

Weeks 27 and following: Sunday, April 2 & Thursday April 6

1 Kings 15-end; 2 Chronicles 26-36.21, Prophets, Psalms

Kingdom DISINTEGRATING; Kingdom EXILE

PART 2

OBSERVATIONS

General Time Line for History of Israel

1050 (1020)	Saul Crowned
1000	David
970 +/-	Solomon
930	Division: Israel (North) & Judah (South)
Southern Kingdom-JUDAH	NORTHERN KINGDOM-ISRAEL
930-913	Rehoboam
722	930-903 Jeroboam
586	Northern Kingdom destroyed by Assyria
	Southern Kingdom Babylonia destroys Jerusalem/Exile

See Larry Mundhenk's Kings & Prophets Chart

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Hosea: Chapters 1-3—the Gospel in the OT. The only native Northerner to be a writing prophet. Focus on idolatry as adultery toward God.

2K 14 **Amaziah** put in power after assassination of Joash. Executes those who assassinated his father. v. 8 **Amaziah** tries to pick a fight with **Jehoahaz** King of Israel/ thistle story. The outcome is that Israel captured **Amaziah** and sacked Jerusalem and tore down part of the wall. And takes Temple items. Conspiracy takes **Amaziah's** life and **Azariah** his son takes the throne. AKA **Uzziah**.

2K 15. 1-7 **Azariah/Uzziah** reigns 52 years. He does right. But the high places were not removed... Afflicted with leprosy & lived in a separate house. **Jotham** his son governed and succeeded him.

ISAIAH 6.1 IN the year that **King Uzziah** died, I saw the Lord high and lifted up: ISAIAH'S CALL. [THE time of Assyria's resurgence.] THE ONLY ACCOUNT IN THE BIBLE WHERE SERAPHIM APPEAR. HOW LONG: till everything is destroyed down to stumps.

ISAIAH 1-5 The case against Judah: **Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz and Hezekiah**.

2Chr 26.1ff—**Uzziah/Azariah** 16 becomes King. As long as he sought the Lord, God gave him success. Fought Philistines. Built towers in Jerusalem at the Corner Gate. He loved the soil. Raised, trained and equipped an army. Invented defensive machines. v.15 He was helped until he became powerful. v. 16 After he became powerful, pride led to his downfall. v. 16 **Uzziah** entered temple to burn incense. Confronted by Azariah the priest. Priests burn incense, not Kings. Has censor in hand and get angry and becomes leprous on the spot [so to speak]. Leprous, he was banned from Temple. Other events recorded by Isaiah the prophet. SEE Num. 3.5-10.

- 2K15.8 **Zechariah**, son of **Jeroboam II** succeeds him and reigns 6 months. Fulfilled word of the Lord spoken to Jehu that he would have four generations of Kings. **Zechariah** did evil as Jeroboam did.
- v. 13 **Shallum** son of Jabesh assassinated him. And took the throne and reign ONE month.
- v. 14 **Menahem** assassinated **Shallum** and succeeded him. Attacks and ravages Tiphseh, on the Euphrates—at the northern extreme of Solomon's kingdom.
- v. 17 Reigns 10 years: did evil like Jeroboam I had done.
- v. 19 PUL [aka Tiglath-Pileser] invades and **Menahem** gave tribute [became vassal] and taxed the people to get the money.
- v. 22 **Menahem** died and son **Pekahiah** his son reigned. Lasted 2 years. Kept up the evil of **Jeroboam I**.
- v. 25 Assassinated by one of his officers: **PEKAH**, who also maintained the evil of **Jeroboam I**. Tiglath-Pileser attacked and diminished North by taking Gilead and Galilee including all of the Naphtali. **Deported the people to Assyria**. See map.

