

OLD TESTAMENT SURVEY

PERIOD SEVEN

LAST DAYS OF JUDAH

LESSON 31

In this lesson we want to learn about the last 8 kings of Judah and how Judah went into captivity.

- *HEZEKIAH - his trust in God when Sennacherib attacked Jerusalem - his trust in God when he was sick.*
- *MANASSEH AND AMON.*
- *JOSIAH - how he destroyed the idols and high places in Judah and Israel.*
- *THE LAST FOUR EVIL KINGS OF JUDAH.*

Time	PERIOD SEVEN	JUDAH
Main thought	LAST DAYS OF JUDAH AS A KINGDOM	
Chapters that tell of this part	2 Kings 18:1 2 Chronicles 10:1	to to 2 Kings 25:30 2 Chronicles 36:16
What this part tells about	931BC Southern Kingdom - Judah - Rehoboam to Judah lasted 350 years.	586 BC end of Jerusalem
	<p>Government of Judah</p> <p>19 kings, they all belong to the family of David.</p> <p>Way of Living</p> <p>They all lived about the same, none were very poor, and none were very rich. They had a simple way of living.</p>	<p>Religion</p> <p>Little by little the people turned from God - then they came back to God as the prophets brought them back to God.</p> <p>Prophets</p> <p>850 - 700 - Joel, Isaiah, Micah, - Obadiah</p> <p>700 - 600 BC - Jeremiah, Zephaniah, - Nahum, Habakkuk</p>

JUDAH	Amon Jehoahaz Jehoiachin														
King	Hezekiah		Manasseh						Josiah			Jehoiakim	Zedekiah	Judah in exile in Babylon	
Prophet								Nahum			Ezekiel				
Prophet	Isaiah								Zephaniah	Habakkuk	Daniel				
Prophet	Micah									Jeremiah					
BC	710	700	690	680	670	660	650	640	630	620	610	600	590	580	
Prophet															
Prophet															
King															
ISRAEL	Israel in Exile in Assyria														

1. INTRODUCTION - LAST DAYS OF JUDAH

The people of Judah did not want to listen to the Lord. The Lord gave them many good kings, but the people did not listen to them. The Lord sent prophets to them. The people would not listen to the prophets. Finally the Lord had to punish them. He had to send them out of their land.

2. HEZEKIAH, KING OF JUDAH

A. Hezekiah, king of Judah, 2 Kings 18:1-7; 2 Chronicles 29 to 31.

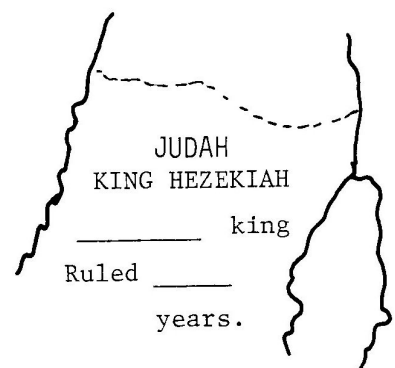
READ 2 KINGS 18:1-7.

How long was Hezekiah king?

Was he a good king?

What did Hezekiah do that the other kings did not do (2 Kings 18:4)?

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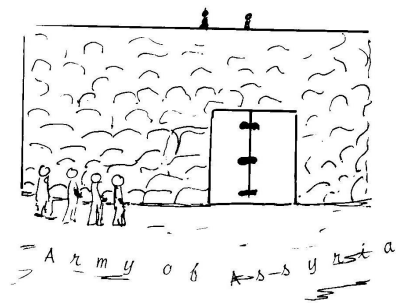
What did Hezekiah do that showed he loved the Lord (2 Kings 18:5-6)

Hezekiah wanted to have the Passover. Because the people had sinned, their lives were not clean. Hezekiah prayed for the people. He prayed that the Lord would forgive their sins and make them clean.

See 2 Chronicles 29:3-9.

