

**Appendix 2C, II**

**TABLE OF KINGS**

**Notes:** *Length of Term* is as given by the biblical text. Year one is fixed at 926 b.c., from which is deducted the cumulative *Sequential Year of the Period* to obtain the *Estimated Calendar Year*. Source citations for the table accompany the data relative to each king in Appendix 2C, IV, Narrative. Slight overlaps of years are noticeable in some instances, the result of combining cross-data between kings' terms.<sup>1</sup> Small uncertainties are footnoted either on this table or Appendix 2D ("Calendar Year Comparison Timeline"); significant exceptions are summarized at the end of the table.

<b>South Kings</b>				<b>North Kings</b>				
<i>Including time of, and age at commencement, if given.</i>				<i>Including time of, and age at commencement, if given.</i>				
Commencing with division into two kingdoms:								
<i>Of the Period</i>								
<u>Length of Term</u>	<u>Sequential / Calendar</u>		<u>Year</u>			<u>Length of Term</u>		
			b.c.					
17	<b>Rehoboam</b>	<b>#1</b>	Age 41.	<b>1</b>	<b>926</b>	<b>Jeroboam I</b>	<b>#1</b>	22
3	<b>Abijah/m</b>	<b>#2</b>		<b>18</b>	<b>908</b>			
	Began reign 18th year of Jeroboam.							
41	<b>Asa</b>	<b>#3</b>		<b>20</b>	<b>906</b>			
	Began 20th year of Jeroboam.							
				<b>22</b>	<b>904</b>	<b>Nadab</b>	<b>#2</b>	2
						Began 2nd year of Asa.		
				<b>23</b>	<b>903</b>	<b>Baasha</b>	<b>#3</b>	24
						Began 3rd year of Asa		
				<b>46</b>	<b>880</b>	<b>Elah</b>	<b>#4</b>	2
						Began 26th year of Asa.		
				<b>47</b>	<b>879</b>	Killed in 27th year of Asa.		
						<b>Zimri #5</b> - Survived 7 days.		
						<i>Omri and Tibni contend for power.</i>		4
				<b>51</b>	<b>875</b>	<b>Omri #6</b>	uncontended	8
						Began 31st year of Asa.		
				<b>58</b>	<b>868</b>	<b>Ahab</b>	<b>#7</b>	22
						Began 38th year of Asa.		
25	<b>Jehoshaphat</b>	<b>#4</b>	Age 35.	<b>62</b>	<b>864</b>			
	Began 4th year of Ahab.							
				<b>79/80</b>	<b>847/46</b>	<b>Ahaziah-N</b>	<b>#8</b>	2
						Began year 17 of Jehoshaphat.		
				<b>80</b>	<b>846</b>	<b>Jehoram-N</b>	<b>#9</b>	12
						Began year 18 of Jehoshaphat and/or		
8	<b>Jehoram-S</b>	<b>#5</b>	Age 32.	<b>85</b> <sup>2</sup>	<b>841</b>	year 2 of Jehoram-S. <sup>3</sup>		
	Began 5th year of Jehoram-N.							
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94	<i>Subtotal, years of reigns</i> -----			carried forward-----		<i>Subtotal, years of reigns</i>		98

<sup>1</sup> e.g. at Ahaziah-N: sequential first year of Jehoshaphat's term, 62, plus 17(th year) = sequential year 79, while sequential first year of Ahab's term, 58, plus 22(-year) Ahab term = sequential year 80.

<sup>2</sup> But adding all of Jehoshaphat's 25 years to period-year of commencement would yield period-year 87 for commencement of Jehoram-S; a coregnal period is uncertain.

<sup>3</sup> See Narrative, 2C, IV, fn. 53.

