

Kings of the Divided Monarchy¹

Israel		Judah	
Jeroboam I	930–909	Rehoboam	930–913
Nadab	909–908	Abijah	913–910
Baasha	908–886	Asa	910–869
Elah	886–885		
Zimri	885		
Omri	885–874		
Ahab	874–853	Jehoshaphat	872–848
Ahaziah	853–852		
Joram	852–841	Jehoram	848–841
Jehu	841–814	Ahaziah	841
		Athaliah	841–835
Jehoahaz	814–798	Joash	835–796
Jehoash	798–782	Amaziah	796–767
Jeroboam II	793–753	Uzziah	792–740
Zechariah	753		
Shallum	752		
Menahem	752–742	Jotham	750–732
Pekahiah	742–740		
Pekah	752–732	Ahaz	735–715
Hoshea	732–722	Hezekiah	729–686
		Manasseh	696–642
		Amon	642–640
		Josiah	640–60
		Jehoahaz	609
		Jehoiakim	608–598
		Jehoiachin	598–597
		Zedekiah	597–587

¹Edwin R. Thiele, *The Mysterious Numbers of the Hebrew Kings: A Reconstruction of the Chronology of the Kingdoms of Israel and Judah*, rev. ed. (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1965), and Eugene H. Merrill, *Kingdom of Priests: A History of Old Testament Israel* (Grand Rapids: Baker, 1987), 320. Dates in other sources will vary widely depending on the chronological system used in those sources. For convenient summary of this complex issue, see Donald J. Wiseman, *1 and 2 Kings: An Introduction and Commentary*, (Tyndale Old Testament Commentary; Downers Grove: InterVarsity Press, 1993), 26–35.

PLATE IV THE DIVIDED KINGDOM Judah and Israel

Dashed blue lines equate intermittent streams.
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1 Kings 14 - 22

Chapter 14 Judgement Comes to Jeroboam

- v. 1 Jeroboam's son is sick, so he sent his wife to Ahijah.
- v. 5 The Lord told Ahijah that the woman was Jeroboam's Wife in disguise.
- v. 7 -16 The Judgement pronounced on Jeroboam's son.
- v. 20 Jeroboam died and was succeeded by his son Nadab.
- v. 21 Meanwhile, Rehoboam reigned poorly in Judah.
- v. 22 - 25 Vile Assessment of Rehoboam's rulership.
- v. 30 There was continuous war between Israel and Judah under Rehoboam.
- v. 31 Rehoboam was succeeded by his son Abijam for 3 years.

Chapter 15 Various Kings Over Israel and Judah

- v. 3 Abijam was wicked like his father Rehoboam.
- v. 4-5 For the sake of David and Jerusalem, God maintained a King in Judah.
- v. 8-10 Abijam was succeeded by Asa, who reigned over Judah 41 years.
- v. 11 Asa was a righteous King of Judah.
- v. 24 Asa was succeeded by his son Jehoshaphat as king of Judah.
- v. 25 Nadab ruled over Israel for 2 years as a wicked King.
- v. 28 King Nadab was murdered by his successor, Baasha as King of Israel.
- v. 33 King Baasha ruled Israel 24 years and perpetuated the idols of Jeroboam.

Chapter 16 Various Kings Over Israel and Judah

- v. 6 Evil King Baasha was succeeded by his son Elah as King of Israel.
- v. 10 Zimri murdered and replaced Elah as King of Israel.
- v. 16 Zimri succeeded by Omri as King of Israel after the murder was exposed.
- v. 24 Samaritan territory established and named.
- v. 29 Ahab succeeded his wicked father King Omri as King of Israel.
- v. 30-33 Wicked King Ahab and his Queen Jezebel.
- v. 34 Jericho is rebuilt and Joshua's curse unfolds. (see Joshua 6:26)

Chapter 17 Elijah the Prophet

- v. 1 Elijah the Tishbite suddenly comes on the scene and prophesied drought.
- v. 2-7 Supernatural provisioning for Elijah.
- v. 8-16 Elijah and the widow of Zerephath.
- v. 21-23 The first Biblical Resurrection from the dead.

Chapter 18 Elijah Returns to Confront Ahab

- v. 1 Elijah hears from Heaven 3 years after the drought began.
- v. 4 Evil Queen Jezebel had slain the prophets of Yahweh.
- v. 12 A reference to the Spirit of the Lord transporting Elijah supernaturally.
- v. 19 There are 450 Prophets of Ba'al and 400 Prophets of Asherah.
- v. 21-24 Elijah issues a power encounter challenge.
- v. 25 - 39 Yahweh is the God who answers by Fire. (Mal 3:10 and 4:6)
- v. 40 Elijah slew Jezebel's 850 Prophets, as she had previously done to God's.
- v. 41-46 Elijah prays for rain and takes a supernatural 20 mile run.

Chapter 19 Jezebel and Elijah

- v. 1 Ahab tells Jezebel all that Elijah has done.
- v. 2 Jezebel threatens Elijah and he runs for his life.
- v. 4-8 Angel food cake for a 40 day journey to Mt. Horeb/Sinai.
- v. 11-18 The Lord Speaks to Elijah in a still, small voice.
- v. 16 and 19 The Lord names Jehu as Israel's King & Elisha as Elijah's successor.

Chapter 20 Benhadad the Syrian and the Lord's Strategy

- v. 13 The Prophet tells King Ahab that God will deliver by using the Princes.
- v. 28 The Lord delivered Ahab and Israel a second time from Benhadad.
- v. 34-42 Ahab made a truce with Benhadad and invoked the Lord's Judgement.

Chapter 21 Naboth's Vineyard

- v. 1-4 King Ahab coveted Naboth's Vineyard.
- v. 5-16 Wicked Queen Jezebel had Naboth Killed so Ahab could have his land.
- v. 17 Elijah confronted King Ahab about his sin.
- v. 27 King Ahab actually repented and it delayed God's Judgement.

Chapter 22 Ahab's Death is Decreed in the Courts of Heaven

- v. 2 Three years later, Judah and Israel unite to fight against Syria.
- v. 5-16 The 400 False Prophets and the Lord's man Micaiah
- v. 17 - 23 The Courts of Heaven decree Ahab's death in battle (2 Chron 18:18).
- v. 51 King Ahab was succeeded by his son Ahaziah.

1 Kings 22:19 And he said, Hear thou therefore the word of the Lord: **I saw the Lord sitting on his throne**, and **all the host of heaven standing** by him on his right hand and on his left. 20 And the Lord said, **Who shall persuade Ahab**, that he may go up and fall at Ramoth-gilead? And one said on this manner, and another said on that manner. 21 And there came forth **a spirit**, and stood before the Lord, and said, I will persuade him. 22 And the Lord said unto him, Wherewith? And he said, I will go forth, and **I will be a lying spirit in the mouth of all his prophets**. And he said, Thou shalt persuade him, and prevail also: go forth, and do so. KJV

Location: Throne Room of Heaven

Attendees: Micaiah, the LORD, all the hosts of heaven, "a spirit"

Summary: Micaiah observed the LORD sitting upon his throne, presiding over a meeting attended by "*all the hosts of heaven.*" Discussion focused on how King Ahab could be lured to Ramoth-gilead to be killed in battle. "*A spirit*" was selected to go and deceive him by becoming "*a lying spirit in the mouth of all his prophets.*"

Note: Many Leaders in Israel and Judah were related to Ahab. In Israel, King **Ahaziah** and **Jehoram** were Ahab's sons. In Judah, King **Jehoram** married Ahab's daughter, King **Ahaziah's** mother **Athaliah** was Ahab's Sister and she became Judah's only ruling queen.