

The Kings of Judah

"For because of the anger of the Lord this happened in Jerusalem and Judah, till He finally cast them out from His presence." (Jeremiah 52:3) "Moreover all the leaders of the priests and the people transgressed more and more, according to all the abominations of the nations, and defiled the house of the Lord which He had consecrated in Jerusalem." (2 Chronicles 36:14)

Southern Kingdom of Judah (932-586 BC)ⁱ

House of David

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| Rehoboam | 931-915 BC | Reigned almost 17 years. Death: natural causes. |
| Abijah (Abijam) | 915-913 BC | Reigned 3 years. Death: natural causes. |
| Asa | 913-873 BC | Reigned 41 years. Death: severe foot disease. |
| Jehoshaphat | 873-849 BC | Reigned 25 years. Death: natural causes. |
| Jehoram (Joram) | 849-842 BC | Reigned 8 years. Death: severe stomach disease. |
| Ahaziah | 842-842 BC | Reigned 1 year. Death: killed by Jehu, who usurped the throne of Israel. |
| Athaliah (Queen) | 842-837 BC | Reigned 6 years. Death: killed by the troops assigned by Jehoiada the Priest to protect Joash. Queen Mother, widow of Jehoram and mother of Ahaziah. |
| Joash (Jehoash) | 837-800 BC | Reigned 40 years. Death: killed by his officials: Zabad, son of Shimeath; an Ammonite Woman; and Jehozabad, son of Shimrith, a Moabite Woman. |
| Amaziah | 800-783 BC | Reigned 29 years. Death: killed in Lachish by the men sent by his officials who conspired against him. |
| Uzziah (Azariah) | 783-742 BC | Reigned 52 years. Death: Tzaraas. (George Syncellus wrote that the First Olympiad took place in Uzziah's 48th regnal year.) |

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| Jotham | 742-735 BC | Reigned 16 years. Death: natural causes. Contemporary with Sennacherib of Assyria and Merodach-Baladan of Babylon. |
| Ahaz | 735-715 BC | Reigned 16 years. Death: natural causes. The Assyrian king Tiglath-Pileser III records he received tribute from Ahaz; compare 2 Kings 16:7-9. |
| Hezekiah | 715-687 BC | Reigned 29 years. Death: natural causes. Contemporary with Sennacherib of Assyria and Merodach-Baladan of Babylon. |
| Manasseh | 687-642 BC | Reigned 55 years. Death: natural causes. Mentioned in Assyrian records as a contemporary of Esarhaddon. |
| Amon | 642-640 BC | Reigned 2 years. Death: killed by his officials, which were killed later on by the people of Judah. |
| Josiah | 640-609 BC | Reigned 31 years. Death: shot by archers during the battle against Necho of Egypt. He died upon his arrival on Jerusalem. |
| Jehoahaz | 609 BC | Reigned 3 months. Death: Necho, king of Egypt, dethroned him and was replaced by his brother, Eliakim. Carried off to Egypt, where he died. |
| Jehoiakim | 609-598 BC | Reigned 11 years. Death: natural causes. The Battle of Carchemish occurred in the fourth year of his reign (Jeremiah 46:2). |
| Jehoiachin (Jeconiah) | 598 BC | Reigned 3 months and 10 days. Death: King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon sent for him and brought him to Babylon, where he lived and died. Jerusalem was captured by the Babylonians and Jehoiachin deposed on 16 March, 597 BC. Called Jeconiah in Jeremiah and Esther. |
| Zedekiah | 597-586 BC | Reigned 11 years. Death: unknown. His reign saw the second rebellion against Nebuchadnezzar (588-586 BC). Jerusalem was captured after a lengthy siege, the temple burnt, Zedekiah blinded and taken into exile, and Judah reduced to a province. |

¹ The dates during which the kings of Judah reigned vary somewhat depending on the historical source.