<u>Length of Term</u>	<i>Of the Period</i> <u>Sequential / Calendar</u> <u>Year</u>		<u>Length of Term</u>
94	Subtotal, years of reigns-----brought forward-----		Subtotal, years of reigns 98
1	<b>Ahaziah-S #6</b>	Age 22. Began 11th year of Jehoram-N.	91 835
6	<b>Athaliah #7</b>	End of Athaliah term:	92/93 834/833 Jehu #10 30 <sup>4</sup> 93 833 99 827
40	<b>Joash-S #8</b>	"A son of 7 years." Began 7th year of Jehu.	100 826
			123 803 <b>Jehoahaz-N #11</b> 17 Began 23rd year of Joash-S.
			137 <sup>5</sup> 789 <b>Joash-N #12</b> 16 Began 37th year Joash-S.
29	<b>Amaziah #9</b>	Age 25. Began 2nd year of Joash-N.	139 787
			154 772 <b>Jeroboam II #13</b> 41 Began 15th year of Amaziah.
52	<b>Uzziah #10</b>	Age 16. Began 27th year of Jeroboam II.	181 <sup>6</sup> 745
			219 <sup>7</sup> 707 <b>Zechariah #14</b> 6 mos. Began 38th year of Uzziah.
			220 706 <b>Shallum #15</b> 30 days
			220 706 <b>Menahem #16</b> 10 Began 39th year of Uzziah/Azariah.
			231 695 <b>Pekahiah #17</b> 2 Began 50 <sup>th</sup> year of Uzziah/Azariah.
			233 693 <b>Pekah #18</b> 20 Began 52nd year of Uzziah.
	[Uzziah/Jotham co-reign? <sup>8</sup> ]		
"16"	<b>Jotham #11</b>	Age 25. Began 2nd year of Pekah.	235 <sup>9</sup> 691
238	Subtotal, years of reigns-----carried forward-----		Subtotal, years of reigns 234 yrs. 7 mos.

<sup>4</sup> Jehu's term is not stated in the texts. Here it is based on Joash-S commencement in the "7th year of Jehu" and Jehoahaz-N's succession of Jehu in Joash-S "23rd year;" 7 + 23 = 30.

<sup>5</sup> 100 + 37 = 137; but if all of Joash-S's stated 40-year term were added, period-year 140.

<sup>6</sup> See next three footnotes re a 13-year sequential discrepancy. The better-known name from *Chronicles* is used in this appendix for *Uzziah*, referred to in *Kings* as "Azariah."

<sup>7</sup> Uzziah could not have both succeeded Amaziah's 29 years in (139 + 29 =) 168 and begun to reign in Jeroboam II's 27th year (154 + 27 =) 181 sequential year. The uncertain 13 years are not deducted in this derivation. Additionally, if Zechariah began directly following Jeroboam II's death, it would have been (154 + 41 =) 195; alternatively, using the conflicting Uzziah dates, Zechariah's term would have begun in either (168 + 38 =) 206 or (181 + 38 =) 219--the date used in this tally.

<sup>8</sup> See next footnote.

<sup>9</sup> A two-year discrepancy between Uzziah (Uzziah, 181 + 52-year reign = 233) and Jotham's given ascendance in the second year of Pekah (= 235) is ascribed to a co-reign inclusion Jotham's "16" years.

<u>Length of Term</u>			<i>Of the Period</i> <u>Sequential / Calendar</u> <u>Year</u>	<u>Length of Term</u>
238	<i>Subtotal, years of reigns-----brought forward-----</i>			<i>Subtotal, years of reigns</i> 234 yrs., 7 mos.
	[Jotham/Ahaz co-reign?]		--	
16	<b>Ahaz</b>	<b>#12</b> Age 20. Began 17th year of Pekah.	<b>250</b> 676	
			[255/53? = 671/669?--true end of Pekah? <sup>10</sup> ]	
			<b>262</b> <sup>11</sup> 664	<b>Hoshea #19</b> 9 yrs. Began "12th year of Ahaz."
29	<b>Hezekiah</b>	<b>#13</b> Age 25. Began 3rd year of Hoshea.	<b>265</b> <sup>12</sup> 661	
			<b>271</b> 655	End of Hoshea, last northern king.
55	<b>Manasseh</b>	<b>#14</b> Age 12. No cross-reference given as to beginning of his term.	<b>294</b> <sup>13</sup> 632	
2	<b>Amon</b>	<b>#15</b> Age 22. No cross-reference.	<b>349</b> <sup>14</sup> 577	
31	<b>Josiah</b>	<b>#16</b> Age 8. <sup>15</sup> No cross-reference.	<b>351</b> <sup>16</sup> 575	
3 mos.	<b>Jehoahaz-S</b> <sup>17</sup>	<b>#17</b> Age 23. No cross-reference.	<b>382</b> <sup>18</sup> 544	
11	<b>Eliakim/ Jehoiakim</b>	<b>#18</b> Age 25. Began when Egypt deposed Jehoahaz-S.	<b>382</b> 544	
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382 yrs.	<i>Subtotal, yrs. of reigns-----carried forward-----</i>			<i>Subtotal, yrs. of reigns</i> 243 yrs. 3 mos. 7 mos.

<sup>10</sup> See next footnote.

