

