2 K 15.32 **Meanwhile back in Judah...**

Jotham son of **Uzziah** began to reign on his own after having been co-regent while his father was ill.

v. 34 Did right but did not remove high places. Rebuilt Upper Gate of the Temple. The civil war with Israel began to be renewed ["the Lord began to send..."] Alliance between Israel and Syria begins to menace Judah.

v. 38 **Jotham** dies and **Ahaz** his son takes his place. 16 years.

2 K 16. 1ff. Unlike David **AHAZ** did not do right. Followed the ways of Israel and even sacrificed his son in the fire [Molech worship]

v. 5 Israel and Syria come against Judah [?to protect themselves against Assyria?] Rezin of Syrian takes another chunk of territory from Judah. Elath. Modern Eilat. Far south.

v. 7 **Ahaz** calls on and pays Assyrian Tiglath-Pileser to attack and take Damascus. T-P deports Syrians to Kir [Moab—east of Dead Sea] and kills their king Rezin.

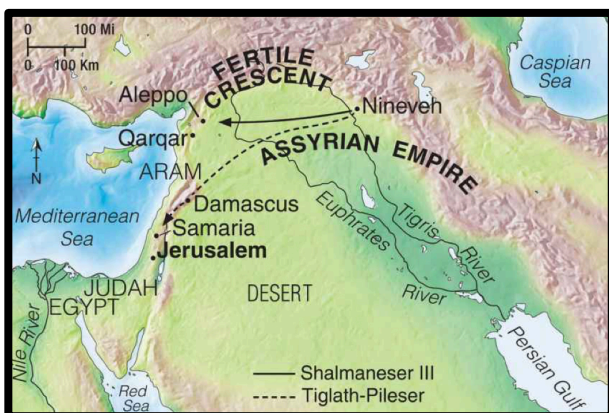
Isaiah: 7-10 & 17

Don't pay attention to those two smoldering cigar butts. They are on the way to destruction. "If you do not stand firm in your faith, you will not stand at all."

v. 14 God will give you the sign of the virgin... And her son will be called Immanuel... before the lad grows up, the two kings you dread will be destroyed. The Lord is going to bring Assyria to Ephraim [Israel]

Is 8.1 *Maher-Shalal-Hash-Baz "quick to plunder, swift to the spoil"* Isaiah makes love to the prophetess and has a son named *Maher-Shalal-Hash-Baz*. Sign that Assyria will remove Damascus.

v. 12 Do not fear what they fear—The LORD Almighty is the one you are to regard as holy, he is the one you are to fear...



Shalmaneser's campaign

2 K 16.10 **AHAZ** goes to Damascus to meet T-P. **Sees an altar**. Has a Uriah the priest copy altar and build it in Jerusalem. And substituted it for Solomon's altar. The Bronze Altar. Other modifications in "deference to the king of Assyria." v. 18.

2 K 16.20 **HEZEKIAH** succeeds him.

MICAH of Moresheth—**Jotham, Ahaz and Hezekiah**. 1.1 Foothills of South western Judah near Lachish

Isaiah 2.2-4 identical to Mic 4.1-3

Jeremiah places Micah in the days of **Hezekiah** (Jer. 26.18)

Both Isaiah and Micah speak of God's plan for Jerusalem through the line of David to bring salvation. Is. 11.1-5; Mic 4.1-3

3.12 Micah prophesies destruction of Jerusalem, cf. Jeremiah 26.17-19.

6.1-8 rejects religious hypocrisy and preached protection of the helpless like Amos.

5.2-3 Bethlehem – the ruler to come

6.8 What does God require of you? Do justice, love mercy and walk humbly with your God.

6.16 You have observed the statutes of Omri & practices of Ahab's house, therefore derision and scorn.

2Chr 27.1

Jotham son of **Uzziah**, but he did not enter the temple of the Lord. The people continues corruption.

v. 3 rebuilt upper gate of temple, built towns in hill country of Judah, forts and towers.

v. 5 war against Ammonites who paid tribute.

v.6 Jotham grew powerful because he walked steadfastly before the Lord.

