



Kings of Israel and Kings of Judah

Kings of Israel (Northern Kingdom)

King	Length of Reign	Bible References	Evaluation	Short Biography
Jeroboam I	22 years	1 Kgs 11:26–14:20	Bad	First king of the divided kingdom. Made golden calves at Dan and Bethel, leading Israel into idolatry. A capable leader politically, but spiritually disastrous.
Nadab	2 years	1 Kgs 15:25–31	Bad	Continued his father's sins. Reigned briefly before being assassinated by Baasha during a military campaign.
Baasha	24 years	1 Kgs 15:32–16:7	Bad	Killed Jeroboam's house to secure power. Ruled firmly but was rebuked by God for idolatry and violence.
Elah	2 years	1 Kgs 16:8–14	Bad	A weak ruler known for drunkenness. Murdered by his chariot commander Zimri, ending Baasha's line.
Zimri	7 days	1 Kgs 16:15–20	Bad	One of the shortest reigns in history. Burned the palace down on himself when Omri besieged him.
Omri	12 years	1 Kgs 16:21–28	Bad	Powerful military leader who built Samaria as Israel's capital. More evil than predecessors, promoting national idolatry.
Ahab	22 years	1 Kgs 16:29–22:40	Bad	Infamous for Baal worship under Jezebel's influence. Opposed Elijah, yet showed occasional humility. Militarily strong, morally corrupt.
Ahaziah (Israel)	2 years	1 Kgs 22:51–2 Kgs 1:18	Bad	Worshipped Baal. Injured in a fall and sought pagan guidance, earning Elijah's rebuke.
Jehoram/Joram (Israel)	12 years	2 Kgs 2:1–9:26	Bad	Removed Baal pillar but kept the calf worship. Fought Elisha's prophetic ministry. Killed by Jehu.
Jehu	28 years	2 Kgs 9–10; 15:34–36	Mixed/Bad	Destroyed Ahab's house and Baal worship, fulfilling prophecy. However, he did not remove the golden calves. Politically decisive, spiritually incomplete.



Jehoahaz	17 years	2 Kgs 13:1–9	Bad	Oppressed by Syria for national sin. Cried to God in distress, but idolatry remained.
Jehoash/Joash (Israel)	16 years	2 Kgs 13:10–25; 14:8–16	Bad	Respected Elisha but remained in idolatry. Defeated Judah's king Amaziah in war.
Jeroboam II	41 years	2 Kgs 14:23–29; Amos; Hosea 1	Bad	Longest-reigning king of Israel. Oversaw economic expansion, but great spiritual decay. Opposed by prophets Amos and Hosea.
Zechariah	6 months	2 Kgs 15:8–12	Bad	Last of Jehu's dynasty. Assassinated by Shallum, fulfilling prophecy against his house.
Shallum	1 month	2 Kgs 15:13–15	Bad	Seized power violently, ruled briefly, then killed by Menahem.
Menahem	10 years	2 Kgs 15:16–22	Bad	Brutal ruler who paid tribute to Assyria. Idolatry continued unabated.
Pekahiah	2 years	2 Kgs 15:23–26	Bad	Weak king murdered by his officer Pekah in a coup.
Pekah	20 years	2 Kgs 15:27–31; Isa 7	Bad	Allied with Syria against Judah. Lost territory to Assyria. Assassinated by Hoshea.
Hoshea	9 years	2 Kgs 15:30; 17:1–6	Bad	Final king of Israel. Rebelled against Assyria. His reign ended when Israel was exiled for covenant unfaithfulness.

