

ELIJAH & ELISHA Chronology

870-842 BC 865-795 BC

Luke 4:24-27
James 5:17

Israel Kings

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Battle of Maresah: Zerah, the Ethiopian attacks Judah: (2 Chron 14:9-15) Feb-896 BC
Fortification of Ramah: Baasha fortifies Ramah: (2 Chron 16:1) Nov-896 BC
Prophet Hanani condemns Asa for relying on Ben-Hadad I to defeat-894 BC
Baasha and is thrown into prison by Asa (2 Chr 16:7-10)

Ahab the Israelite
Battle of Qarqar
Prophet Jehu son of Hanani condemns Baasha
Zimri kills Eliah: 1 Ki 16:1
Rival kings: Omri 1 Ki 16:21
Zimri burned down palace at Tizzah. In 877 BC Omri founds Samaria as new capital of Israel

Kurkh Monolith of Shalmaneser III
Annals 853 BC
Ahab's House of Baal
Built by Jezebel in 873 BC: 1 Ki 16:32
Burned by Jehu in 841 BC: 2 Ki 10:18-28
Ahab
Jezebel kills prophets, protected by Obadiah: 1 Kings 18:3-4; 872 BC
Ahab builds his "Ivory House" at Samaria: 1 Ki 22:39; 871 BC
Predicts 3.5 yr drought (Lk 4:25; James 5:17)-870 BC
moves to spring at Cherith river (1 Ki 17:1-7)
moves to widow of Zarephath near Sidon: (1 Ki 17:8-24)-869 BC
miracles of flour, oil and raises son from dead
Mt. Carmel: vs. 850 prophets Baal: 1 Ki 18: 867 BC
moves to Mt. Sinai: 1 Kings 18: 868 BC
leaves Shalmaneser III: 865 BC
Age 20 "kisses father & mother goodbye"

Naboth's Vineyard: Elisha condemns Ahab, repents: (1 Ki 21) 862 BC
(The chapters of 1 Kings 20 and 21 are reversed in the LXX)
Elisha miracles: widow's oil; Shunemite conceives son 2 Ki 4: 861 BC
raises Shunemite's dead son age 5 years: 2 Ki 4:18; 856 BC
Poison stew, multiplies bread: 2 Ki 4:38-44; 855 BC
heals Naaman, dips 7x in Jordan, Gehazi's leprosy: 2 Ki 5: 854 BC
Naaman kills Ahab with arrow: (1 Ki 22:28; Jos. Ant. 8:414) 853 BC
Moab rebels, Ahaziah sick: Elisha condemns: 2 Ki 1:1-16
recovers axe-head: 2 Ki 6:1-7; 851 BC
Blinds Aram army, march to Samaria 2 Ki 6:13; 850 BC
Battle of Dothan: Elisha blinds Aram army, march to Samaria 2 Ki 6:13; 850 BC
Battle of Carmel: Shalmaneser III vs. Ben-Hadad + 12 kings
Battle of Moab I: Judah, Israel, Edom vs. Mesha, Elisha water miracle: 2 Ki 3:4-27
Battle of Hamath I: Shalmaneser III vs. Ben-Hadad II: 848 BC

Melgart Stele of Ben-Hadad II: 845 BC
Jehoram issues death threat to Elisha because of famine: 2 Ki 6:31
Ben-Hadad flees, 4 lepers, famine ends: 2 Ki 7
Elisha goes to heaven in whirlwind: 2 Ki 2:1-12
purifies Jericho spring. Bear kills 42 mocking youths: 2 Ki 2:19
Age 43 "bald head"

Battle of Aram: Shalmaneser III defeats Ben-Hadad II, Jehu bows and pays tribute: 838 BC
Jehu bowing to Shalmaneser
received the tribute of Jehu, son of Omri
Black Obelisk of Shalmaneser III
Ostraca of Elisha from hometown Abel-meholah: 1 Kings 19:35; 830 BC

Joash Rimah Stele
"In one year I subdued all the lands of Amurru & Hatti (Syria and Israel). I imposed tribute of Mari (Ben-Hadad III), the Damascusene. I received the tribute of Joash [lit. lu'asu], the Samaritan, and tribute of Tyre & Sidon."