B. Hezekiah attacked by Sennacherib, 2 Kings 18:13 - 19:7; 2 Chronicles 32:1-16.

Hezekiah stopped paying taxes to Sennacherib, king of Assyria. Sennacherib sent Rabshakeh (field commander) to make the people of Judah pay their taxes. What did Rabshakeh tell the people of Judah (2 Kings 18:28-30)?



Did the people say anything to him (2 Kings 18:36)?

What did Hezekiah do when he heard that Rabshakeh (field commander) spoke bad of God (2 Kings 19:1)?

What else did Hezekiah do (2 Kings 19:2)?

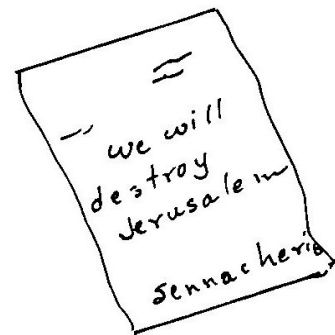
What did Isaiah tell Hezekiah's messengers (2 Kings 19:7)?

Did this happen to Rabshakeh?

C. Hezekiah received a letter from Sennacherib, 2 Kings 19:8-37; 2 Chronicles 32:17-22.

READ 2 KINGS 19:8-37.

Sennacherib, king of Assyria, sent a letter to Hezekiah. He told Hezekiah, "We will destroy your country if you do not give us money." What did Hezekiah do with the letter (2 Kings 19:14)?



We should go to the Lord too, when we have problems.

Isaiah told Hezekiah what would happen to Sennacherib. What would he not be able to do (2 Kings 19:32)?

What did the Lord do to the Assyrian army (2 Kings 19:35)?

What happened to Sennacherib (2 Kings 19:37)?

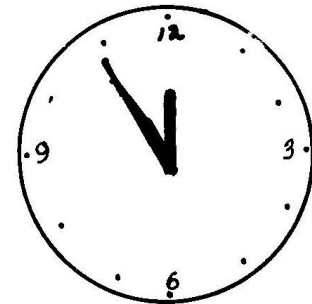
D. Hezekiah was sick, 2 Kings 20:1-21; 2 Chronicles 32:24-26.

READ 2 KINGS 20:1-21.

Hezekiah became very sick. Isaiah told him, "You will die." What did Hezekiah do (2 Kings 20:2,3)?

What did the Lord tell Isaiah (2 Kings 20:5,6)?

Hezekiah wanted a sign from the Lord to show that he would get well. The Lord made the sun go back in the sky. This made the shadow go backward 10 marks on the sun clock.



After Hezekiah got well, what foolish thing did he do (2 Kings 20:12,13)?

What did Isaiah say would happen because of this (2 Kings 20:17)?

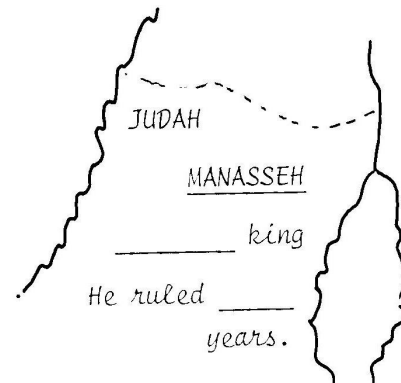
3. MANASSEH AND AMON, KINGS OF JUDAH

A. Manasseh, 2 Kings 21:1-18; 2 Chronicles 33:1-20.

READ 2 KINGS 21:1-18.

How long was Manasseh king of Judah?

Was he a good king?



What did Manasseh do (2 Kings 21:3-9)?

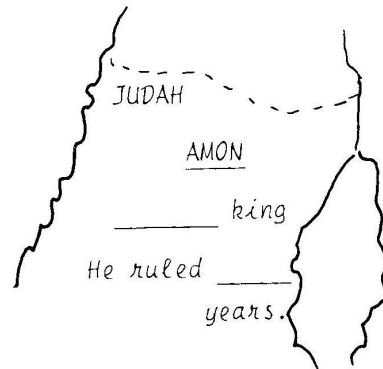
B. Amon, 2 Kings 21:19-26; 2 Chronicles 33:21-25.

READ 2 KINGS 21:19-26.

How long was Amon king?