<sup>11</sup> Date of Ahaz's sole ascendance. Although Jotham's reign is given as 16 years, *2 Kings* 15:30 states that Hoshea killed Pekah in Jotham's "20th year." This may indicate that, in addition to Jotham co-reigning at least two years with Uzziah (*refer* to fn. 9), Jotham also co-reigned a period with Ahaz. But note that an 11- to-9-year lapse emerges between apparent end of Pekah term and Hoshea commencement.

<sup>12</sup> But adding strictly 16 years for Ahaz's term would yield 266.

<sup>13</sup> Calculated from period-year of Hezekiah commencement plus Hezekiah term (266 + 29 = 294), and assuming ascension immediately following predecessor's death.

<sup>14</sup> Calculated from period-year of Manasseh commencement plus Manasseh term (294 + 55 = 349), and assuming ascension immediately following predecessor's death.

<sup>15</sup> A queen-mother/regent is not specified.

<sup>16</sup> Calculated from period-year of Amon commencement plus Amon term (349 + 2 = 351), and assuming ascension immediately following predecessor's death.

<sup>17</sup> Apparently referred to as "Shallum" in *1 Chronicles* 3:15 and *Jeremiah* 22:11; some translations have "Joahaz" at *2 Chronicles* 36:2.

<sup>18</sup> Calculated from period-year of Josiah commencement plus Josiah term (351 + 31 = 382), etc.

<u>Length of Term</u>	<i>Of the Period</i> <u>Sequential / Calendar</u> <u>Year</u>	<u>Length of Term</u>
382 yrs. 3 mos.	<i>Subtotal, yrs. of reigns---brought forward---</i>	<i>Subtotal, yrs. of reigns</i> 243 yrs., 7 mos.
3 mos. <b>Jehoiachin #19</b>	Age 8 or 18. <sup>19</sup> <b>393</b> 533 Began when Nebuchadnezzar deposed Eliakim/Jehoiakim.	
11 <b>Mattaniah/Zedekiah #20</b>	Age 21. <b>393</b> 533 Began when Jehoiachin was exiled to Babylon.	
	End of south kings.	522 b.c.
<i>Total Period Per Sequenced Terms (926 – 522=) 404 years.</i>		
393 yrs. 6 mos.----- <i>Total cumulative reigns</i> -----243 yrs. 7 mos.		

### Summary notes

Apart from small sliding discrepancies that emerge in secondary calculation, comparing regnal-year subtotals against assigned calendar years does reveal periods of greater uncertainty, e.g.:

#### **A. On the northern side:**

- (1) The calculations that place Jehu commencement at 834/833 b.c.<sup>20</sup> yield (926 - 834/833 = ) 92/93 intervening cumulative regnal years, while the cumulative regnal years derived from the texts, as shown, subtotal 98 after Jehoram-N--a difference of five to six years.
- (2) The subtotal of 202 regnal years after Jeroboam II's reign yields (926 – 202 =) 724 b.c., while the derived calendar year per the texts for Zechariah's commencement yields 707--a difference of 17 years.
- (3) (a) After Hoshea, (926 - 243<sup>+</sup> =) 682<sup>+</sup> b.c. results as the last year of the northern monarchy, instead of 655 b.c.--a difference of 27 years. At the same time, subtracting the table's period year 271 as Hoshea's fall, from the period year total of 404, yields 133 years. Per Josephus, "[T]he entire interval of time which passed from the captivity of the Israelites, to the carrying away of the two tribes, proved to be a *hundred and thirty years, six months, and 10 days*"<sup>21</sup> --a difference of only some two years, six months.

#### **B. On the southern side:**

- (1) Jehoram-S (926 - 94 =) 832 b.c., against Ahaziah-S commencement 835 b.c., yields a difference of only three years; but deducting the cumulative regnal sub-total after Uzziah (926 - 222 =) 704 b.c., against a Jotham first year of 691 b.c., yields a 13-year difference.
- (2) The grand total regnal years of 393 years, 6 months at the time of the south's fall yields a difference of (926 b.c. - 393 years, 6 months = 532<sup>+</sup> b.c. - 522 [derived calendar year] =) 10 years, 6 months.

<sup>19</sup> 2 *Chronicles* 36:9; 2 *Kings* 24:8. Age 18 appears to better fit the derived table--refer to Appendix 2C, III, C (Age Potential Comparisons).

<sup>20</sup> See fn. 4.

<sup>21</sup> *AJ*, X.IX.7, italics supplied.