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Battle of Damascus II: "I received tribute of Ben-Hadad III & Jehoash the Samaritan" (Stela Adad-nirari III) 796 BC
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Ben-Hadad (Irdi) I (Aram) 900-860 BC
Asa (911-870 BC)
Feb: Zerah, the Ethiopian attacks Judah: 2 Chron 14:9-15
896 BC May: Covenant festival, queen mother removed: 2 Chron 15:9-15
895 BC **Battle of Naphtali:** Asa makes a treaty with Ben-Hadad I who then attacks Ijon, Dan, Abel-maim: 2 Chron 16:2-20
Archaeological destruction layer at Tel Dan (1 Ki 15:18-20)

Tukulti-Ninurta II (Assyria) 890-884 BC
Assurnasirpal II (Assyria) 883-859 BC
Melgart Stele of Ben-Hadad II 845 BC
Mesha Stone 841 BC
Names: Mesha, House of David, Omri, Ahab, Israel, YHWH
2 Ki 3:4-27, 10:32-33
872 BC Asa stricken with diseased feet. 2 Chron 16:12
Jehoshaphat co-regent 2 years: 2 Ki 1:17; 3:1

Jehoshaphat
868 BC **Evangelist Jehoshaphat**
Jehoshaphat sends priests to teach Book of Law in all the cities in Judah, Arabs and Philistines pay tribute.
1.16 million Judean army (no wars) 2 Chron 17:6-10
Seal of Jezebel
"YHWH of Samaria and his wife"
Ostraca from Kuntliliet Ajrud
Alabaster Statue of Shalmaneser III Annals 841 BC
Basalt Statue of Shalmaneser III Annals 841 BC
Hazael Stele 841 BC
"I killed Joram son of Ahab and Abaddon son of Jehoram of the house of David"
835 BC High Priest Jehoiada (2 Chron 22:11; 24:6) kills Athaliah and becomes shadow king behind Joash.

Ben-Hadad (Irdi) II (Aram), 860-841 BC
(Naaman his general healed in 854 BC)
Shalmaneser III (Assyria) 858-824
857 BC: **Seige of Samaria** I: Ahab defeats drunk Ben-Hadad II + 32 kings (1 Kings 20:1)
856 BC: **Battle of Aphek:** YHWH is God of hills, valleys. Walls of Aphek fall, Ahab releases Ben-Hadad II (1 Ki 20:26-43)

853 BC Battle of Qarqar: Shalmaneser's 6th yr. vs. Ben-Hadad + Ahab: Kurkh Monolith says Ahab sent 2,000 chariots, 10,000 men assist in Shalmaneser's defeat.
Battle of Ramoth-Gilead I: Ahab + Jehoshaphat vs. Ben-Hadad, Ahab dies 1 Ki 22
Prophet Jehu son of Hanani condemns Jehoshaphat over allegiance: 2 Chron 19:2
Jehoshaphat becomes **literate evangelist**, Jehoram is coregent: 2 Chron 19:4
Battle of Engedi: Jehoshaphat defeats Moab & Ammon. Seer Jahaziel 2 Chron 20
Ezer condemns Edom-Gether shipbuilding: Jehoshaphat + Ahasa: 2 Chron 20:36
Jehoram
847 BC Edom who appoints a king and Libnah rebel against Judah: 2 Chron 21:8-10
846 BC **Battle of Edom:** Joram king of Judah attacks Edom: 2 Ki 8:21; 2 Chron 21:9
845 BC **Elisha's letter to Jehoram:** 2 Chron 21:12-15
844 BC **Battle of Jerusalem:** Philistines, Arabs attack Jerusalem: 2 Chron 21:16-17
843 BC Jehoram sick 2 years and dies in 841 BC: 2 Chron 21:18-19
Athaliah
841 BC
Hazael (Aram) 841-800 BC
Elisha anoints Hazael in Damascus: 2 Ki 8:7
Battle of Ramoth-Gilead II: Hazael wounds Joram
Elisha anoints Jehu in Ramoth-gilead: 2 Ki 9:1
Jehu kills Joram in Naboth's vineyard at Jezreel: 2 Ki 9:25
Jehu shoots Ahaziah at Beersheba, dies in Megiddo: 2 Ki 9:27
Jehu kills Jezebel, burns Jezebel's House of Baal, eradicates Baal from Israel: 2 Ki 9:33; 10:18
Seige of Damascus: Shalmaneser III defeats Ben-Hadad II, Jehu pays tribute
Battle of Moab II: Moabite Stele, "Israel is ruined" King Mesha releases Aharah, Nebo, Jahaz from Israel

