

# The Divided Kingdom

Over the years, the chronology of the Hebrew kings has been a challenge for Bible scholars for several major reasons:

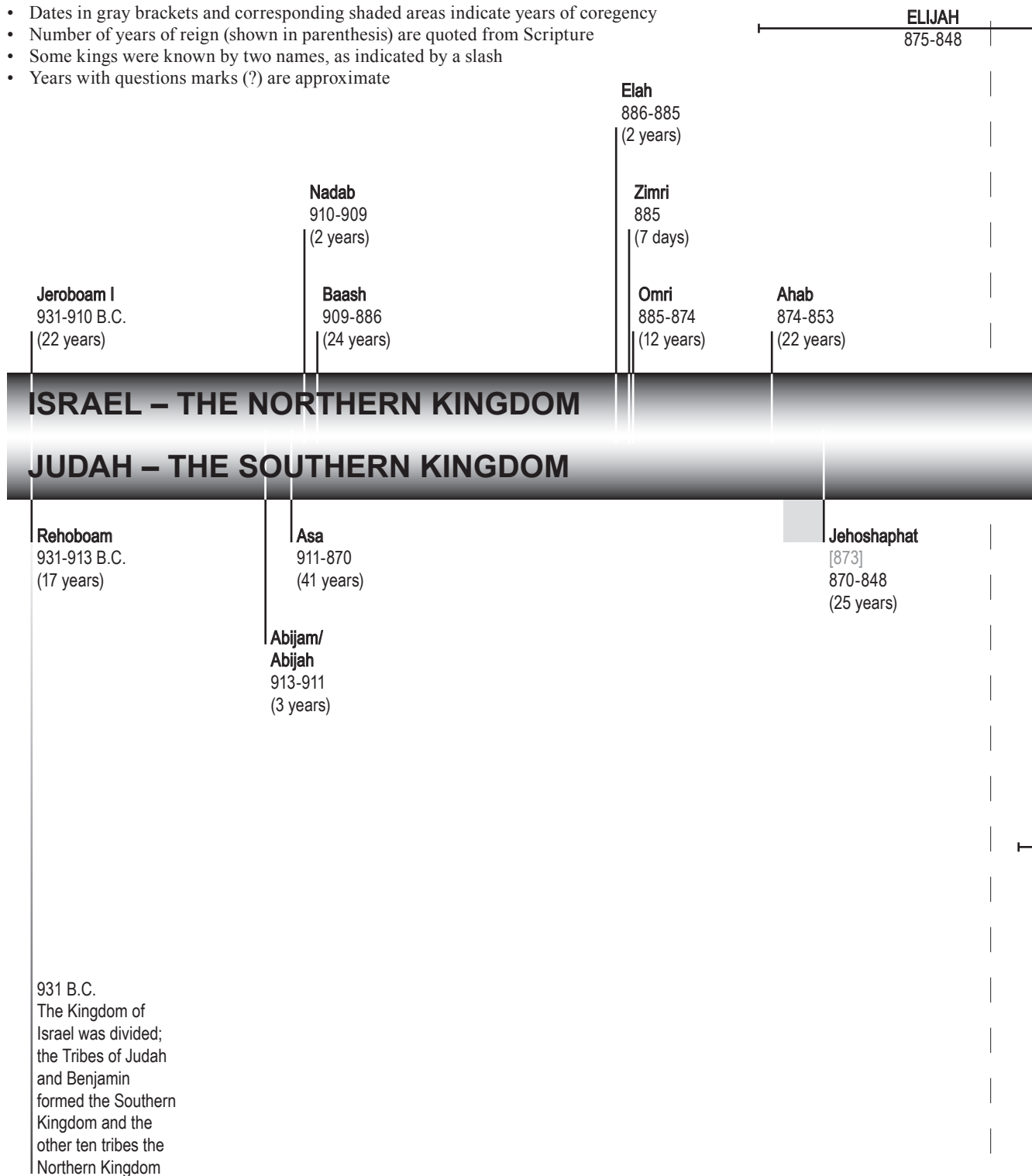
**Coregencies**—at times a father and son reigned together, and the coregency years were included in the years of reign recorded for each of them. **Accession year**—sometimes the year in which a king began to reign was counted as his first year, and sometimes it was not. **Calendar year**—Jewish people used two calendars (a religious year and a civil year) and the record of the kings varied between the two.