Kings of Judah (Southern Kingdom)

King	Length of Reign	Bible References	Evaluation	Short Biography
Rehoboam	17 years	1 Kgs 12:1–24; 14:21–31; 2 Chr 10–12	Bad/Mixed	Solomon's son. Harsh policies caused the kingdom split. Allowed idolatry, though humbled himself when judged.
Abijah/Abijam	3 years	1 Kgs 15:1–8; 2 Chr 13	Bad/Mixed	Repeated Jeroboam-like sins, yet delivered a strong speech about covenant loyalty. Militarily bold but spiritually inconsistent.
Asa	41 years	1 Kgs 15:9–24; 2 Chr 14–16	Good, flawed later	Removed idols, restored worship, sought God in war. Later relied on Syria instead



				of God and imprisoned a prophet.
Jehoshaphat	25 years	1 Kgs 22:41–50; 2 Chr 17–20	Good	Promoted teaching of the Law, strengthened Judah spiritually, though erred by allying with Ahab.
Jehoram/Joram (Judah)	8 years	2 Kgs 8:16–24; 2 Chr 21	Bad	Married Ahab's daughter Athaliah, imported Baal worship, killed his brothers, and faced severe judgment.
Ahaziah (Judah)	1 year	2 Kgs 8:25–29; 9:27–29; 2 Chr 22	Bad	Influenced by Athaliah. Reigns briefly and was killed by Jehu while visiting Israel's king.
Athaliah (Queen, Judah)	6 years	2 Kgs 11:1–16; 2 Chr 22:10–23:15	Bad	Only ruling queen. Tried to kill the royal line. Overthrown when Jehoiada crowned Joash.
Joash/Jehoash (Judah)	40 years	2 Kgs 11–12; 2 Chr 24	Mixed/Bad	Began well under Jehoiada, repairing the Temple. Later turned to idolatry and killed Jehoiada's son.
Amaziah	29 years	2 Kgs 14:1–20; 2 Chr 25	Mixed	Obeded God selectively. Won battles but worshipped Edomite gods. Defeated by Israel's Joash.
Uzziah/Azariah	52 years	2 Kgs 15:1–7; 2 Chr 26; Isa 6:1	Good, proud downfall	Strong reformer and builder. Entered Temple unlawfully, struck with leprosy.
Jotham	16 years	2 Kgs 15:32–38; 2 Chr 27	Good	Strengthened the nation and walked rightly, though high places remained.
Ahaz	16 years	2 Kgs 16; 2 Chr 28; Isa 7–8	Very Bad	Sacrificed children, embraced idolatry, and rejected Isaiah's call to trust God.
Hezekiah	29 years	2 Kgs 18–20; 2 Chr 29–32; Isa 36–39	Very Good	Great reformer who destroyed the bronze serpent, restored worship, and trusted God against Assyria.
Manasseh	55 years	2 Kgs 21:1–18; 2 Chr 33:1–20	Bad → Repentant	Most evil king early. Later humbled himself, repented, and restored worship.



Amon	2 years	2 Kgs 21:19–26; 2 Chr 33:21–25	Bad	Rejected his father's repentance and returned to idolatry. Assassinated by servants.
Josiah	31 years	2 Kgs 22–23; 2 Chr 34–35	Very Good	Greatest reformer of Judah. Rediscovered the Law, abolished idols, restored Passover.
Jehoahaz	3 months	2 Kgs 23:31–34; 2 Chr 36:1–4	Bad	Deposed by Egypt and taken captive.
Jehoiakim	11 years	2 Kgs 23:34–24:7; 2 Chr 36:5–8; Jer 22, 26, 36	Bad	Burned Jeremiah's scroll, resisted God's warnings. Subjugated by Babylon.
Jehoiachin/Coniah	3 months 10 days	2 Kgs 24:8–16; 2 Chr 36:9–10; Jer 22:24–30	Bad	Exiled to Babylon. Later shown mercy and honoured at the king's table.
Zedekiah	11 years	2 Kgs 24:17–25:7; 2 Chr 36:11–21; Jer 24, 27–28, 32, 34, 37–39	Bad	Final king before exile. Rebelled against Babylon, ignored Jeremiah, and saw Jerusalem destroyed.