Was he a good king?

What happened to Amon?



4. JOSIAH, KING OF JUDAH 2 Kings 22:1 to 23:30; 2 Chronicles 34:1 to 35:27.

READ 2 KINGS 22:1 to 23:30.

How old was Josiah when he became king (2 Kings 22:1)?

How long was he king (2 Kings 22:1)?

Was he a good king (2 Kings 22:2)?

What did Josiah want Hilkiah, the high priest to do (2 Kings 22:4-6)?

What did Hilkiah find in the temple (2 Kings 22:8)?

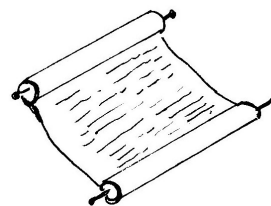
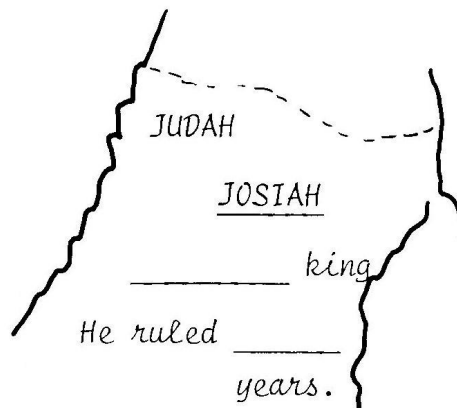
What did Josiah do when the book was read to him (2 Kings 22:11)?

What did he ask Hilkiah to do?

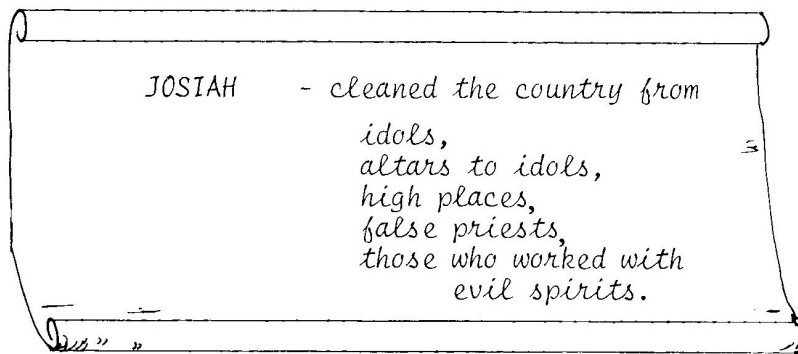
What answer did Hilkiah get (2 Kings 22:16,17)?

What was the Lord going to do to Josiah because he obeyed the book of the law (2 Kings 22:20)?

What did Josiah do with the book (2 Kings 23:2)?



Then Josiah had the priests take all the idols out of the temple. These idols were burned outside the city. Notice that the people of Judah had been worshipping the sun (2 Kings 23:5,11,12). Josiah also killed the priests who worked for the idols.