Some of the dates are fixed and confirmed by the chronology of other ancient Eastern countries. At times it is necessary to adjust some of the other dates by a year so they fit within the framework.

The dates in this quarter are based on research from *Beacon Bible Commentary*, *Nelson's Complete Book of Bible Maps & Charts*, *Life Application Study Bible*, *King James Bible Commentary*, and *Holman's Bible Dictionary*.

NOTE:

- Dates in gray brackets and corresponding shaded areas indicate years of coregency
- Number of years of reign (shown in parenthesis) are quoted from Scripture
- Some kings were known by two names, as indicated by a slash
- Years with question marks (?) are approximate



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**ELIJAH**  
875-848

**ELISHA**  
848-797

**JONAH**  
793-753(?)

**Ahaziah**  
853-852  
(2 years)

**Joram/  
Jehoram**  
852-841  
(12 years)

**Jehu**  
841-814  
(28 years)

**Jehoahaz**  
814-798  
(17 years)

**Jehoash/  
Joash**  
798-782  
(16 years)

**Jeroboam II**  
[793]  
782-753  
(41 years)

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**Jehoram/  
Joram**  
[853]  
848-841  
(8 years)

**Queen  
Athaliah**  
841-835  
(6 years)

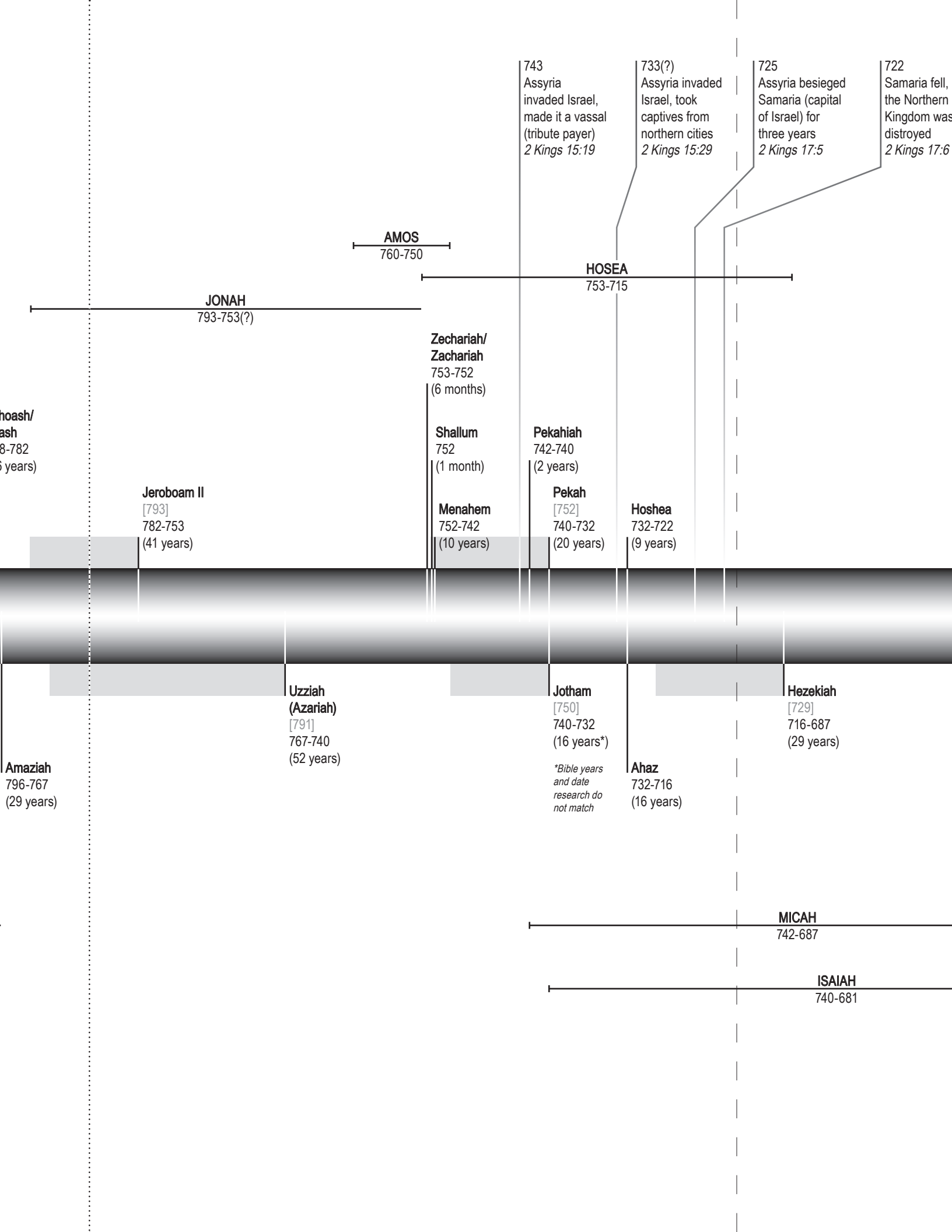
**Joash/  
Jehoash**  
835-796  
(40 years)