2 Chr 28.1 **Ahaz** succeeds **Jotham**. Did not do right. Baals. Burned sacrifices in the valley of Hinnom and sacrificed his children in the fire. Therefore, The Lord delivered him to Syria who defeated. **Pekah** of Israel took 120K soldiers in Judah. Israel took 200K wives, sons and daughters back to Samaria.

v. 9 A prophet named Oded met the army which returned to Samaria to confront their taking captives from Judah. Judah had been punished by God through Israel, not Israel given a free hand. So they took them back to Jericho, city of Palms.

v. 16 **Ahaz sends to Assyria**. Edomites and Philistines had raided.

v. 19 The Lord humbled Judah because of Ahaz's wickedness.

v. 20 Tiglath-Pileser [T-P] comes but for harm, not good even though he gave him baksheesh.

v. 22 **Ahaz** becomes even more evil: worships the gods of Damascus, because, after all they had helped the Syrians. **Built the altar**. Set up Altars everywhere in Jerusalem and in every town in Judah. Died and was not buried in the tomb of the kings of Israel. **HEZEKIAH BECOMES KING**.

2 Kings 17.1 **Hoshea** becomes king of Israel for 9 years. Did evil, but not like the kings of Israel who preceded him. T-P dies. May be the occasion for **Hoshea** to quit paying tribute

v. 3 Shalmaneser of Assyria attacks and **HOSHEA** gives tribute. But Salmaneser discovers **Hoshea** has sent envoys to SO [either Osorkon IV or Tefnakht], King of Egypt and stopped paying the yearly tribute. Therefore Shalmaneser imprisoned **Hoshea**.

ISAIAH 28-29 "Covenant with death."

28.16 I lay a stone in Zion, a tested stone, a precious cornerstone for a sure foundation.

19.13 These people come near to me with their mouth and honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. Their worship of me is based on merely human rules they have been taught.

19.16 You turn things upside down as if the potter were thought to be like the clay! Shall what is formed say to the one who formed it, "you did not make me"?

THE FALL OF SAMARIA—722 BC

2 K 17.5 King of Assyria invaded Israel and lay siege to it for 3 years. Shalmaneser dies. Sargon II his brother claims credit for the great deportation. In the 9th year of **Hoshea**.

2 K 17.6 Deportation to Halah, Gozan, in the towns of the Medes. Deports and splits up those deported.
v. 7 All this took place because the Israelites had sinned against the Lord their God who had brought them up out of Egypt. The Lord warned through prophets and seers and the people would not listen v. 14.

v. 18 **So the Lord was very angry with Israel and removed them from his presence.** Only the tribe of Judah was left, and even Judah did not keep the commands of the Lord.

v.23 So the people of Israel were taken from their homeland into exile in Assyria and they are still there.

v. 24-40 The King of Assyria settled Israel with people from Babylon, Kuthah, Avva, Hamath and Sepharvaim in the towns of Samaria to replace the Israelites. A priest was sent back at the order of the King of Assyria to teach the imported people to worship the Lord. So the new people worshipped the Lord AND their own national gods. To this day

2K 18.1 **HEZEKIAH** 29 year reign. Did right, removed high places. Smashed sacred stones. Cut down Asherah poles. Broke the bronze snake "Nehushtan." ("bronze snake"?) No king like him before or after. He kept the commands the Lord had given Moses. v. 6.

v.7 Rebelled against King of Assyria and did not serve him.

v.8 Defeated Philistines as far as Gaza.

v.9 North: Shalmaneser marched against Samaria and besieged for 3 years. Them took it in the **Hezekiah's** 6th year.

ISAIAH 10.5ff. Assyria the rod of "my" anger, says the Lord. No one stands before the Assyrians.

v. 21 Remnant will return.