835 BC High Priest Jehoiada (2 Chron 22:11; 24:6) kills Athaliah and becomes shadow king behind Joash.
Joash (Jehoash) Age 7
Athaliah's House of Baal
Built by Athaliah in 841 BC
Destroyed by Jehoiada the high priest in 836 BC: 2 Kings 11:18; 2 Chron 23:17

Samsh-odad V (Assyria) 823-811
"Trust in the god Nebo! Do not trust in another god!" (804 BC)
"Trust Nebo only" Stele of Adad-nirari III (804 BC)
815 BC High Priest Jehoiada persuades Joash king of Judah to repair Solomon's temple in vain: 2 Ki 12:1; 2 Chron 24:1
814 BC Jehoiada collects money in secure chest to pay workers to fix Solomon's temple: 2 Ki 12:6; 2 Chron 24:6
Jehoiada the high priest gets king Joash to repair Solomon's temple
Adad-nirari III (Assyria) 810-793
Coregent with Queen mother Semiramis 6 years till 804 BC
-808 BC High Priest Jehoiada dies age 130 years old: 2 Chron 24:15-16
-Newly restored Solomon's Temple abandoned and unused; people worship Asherim & Baal: 2 Chron 24:17-18
God sends many prophets to warn Judah of their idolatry: 2 Chron 24:19, 27
-805 BC Zechariah, son of Jehoiada condemns king Joash for idolatry and is murdered: 2 Chr 24:20 (see also Mt 23:35)
804 BC **Battle of Gath:** Hazael (Aram) captures Gath, threatens Jerusalem: Joash pays tribute: 2 Ki 12:17-2; Chr 24:23
Joash king of Judah severely injured in the Battle of Gath and is bedridden until death: 2 Chron 24:25
Adad-nirari III becomes sole regent king of Assyria after death of his coregent mother Semiramis
Adad-nirari III set up 4 "Trust Nebo Alone" Statues at the temple of Nebo in Calah (Nimrod).

Ben-Hadad III (Aram) 800-770 2 Ki 13:5-24-25
799 BC Adad-nirari III starts 3 years of attacks on Aram in 5th year of sole reign of Adad-nirari III after coregency with mother Semiramis ended in 804 BC bringing relief to Israel and beginning the fulfillment of 2 Ki 13:5
Sickly and bedridden Joash is murdered by his Ammonite and Moabite servants in his bed: 2 Chron 24:25; 2 Ki 12:20
Amaziah
Battle of Hamath III: Ben-Hadad III defeated (Zakkur Stele)
793 BC **Battle of Kadesh Barnea:** Amaziah hires 100,000 Israel warriors but prophet condemns. Warriors dismissed loot Judean cities, kill 3000. Edom is defeated. King brings back and worships the gods of Edom: 2 Chron 25:6
Uzziah (Azariah)
Coregent: 2 Ki 14:13, 21 when Jehoshaphat captures Amaziah

Battle of Hamath III
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