**Ahaziah/  
Jehoahaz**  
841  
(1 year)

**Amaziah**  
796-767  
(29 years)

**OBADIAH**  
855-840(?)

**JOEL**  
835-796(?)



733(?)  
Assyria invaded Israel, took captives from northern cities  
*2 Kings 15:29*

725  
Assyria besieged Samaria (capital of Israel) for three years  
*2 Kings 17:5*

722  
Samaria fell, the Northern Kingdom was destroyed  
*2 Kings 17:6*

Hezekiah  
722-722  
(years)

Isaiah  
722-716  
(years)

**Hezekiah**  
[729]  
716-687  
(29 years)

**Manasseh**  
[696]  
687-642  
(55 years)

**Josiah**  
640-608  
(31 years)  
  
**Amon**  
642-640  
(2 years)

**MICAH**  
742-687

**ISAIAH**  
740-681

**NAHUM**  
663-654

**ZECHARIAH**  
640-608

612  
Babylon  
conquered  
Nineveh  
(capital of  
Assyria)

605  
Babylon conquered  
Carchemish (a major city  
in western Assyria) and  
Egypt when they tried to  
help defend Assyria

**Josiah**  
640-608  
(31 years)

**Amon**  
642-640  
(2 years)

**Jehoiakim/  
Eliakim**  
608-597  
(11 years)

**Jehoahaz/  
Shallum**  
608  
(3 months)

**Zedekiah/  
Mattaniah**  
597-586  
(11 years)

**Jehoiachin/  
Coniah/  
Jeconiah**  
597  
(3 months)

**HABAKKUK**  
612-589

**DANIEL (in Babylon)**  
605-536

**JEREMIAH**  
627-586

**EZEKIEL (in Babylon)**  
593-571

**NAHUM**  
663-654

**ZEPHANIAH**  
640-621

605  
Babylon invaded  
Judah and took  
captives  
(including Daniel)  
*2 Kings 24:1*  
*Daniel 1:1*

597  
Babylon invaded  
Judah and took cap-  
tives (including King  
Jehoiachin and his  
family and Ezekiel),  
and Temple treasures  
*2 Kings 24:10*

588  
Babylon besieged  
Jerusalem (capital  
of Judah) for one  
and a half years  
*2 Kings 25:1-2*  
*Ezekiel 24:2*

586  
Jerusalem  
was broken  
up and the  
Southern  
Kingdom  
destroyed  
*2 Kings 25:4*