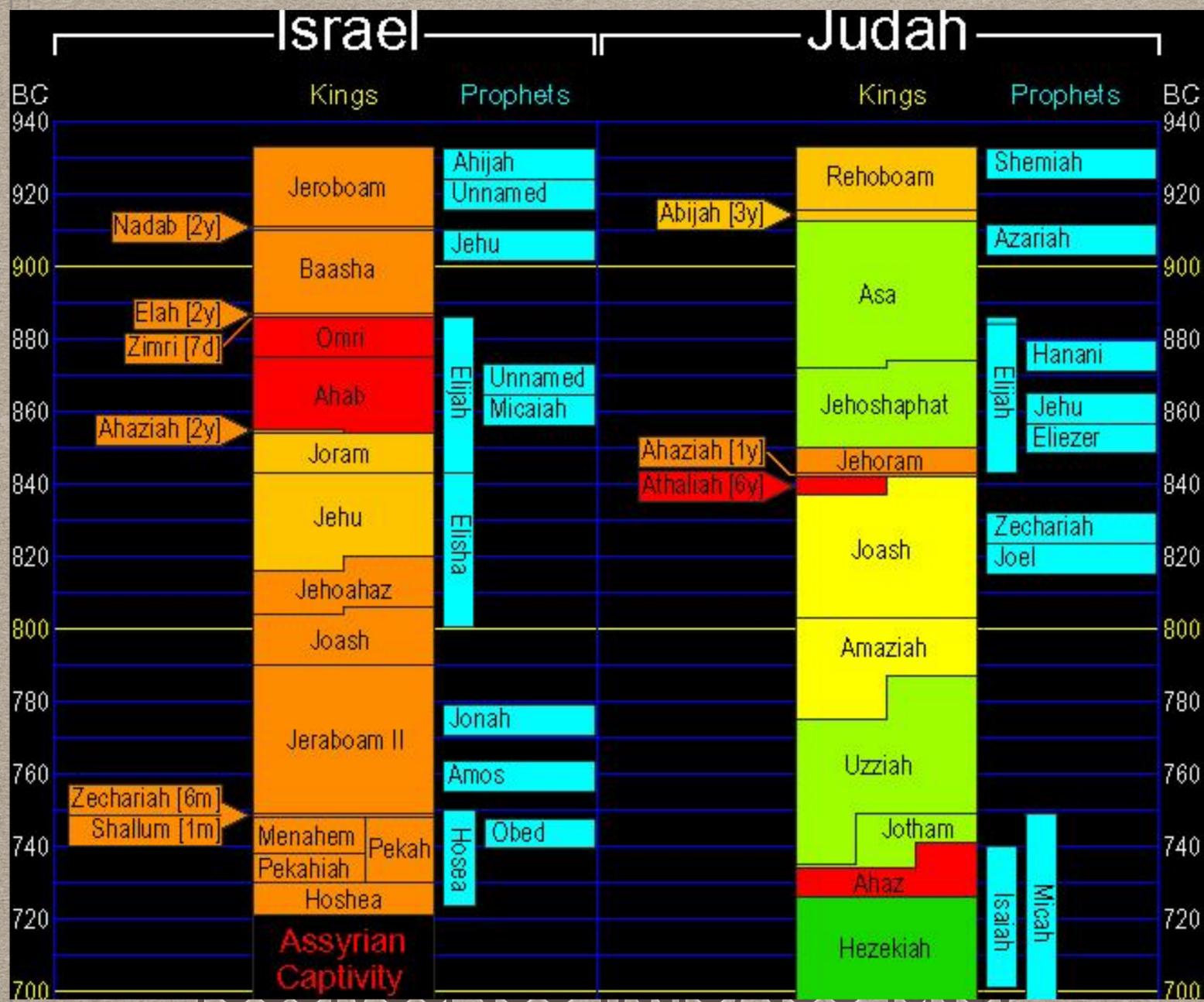




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WARNINGS TO ZEDEKIAH AND CONIAH - 21&22

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# THE LORD ANSWERS, "I MYSELF WILL WAR AGAINST YOU..."

- How did the Lord answer his question?
  - I will make your weapons of war fail and the babylonians will take your city
  - In anger and wrath the Lord will war against Judah. With pestilence the Lord will kill the inhabitants of Jerusalem. Then those who survive pestilence, sword and famine will become slaves to the babylonians
- What ways did the Lord set before them?
  - The way of life and death
- When these things happen, who is the one who will live?
  - Those who leave Jerusalem and surrender to the Chaldeans.

# THE LORD IS AGAINST THE HOUSE OF DAVID

- According to what would they be punished?
  - The results of their deeds.
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# IF THE KING DOES RIGHT, KINGS WOULD ENTER JERUSALEM AGAIN

- Upon what condition would kings again sit on the throne of David?
- If justice and righteousness, protection of those robbed, and strangers and orphans, and widows. Also do not shed innocent blood.



# **BUT IF THEY DID NOT, THE HOUSE OF DAVID WOULD BECOME A DESOLATION**

- What would befall Judah if they continued in their sinful ways?
  - The house of David will become a desolation
- By whom did the Lord swear that the kings house would become a desolation?
  - Himself

# THE HOUSE OF THE KING WOULD BE MADE A WILDERNESS

- What would the nations say of Jerusalem?
  - Why has the Lord done thus to this great city?
- What would the answer to this question be?
  - Because they broke their covenant with the Lord.

# WEEP FOR THOSE WHO GO AWAY

- Why were they to weep for those who go away?
  - He will never return to or see his native land again.

# SHALLUM, SON OF JOSIAH SHALL NOT RETURN TO JUDAH ANYMORE

- Which of Josiah's sons, who became king after him, would be led into captivity and never see Judah again?
  - Shallum

# THE EYES OF THE LEADERS WERE FOR COVETOUSNESS & SHEDDING INNOCENT BLOOD

- What 3 sins were the builders guilty of?
  - Building their house without righteousness and upper room with justice
  - Using his neighbor's services without pay or wages,
  - Building, a spacious roomy house with windows, and paneling it with cedar and red paint.
- In times past, who was it well with?
  - Those who did righteousness.

# NO LAMENTING FOR JEHOIAKIM

- What would be the final end of Jehoiakim?
  - A donkey's burial, dragged off and thrown out beyond the gates of Jerusalem.

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# THEY HAD REFUSED TO HEAR FROM THEIR YOUTH

- How long had they refused to listen to the Lord?
  - Since the time of the youth

# A MESSAGE TO CONIAH

- Into whose hands would Coniah be given?
  - Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon and the Chaldeans
- What would not happen to the descendants of Coniah?
  - They would NEVER sit on the throne of David or rule in Judah again

# LESSONS AND APPLICATIONS

- 21:1-2 Consulting God does NOT always mean that you will get your way. God gives us what is best in the end, BUT He will not reward ungodly behavior
- 21:13 Note the arrogance of Judah in thinking that none could enter their dwelling
- 22:16 How did they know the Lord? How do we know the Lord?

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- 22:21 How easy it is to forget God when all is well, but that is the best time to turn to Him
- 22:30 is a very important verse that explains why Christ CANNOT reign upon this earth again (Premillennialism). Coniah (Jeconiah) brought to an end the earthly dynasty of King David.