

## THE EARLY KINGS OF JUDAH

### 1 Kings 14 – 2 Kings 18

During the 200 – 250 years of the Divided Kingdom, the nation Israel had a total of 19 kings, all of whom were evil. During this same period of time, Judah had only 13 rulers. As you study about these below, see what basic differences you can discover between them and the kings of Israel:

**A. The First Four Kings of Judah:** Read 1 Kings 14:21–15:24, 22:41-49

1. What two great sins did the people of Judah begin to commit during the days of Rehoboam? 1 Kings 14:23, 24  
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2. What terrible judgment came to Judah in the fifth year of Rehoboam?  
1 Kings 15:25-27  
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3. What kind of king was Abijam (Abijah), the second king of Judah?  
1 Kings 15:3  
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4. Why did God not destroy the people of Judah immediately for their sins?  
1 Kings 15:4, 5  
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5. What kind of king was Asa, the third king of Judah? 1 Kings 15:11, 14b  
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6. What two sinful things did Asa take away from the land of Judah?  
1 Kings 15:12  
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7. What kind of king was Jehoshaphat, the fourth king of Judah? 1 Kings 22:43b  
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**B. The Fifth through Tenth Kings of Judah:** Read 2 Kings 8:16-27, 11:1–12:21

1. What kind of king was Jehoram (Joram), the fifth king of Judah?  
2 Kings 8:18a  
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2. Whose example did he follow? 2 Kings 8:18b  
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3. Whom did he marry? 2 Kings 8:18c  
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4. Although Judah became very wicked at this time, for whose sake did God spare her from being destroyed? 2 Kings 8:19  
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5. What kind of king was Ahaziah, the sixth king of Judah? 2 Kings 8:27  
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6. After Ahaziah was killed by Jehu, king of Israel, who killed Ahaziah's sons and usurped the throne of Judah? 2 Kings 11:1, 3b

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7. Who escaped from her cruelty, unknown to her? 2 Kings 11:2, 3

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8. What finally happened to her? 2 Kings 11:20b

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9. After this, what did Jehoiada the priest make the people of Judah promise?  
2 Kings 11:17

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10. What did they do to the idols? 2 Kings 11:18a

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11. What kind of king was Jehoash (Joash), the seventh king of Judah?  
2 Kings 12:2

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12. What important thing did Joash do during his reign? 2 Kings 12:14

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13. What kind of king was Amaziah, the eighth king of Judah? 2 Kings 14:3

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14. What kind of king was Azariah (also called Uzziah), the ninth king of Judah?  
2 Kings 15:3

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15. What was unusual about this king? 2 Kings 15:5

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16. What kind of king was Jotham, the tenth king of Judah? 2 Kings 15:34

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**C. The Eleventh and Twelfth Kings of Judah:** Read 2 Kings 16:1-20

1. What kind of king was Ahaz, the eleventh king of Judah? 2 Kings 16:2b-4

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2. What kind of king was Hezekiah, the twelfth king of Judah, who reigned at the time of Israel's capture? 2 Kings 18:3, 5-7

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**QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:**

1. Why did the nation Judah last longer than the nation Israel?

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2. What can I do to help my nation continue for a long time? Proverbs 14:34

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