11.1 A shoot will come up from the Stump of Jesse... a branch ("netzer" in Hebrew) will appear.

v.6 The wolf will live with the lamb, the leopard will lie down with the goat. The calf and the lion and the yearling together. And a little child shall lead them.

v. 10 In that day the Root of Jesse will stand as a banner for the peoples; the nations will rally to him.

v. 12 He will raise a banner for the nations and gather the exiles of Israel.

PROVERBS, **HEZEKIAH's** Collection Prov 25.1-29.27

ISAIAH 18-20 Cush/Ethiopia King united Egypt [25th Dynasty] for the first time in a long time. Formed coalition which Judah was tempted to join. Isaiah says trust God instead.

30.1 Woe to those who carry out plans that are not mine: who go down to Egypt to look for help from Pharaoh.

31.1 Woe to those who go down to Egypt for help...

33.31ff. Topheth has been long prepared—the Hinnom Valley was the location of Topheth where child sacrifice was practiced. Now Isaiah says it was prepared for the King of Assyria. Hinnom is the origin of *Gehenna* of the New Testament.

2K 20 **Hezekiah's** illness. Isaiah prophesies Hezekiah's death. Hezekiah prays and before Isaiah leaves court, God answers and spares Hezekiah and promises deliverance from Assyria. The sun goes back 10 steps on the stairway of the King.

Isaiah 38. 1-22 Isaiah tells the story of **Hezekiah's** illness. "The stairway of Ahaz" Promise of delivery from Sennacherib. Apparently Assyria had taken a large portion of Judah and was coming against Jerusalem.

38.9ff **Hezekiah's** psalm and prayer: "Surely it was for my benefit that I suffered such anguish." You kept me from the pit of destruction... For the grave cannot praise you.

2K 20. 12-19 Envoys from Babylon. Now a rising power. Marduk-Baladan. **Hezekiah** showed off his store houses and there was nothing in the Kingdom he did not show.

v.17 Isaiah predicts the end of Judah in exile.

v.19 **Hezekiah** says, *at least not in my lifetime...*

ISAIAH 39 also tells of the envoys from Babylon. A virtual repeat of 2 Kings account.

IS 36.1 In the fourteenth year of **Hezekiah** Sennacherib attacked all the fortified cities of Judah and captured them.

2 K 18. 13ff Same story. **Hezekiah** repents of joining the coalition against Assyria. Sends message to Sennacherib at Lachish and tribute to go away. **Hezekiah** strips the temple of its gold to pay tribute. Sennacherib sends his supreme commander “Rabshakeh” to threaten **Hezekiah**. “The Lord told me to do this.” Throws in the face of **Hezekiah** that in removing the high places, he has destroyed the worship of the Lord in the land. The Kings advisers ask Rabshakeh to speak Aramaic rather than Hebrew. So in Hebrew he shouts to the people: Don’t let **Hezekiah** deceive you. I have destroyed the gods of other lands. How can the Lord deliver Jerusalem?

2 K 19.1 **Hezekiah**: Day of distress and rebuke and disgrace

v. 5 Isaiah Do not be afraid. He’ll hear a rumor, return home and be assassinated.

ISAIAH 36.2ff –37.7 Same story.

2 K19.8-37 Sennacherib got a report that the king of Cush/Egypt was marching against him.

v. 14 Letter sent to **Hezekiah** which he laid out before the Lord. And prayed for deliverance

v.20ff Isaiah sends word: By the way he came, he will depart. I will defend this city and save it.

v. 35 That night angel kills 185K Syrians; Sennacherib withdraws.

v. 37 While Sennacherib was worshipping Nisrok, his sons assassinate him, flee to Ararat and Esarhaddon takes his place.

ISAIAH 37. 8ff repeats the above almost verbatim.

2 K20.20 ff. **Hezekiah**’s tunnel. **SILLOAM INSCRIPTION** describes building of 1750 feet. Starting at each



end. Manasseh succeeds him.