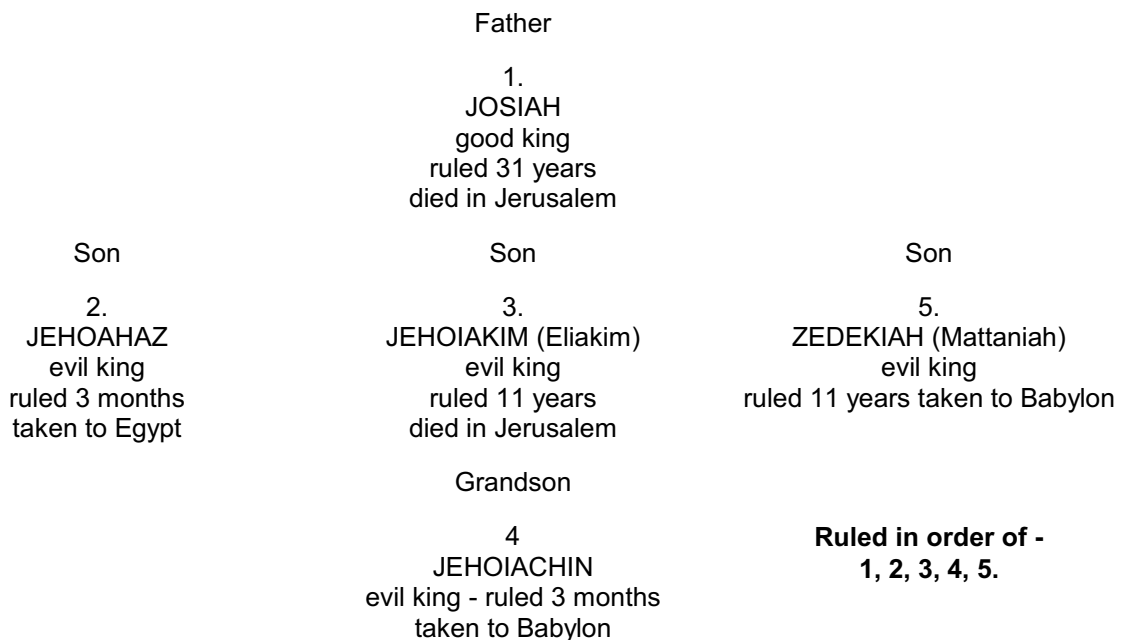


Josiah went through the land of Judah and Israel. He destroyed all the idols in the land. He destroyed the altars and the places where the idols were.

After this he asked the people to keep the Passover. He made a great Passover feast. This Passover was greater than any Passover which had been kept since the time of the judges.

After this, Josiah killed all the people who worked with evil spirits. Josiah took away all the false gods and false priests. But the hearts of the people did not change. Because the people did not change their hearts, what did the Lord say He would do to the people of Judah (2 Kings 23:27)?

5. FOUR EVIL KINGS OF JUDAH



A. Jehoahaz, 2 Kings 23:31-34; 2 Chronicles 36:1-3.

READ 2 KINGS 23:31-34.

How long was Jehoahaz king in Jerusalem?

What happened to him?

B. Jehoiakim (Eliakim), 2 Kings 23:34-37;24:1-7; 2 Chronicles 36:4-8.

READ 2 KINGS 23:34 to 24:7.

Who made Jehoiakim king of Jerusalem?

How long was he king?

Jehoiakim had to pay taxes to Egypt. Where did he get the money to pay these taxes?

C. Jehoiachin, 2 Kings 24:8-17; 2 Chronicles 36:9-10.

READ 2 KINGS 24:8-17.

How long was Jehoiachin king of Judah?

Who ruled all the countries around Judah at that time (2 Kings 24:7,10)?

What did Jehoiachin do when Nebuchadnezzar came to fight against Jerusalem (2 Kings 24:12)?

Nebuchadnezzar took all the leaders of Jerusalem to Babylon at this time. He also took all the treasures out of the Temple.

D. Zedekiah (Mattaniah), 2 Kings 24:18 to 25:21; 2 Chronicles 36:11-21.

READ 2 KINGS 24:17-20.

How long was Zedekiah king of Judah (2 Kings 24:18)?

What did Zedekiah do that made Nebuchadnezzar come and destroy Jerusalem (2 Kings 24:20)?

What did Nebuchadnezzar destroy in Jerusalem (2 Kings 25:9-10)?

**The Beautiful Temple Which Solomon Built Was Broken Down.
Nebuchadnezzar Took All the Important People to Babylon.
He Left Only the Poor People in Jerusalem.**

6. IMPORTANT TO REMEMBER

The Lord showed love and mercy to Judah. He forgave them many times. The Lord gave them kings and prophets to lead them in the right way, but they would not obey Him. The people of Judah kept going their own way. At last the Lord had to punish the people of Judah. The Lord sent them into other countries.

There are times when we are like the people of Judah. The Lord has given us much. He has forgiven our sins. Yet we often want to go our own way. Sometimes the Lord has to send hard things into our lives to make us obey Him.

Kings to remember: Hezekiah and Josiah.

WORDS TO LEARN

1. exile - to be away from a person's country. This person is away from his country because he was sent or taken away.