

CHRONOLOGY OF THE HEBREW KINGS

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BIBLICAL SEQUENCE	JUDAH AND ISRAEL	COREGENT (commencement)	KING (start of sole reign)	DIED (or last year)
1 Kgs 1:1-2:11	DAVID		APR 1010	APR 971 – APR 970
1 Kgs 2:11-11:43.	SOLOMON		APR 970	APR 931 – SEPT 931
1 Kgs 12:1-14:20	<i>Jeroboam</i>		<i>Sept 931 – Apr 930</i>	<i>Sept 910 – Apr 909</i>
1 Kgs 14:21-31.	REHOBAM		APR 931 – SEPT 931	APR – SEPT 914
1 Kgs 15:1-8	ABIJAM		APR – SEPT 914	SEPT 912 – APR 911
1 Kgs 15:9-24	ASA		SEPT 912 – APR 911	SEPT 871 – APR 870
1 Kgs 15:25-32	<i>Nadab</i>		<i>Sept 910 – Apr 909</i>	<i>Sept 909 – Apr 908</i>
1 Kgs 15:33-16:7	<i>Baasha</i>		<i>Sept 909 – Apr 908</i>	<i>Sept 886 – Apr 885</i>
1 Kgs 16:8-14	<i>Elah</i>		<i>Sept 886 – Apr 885</i>	<i>Sept 885 – Apr 884</i>
1 Kgs 16:15-20	<i>Zimri</i>		<i>Sept 885 – Apr 884</i>	<i>Sept 885 – Apr 884</i>
1 Kgs 16:21-22	<i>Tibni</i>	<i>Sept 885 – Apr 884</i>		<i>Apr 880 – Sept 880</i>
1 Kgs 16:23-28	<i>Omri</i>	<i>Sept 885 – Apr 884</i>	<i>Apr 880 – Sept 880</i>	<i>Sept 874 – Apr 873</i>
1 Kgs 16:29-22:40	<i>Ahab</i>		<i>Sept 874 – Apr 873</i>	<i>Apr – Sept 853</i>
1 Kgs 22:41-51	JEHOSHAPHAT	SEPT 873 –	SEPT 871 – APR 870	APR – SEPT 848
1 Kg 22:52- 2 K 2:25.	<i>Ahaziah</i>		<i>Apr – Sept 853</i>	<i>Apr – Sept 852</i>
2 Kgs 3:1-8:15	<i>Joram</i>		<i>Apr – Sept 852</i>	<i>Apr – Sept 841</i>
2 Kgs 8:16-24	JEHORAM	SEPT 854 –	APR – SEPT 848	APR – SEPT 841
2 Kgs 8:25-9:29	AHAZIAH	SEPT 842 –	APR – SEPT 841	APR – SEPT 841
2 Kgs 9:30-10:36.	<i>Jehu</i>		<i>Apr – Sept 841</i>	<i>Sept 814 – Apr 813</i>
2 Kgs 11:1-21.	ATHALIAH		APR – SEPT 841	APR – SEPT 835
2 Kgs 12:1-21.	JOASH		APR – SEPT 835	APR – SEPT 796
2 Kgs 13:1-10	<i>Jehoahaz</i>		<i>Sept 814 – Apr 813</i>	<i>Sept 798 – Apr 797</i>
2 Kgs 13:11-25	<i>Jehoash</i>	<i>Apr 799 –</i>	<i>Sept 798 – Apr 797</i>	<i>Sept 782 – Apr 781</i>
2 Kgs 14:1-22	AMAZIAH		APR – SEPT 796	APR – SEPT 767
2 Kgs 14:23-29.	<i>Jeroboam II</i>	<i>Apr 793 –</i>	<i>Sept 782 – Apr 781</i>	<i>Aug/Sept 753</i>
2 Kgs 15:1-7	AZARIAH	SEPT 791 –	APR – SEPT 767	APR – SEPT 739
2 Kgs 15:8-12	<i>Zechariah</i>		<i>Aug/Sept 753</i>	<i>March 752</i>
2 Kgs 15:13-15	<i>Shallum</i>		<i>March 752</i>	<i>late Apr 752</i>
2 Kgs 15:16-22	<i>Menahem</i>	<i>late Apr 752 –</i>	<i>(split with Pekah)</i>	<i>Sept 742 – Apr 741</i>
2 Kgs 15:23-26	<i>Pekahiah</i>		<i>Sept 742 – Apr 741</i>	<i>Sept 740 – Apr 739</i>
2 Kgs 15:27-31	<i>Pekah</i>	<i>late Apr 752 –</i>	<i>Sept 740 – Apr 739</i>	<i>Sept 732 – Apr 731</i>
2 Kgs 15:32-38.	JOTHAM	APR- SEPT 750 –	APR – SEPT 739 TO	SEPT 732 – SEPT 731
	JOTHAM	SEPT 735 – SEPT 731	SEPT 735	
2 Kgs 16:1-20.	AHAZ	SEPT 735 –	SEPT 732 – SEPT 731	c. MARCH 715
2 Kgs 17:1-41.	<i>Hoshea</i>		<i>Sept 732 – Apr 731</i>	<i>Apr – Sept 723</i>
2 Kgs 18:1-20:21	HEZEKIAH	SEPT 729 –	c. MARCH 715	SEPT 687 – SEPT 686
2 Kgs 21:1-18	MANASSEH	SEPT 697 –	SEPT 697 – SEPT 686	SEPT 643 – SEPT 642
2 Kgs 21:19-26.	AMON		SEPT 643 – SEPT 642	SEPT 641 – SEPT 640
2 Kgs 22:1-23:30	JOSIAH		SEPT 641 – SEPT 640	c. JULY 609
2 Kgs 23:31-35	JEHOAHAZ		JULY 609	c. OCT 609
2 Kgs 23:36-24:7	JEHOIAKIM		OCT 609	9 DEC 598
2 Kgs 24:8-17	JEHOIACHIN	SEPT 608 –	DEC 598 – APR 597	AFTER APR 561
2 Kgs 24:18-25:7	ZEDEKIAH		APR 597 – AUG 586	c. AUG 586

The kings of Judah are in bold capital letters, and the kings of Israel are in italic letters.

The suggestion that Solomon died between Nisan (April) and Elul (August) 931 B.C. was first put forward by Roger Young, "When Did Solomon Die?" *JETS* 46 (2003) 589-603. Consequently, the first four Judean kings (from Rehoboam to Jehoshaphat) have been moved back one year. The implication of this minor, but very important, shift does away with Theile's suggestion that Judah's system was imposed on Israel's for these four kings by the biblical scribes.

