

## **BIB 212 History of Israel II**

### **Lesson 6** Kings of Judah to Captivity

Intro. 20 kings, 5 good, 1 Dynasty We will look briefly at their lives particularly their failures. Many of them walked with God but not with their whole heart.

1. During the Divided Kingdom
  2. Rehoboam - 17 yrs 975 BC - Only son of Solomon?  
Failure: Divided the kingdom by foolish decisions and not heeding advice of elders.
  3. Abijam 3 yrs 958 BC - Warred against Jeroboam and defeated him.  
Failure: Not a perfect heart - as David his father.
  4. **Asa** 41 yrs 955 A good king. Removed idolatry and sodomites. Prayed and received great victory over Ethiopia. Warned by prophet Azariah immediately after victory. Known for disease in feet and seeking physicians over God. Failure: made treaty with Benhadad king of Syria against Israel. Prophet Hanani sent to rebuke and he puts him in prison.
  5. **Jehoshaphat** 25 yrs. 914 BC Second good king. Organized religious education for the nation.  
Failure: Compromise with evil, three major mistakes in allying with Israel.
    1. Major mistake marrying his son to Ahab's daughter Athaliah.
    2. He went with Ahab to battle with Syria and Moab with Jehoram.. (He had enough conscience to ask for prophet of Jehovah but failed to respond.)
    3. He allied with Ahaziah of Israel to build ships which the Lord sunk.
    4. Each time he was rebuked by the prophets: Jehu, Micaiah, and Eliezer.
  5. Jehoram 4 yrs 889 BC - Married Athaliah which was Ahab's daughter.  
Failure: to stand against his wicked wife.  
Responsible for establishing idolatry and murdering all his younger brothers.
  6. Ahaziah (Jehoahaz) 1 yr. 885 - Allied with Jehoram king of Israel and was killed by Jehu the king of Israel, along with 42 of his relation and Ahab.  
Failure: to depart from the sins of his parents.
  7. Athaliah 6 yrs. 884 BC - Daughter of Ahab and Jezebel. He was Ahaziah's mother and Jehoram's wife. Killed all of the seed royal except Jehoash, which was spared by his sister Jehosheba thus preserving the line of David. Cried treason, treason when they annointed the boy king Jehoash yet was killed.
  8. Jehoash 40 yrs. 878 BC - First boy king, reigning at seven. He had a promising start, swift apostasy, and tragic end.  
Failure: to stand on his own.
    9. Good under Jehoida later killed Jehoida's son Zechariah.
    10. Murdered by his own servants.
  11. Amaziah 29 yrs. 839 BC He ended the alliance between Israel and Judah though warned against fighting them and was defeated.  
Failure: saw strength in numbers instead of Jehovah.

12. Hired 100,000 Israelites to attack Edom, rebuked by a prophet he sent them back. Upon their return they ravaged Judah.
13. Gets mad goes to war against Israel and loses badly.
14. Murdered by conspirators.
15. Azariah (Uzziah) 52 yrs. 810 BC - Very successful king but not a good king. Became king at sixteen after 11 without one.  
Failure: to finish well pride making himself a priest.
16. He fell away badly at the end of his life.
17. reigned at beginning of Isaiah's ministry
18. Entered into the holy of holies and was smitten with leprosy.
19. **Jotham** 16 yrs. 758 BC He was a good king.  
Failure: Subdue the people and rid the high places. Spiritual condition of the people was very bad.
20. Ahaz 16 yrs. 742 BC Worst king of Judah. Shut temple doors. Worshipped all but Jehovah. Copied altar of heathens and removed Jehovah's altar.  
Failure: to repent seeks alliance with king of Assyria
21. Single kingdom - after fall of Northern kingdom to Assyria
22. **Hezekiah** 29 yrs 726 BC Great king between two worst kings of Judah. Known for great revival, brought repentance and restoration to true worship. Known for sickness, recovered and given 15 years during which he had his only child. Known for his composition of the scriptures.  
Failure: faith wavered wicked son. Alliance with Babylon Showed king his treasure which Isaiah condemned and predicted Babylonian captivity.
23. Mannaseh 55 yrs. 698 BC Very wicked. Reinstates Baal worship and Molech. Has Isaiah sawn asunder.  
Failure: forgets parents religion. Name means "one who forgets" Taken captive to Babylon where he repents and is returned to Jerusalem.
24. Amon 2 yrs 643 BC Named after Egyptian deity. Wicked and brief reign.
25. **Josiah** 31 yrs 641 BC Began at age eight. Fulfilled prophecy against Jeroboam about the altar he opened in Bethel. Great revival; repaired temple, re-instituted the Passover.  
Failure: None really. Meddled with Egypt. Dies contending with Egypt.
26. Jehoahaz 1 yr 610 BC Not Josiah's oldest son. Taken to Egypt and died there.
27. Jehoikim 11 yrs. 609 BC Placed on throne by king of Egypt. Son of Josiah.  
Failure: Burned scriptures. Daniel and first captives were taken in 606 BC.
28. Jehoichin 100 days 598 BC Called Jeconiah and Coniah. Son of Jehoikim.  
Deported to Babylon and later allowed to eat at king of Babylon's table.  
Failure: boy among men. 18 years old and over his head.
29. Zedekiah 597 BC Son of Josiah.  
Failure: Doesn't listen to Jeremiah. Made treaty with Egypt breaking submission to Babylon despite warnings of Jeremiah. Taken captive by Nebuchadnezzar. Sons slain and eyes burned out. Prisoner in Babylon til he died.

#### Conclusion

5 good kings: Asa, Jehoshaphat, Jotham, Hezekiah, Josiah. Two revivals under Hezekiah and Josiah. During this time that prophets ministered. Stand. Having done all to stand.