Archeological Museum, Istanbul, JRT

ISAIAH 22.11 **Hezekiah**’s tunnel: you built a reservoir between the two walls for the water of the old pool, but you did not look to the One who made it. Or have regard for the One who planned it long ago.

24. 21-23 God Punishes gods and kings

2 Chr 29: **Hezekiah** brought in the priests to cleanse the Temple and to consecrate themselves.

v. 12 Levites set to work.

GREAT WORSHIP

2 CHR 30 Passover celebrated. Invited people throughout Israel and Judah.

v. 10 “People scorned and ridiculed them.” Still “some came.”

v.18f Hezekiah prayed for God’s pardon even if they are not clean...”

2 Chr 31—those present returned home to smash the idols and cut down Asherah poles.

v. 5 Offerings and tithes poured in. And Hezekiah prospered.

Week 27 observations

2 Chr 32.24-31 **Hezekiah's** illness, pride repentance, storage systems. Built tunnel. SILOAM INSCRIPTION, Istanbul Archeological Museum. See pic.

2 Chr 32.1ff The attack of Sennacherib. Hezekiah fortifies Jerusalem. Blocked the springs outside the wall.

v.9 Sennacherib besieges Lachish. Delivers his ultimatum to Hezekiah. **Hezekiah** and Isaiah cried out in prayer to heaven and the Lord sent an angel who annihilated all the fight men and the commander and officers in the camp of the Assyrian King, went home and was assassinated.

Manasseh succeeds **Hezekiah**.

2 K 21: The **Long Dark 55 Years** of **Manasseh**. Who did everything as bad as he could. Desecrates Temple with foreign idols, burns his children to Molech.

v. 10 The Lord said through his servant the prophets: Manasseh has done worse than the Amorites.

v. 17ff **Amon** his son succeeds him and completely follows his father's ways. His officials assassinate him.

2K 21.25 and 22—**JOSIAH** FOLLOWS **Amon** at 8 years old. Did right and followed David completely.

v. 3 18th year of reign. Gets the money collected in temple and has it cleaned out and restored.

v.8 Hilkiah the high priest: I've found the Book of the Law in the temple of the Lord. SURPRISE!!!

v.11 When king hears he's shocked . God can't like what we've been doing.

v. 14 Sends to Huldah the prophetess who prophesies disaster but postponed because of Josiah's intervention.

ZEPHANIAH--1.1 Z is great, great grandson of **Hezekiah** and serves during reign of Josiah. Judgment is coming on Judah and every other nation. Repent. A remnant will be restored.

2.13 ff predicts downfall of Assyria.

2K 23 **Josiah** renews the covenant. Cleanses the land. Reads in their hearing the book of the Law to everyone. Cleanses everything. Even **Solomon's** high places. Including shrines by name for Ashtoreth, Chemosh, and Molech. Even the altar at Bethel was torn down and desecrated as prophesied by the Man of God to Jeroboam.

v. 22 Celebrate the Passover. Best Passover ever.

v. 24 removed "mediums and spiritists" household gods and all detestable things.

v. 25 neither before nor after Josiah was there a king like him—with all his heart, soul and strength he turned to the Lord.

2 Chr 33 on **Manasseh** has him captured by Assyrian and repenting. Rebuilt the outer wall west of the Gihon Spring.

v.15 He got rid of the foreign gods and restored the altar. The people continued to sacrifice at the high places.

v. 21 **Amon** unlike his father did evil and did not repent. Assassinated and **JOSIAH** made king.

2 Chr 34 **JOSIAH**.

2 Chr 35 – Josiah celebrates the Passover.

PSALMS OF JOY AND PRAISE; 33, 66, 67, 100

2 K 23.26 Nevertheless the Lord did not turn away from the heat of his fierce anger.

JEREMIAH 1: Jeremiah ministers from **Josiah's** time through the destruction of Jerusalem in the 11 year of the last King, **Zedekiah**, when the people of Jerusalem went into exile.

