

Discovered:

- Jehoshaphat ruled in Judah, created garrisons, sent officials & Levites to teach the Law, Jehoshaphat and Judah walked with God. He made allies with Ahab & Israel.
- Jehoshaphat gave aid to Ahab, but God declared disaster against Ahab & sent lying prophets to convince him to go to war, but Ahab did not believe & was killed in battle.
- Moab & Ammonites came to attack Judah, Jehoshaphat was afraid & went to the Lord & fasted. The Lord told them to stand firm & wait on the Lord. Moabites & Ammonites attacked each other & the Lord delivered them.
- Jehoshaphat worked with Athaziah who was wicked, so God took away what Jehoshaphat had build.
- Jehoram became king after his father Jehoshaphat died. He killed all his brothers despite having been given the Kingdom, did evil before the Lord. Elijah sent a letter saying there would be a plague & Jehoram would die of bowel disease. Philistines & Arabians attacked killing all but 1 of his sons.
- Jehoahaz/Athaziah ruled 1 year, did evil & was killed by Jehu. When Athaliah (queen mother) heard her son was dead, she killed all the royal family & became Queen.
- Jehoiada, priest, hid Joash (last son of Jehoahaz) until 7 years old & crowned him king. Athaliah was put to death. Jehoiada removed high places & decided they should be the Lord's people.
- Joash repaired the temple.
- After Jehoiada's death, Joash turned from God. Joash had Zechariah killed when he confronted his behavior. He was killed by servants in revenge for killing Zechariah.
- Amaziah became king & killed those who murdered his father.
- Amaziah struck down Seir but came home to find the Ephraimites he had sent home had raided Judah. Amaziah began to worship idols from Seir.
- Amaziah/Judah went war w/Israel despite warnings, they were defeated. was killed @ Lachish
- Uzziah became king & ruled 52 years. He did what was right for the Lord.
- Uzziah defeated enemies & built large army but his pride resulted in leprosy. Jotham ruled.
- Jotham ruled in Judah. He did right by the Lord, but people did not.
- Ahaz ruled in Judah, did not walk w/Lord, attacked by Syria & some were carried off captive
- Hezekiah ruled 29 years & followed the Lord, followed the Lord, cleansed the temple, restored worship & celebrated Passover.
- Sennacherib invaded Judah & Hezekiah sought the Lord. The Lord sent an angel to destroy the army.
- Manasseh reigned 55 years & did evil, built high places & altars. God removed his protection
- After being captured Manasseh repented & followed the Lord & restored the temple.
- Amnon did evil & was struck down by servants.
- Josiah became king @ 8 years old, walked with the Lord, removed idols & high places. Book of Law was found while restoring temple & celebrated Passover.
- Huldah, prophetess, foretold disaster would come to Judah after Josiah's death because of idol worship.
- Josiah killed in battle by Neco of Egypt.

Help me to remember:

Judah's history is filled with kings who did both evil & good. The great ones lead the people into following the Lord.

Lord, I ask that

I use my leadership skills to point people to you, share your love & grace with them.

- Jehoahaz became king but removed by Neco
- Neco made Jehoiakim king, did evil & was carried off to Babylon by Nebuchadnezzar.
- Zedekiah did evil & rebelled against Nebuchadnezzar.
- King of Chaldeans killed men, burnt/destroyed Jerusalem was desolate for 70 years until King Cyrus allowed them to return.

Heavenly Father, I am thankful for...

the ability to help lead my family towards you.