2 K 28ff. Pharaoh Necho of Egypt went up to the Euphrates River to help Assyria. **Josiah** marched out to meet him at Megiddo, where Necho killed him.

v. 31 **Jehoahaz [aka Shallum]** made king for 3 months. Did evil. Necho chained him at Riblah, dragged him off to Egypt, and imposed tribute on Jerusalem.

v.34 Necho made **Eliakim** son of Josiah King and changed his name to **Jehoiakim**

JER 22.10 Do not weep for the dead king or mourn his loss...

2 Chr. 35.20 Necho went up to fight at **Carchemish** [605 BC, Nebuchadnezzar wins] on the Euphrates and **Josiah** went to meet him... Necho warns him: Don't get in my way or I'll kill you." And he did. Jeremiah composed laments. See Jer. 7.1-15; 26. 1-24 Also Jer. 46:2

2 Chr 36 **Jehoahaz** reigned 3 months deposed and killed him; levied tribute on Jerusalem and made his brother, Eliakim King and changed his name to Jehoiakim.

HABAKKUK: Philosopher prophet: Asks questions. How can God use crooked instruments like the Assyrians and Babylon for his purposes? Habakkuk 2.4 **"The just shall live by faith..."**

2 K 23.35 **Jehoiakim** paid Necho the tribute demanded. Reigned 11 years. Did evil

JEREMIAH 11.1-12:17 The Covenant is broken; therefore the curses apply.

2K 24.5 **Jehoiakim** dies and his son **Jehoiachin** takes his place to do evil. King of Egypt did not march out again because Babylon had taken all his territory from the Wadi of Egypt to the Euphrates River.

24.10 Nebuchadnezzar laid siege to Jerusalem. Himself. **Jehoiachin** and family surrendered to Nebuchadnezzar. Carried all Jerusalem to Babylon including **Jehoiachin**.

v. 17 made **Mattaniah** king and changed his name to **Zedekiah**.

DANIEL

EZEKIEL –the fifth year of the exile of **Jehoiachin**, 1.2

2K 24.20-2K 25.3

Zedekiah rebels.

So Nebuchadnezzar returns. Holds siege for 3 years. No food.

The wall was broken through. King fled to Arabah and taken by Nebuchadnezzar: killed sons before blinding him and taking him in chains to Babylon.

2K 25.4-7 **Zedekiah's** sons killed before his eyes which were then put out, he was hauled off to Babylon.

2K 25.8ff. Nebuchadnezzar burned temple. Took the remainder captive. Broke down the walls. Left the poorest people.

v. 21 "So Judah went into captivity, away from her land."

v. 22 Nebuchadnezzar appoints **Gedaliah** to be over the people left behind. Gedaliah then assassinated. Assassins and all the people left then fled to Egypt.

2 Chr 36.21 Then the land enjoyed its Sabbath rests.

LAMENTATIONS.

THE BIBLE PROJECT

WEEK 28: APRIL 9 AND 20

Assignment

READ CHRONOLOGICAL JEREMIAH AND EZEKIEL

Prepare for quiz on the CONSOLIDATED KINGDOM.

MARKERS:

For 2/12/17

1 Sam 2	Hannah's prayer
1 Sam 3	Samuel's call and first prophetic message
1 Sam 8	Should Israel have a king?
1 Sam 11	Saul made king
1 Sam 12	King and Nation to follow God
1 Sam 13	No blacksmith in Israel
1 Sam 16	David anointed King
1 Sam 17	Goliath stoned

For 2/19 & 2/23

1 Sam 31	Death of Saul
2 Sam 2	David anointed king over Judah
2 Sam 5	David made king over all Israel
2 Sam 6	Ark brought to Jerusalem
2 Sam 7	Covenant with David
2 Sam 11	Bathsheba
2 Sam 15	Bitter fruit--Absalom