

Royal Lessons for Life

Jehoahaz, Jehoash, Jeroboam II

(Israel)

Jehoahaz's Biography

- Jehoahaz ruled for 17 years and followed in the sinful ways of his father Jehu and his forefather Jeroboam – II Kings 13:1-2
- During his reign the Syrians oppressed Israel and nearly destroyed its army – II Kings 13:3-4,7
 - This fulfills Elisha's prophecy in II Kings 8:11-13
- He did seek the Lord in his trouble and God gave them a "savior" or "deliverer" (his son Jehoash?) to deliver them – II Kings 13:5-6
- His son Jehoash inherits the throne – II Kings 13:9

Jehoash's Biography

- Jehoash ruled for 16 years and followed in the sinful ways of Jeroboam – I Kings 13:10-13
- Elisha, on his deathbed, prophesied that Jehoash would defeat the Syrians three times but not destroy them – II Kings 13:14-19, 22-25
- The Moabites take advantage of his weakness to invade – II Kings 13:20
- He defeats Judah at Bethshemesh after king Amaziah foolishly provoked a battle – II Kings 14:8-14
 - We will cover this further next time...
- His son Jeroboam II inherits the throne – II Kings 14:16

Jeroboam II's Biography

- Jeroboam II ruled for 41 years, the longest reign over Israel – II Kings 14:23
- God blessed the nation in spite of its sinful ruler, and Jeroboam II's reign is one of prosperity and territorial gains – II Kings 14:24-28
- The prophets Hosea, Amos, and Jonah all ministered during his reign.
 - There was a major earthquake in 786 B.C. (Reese), estimated to be a magnitude 8 (like the 1906 San Francisco earthquake) and centered north of Israel - Amos 1:1, Zechariah 14:5

Lessons from the Lives of These Kings

- Note how God continued to deliver and bless Israel, keeping His covenant promises toward them, despite the sinful state of their nation and its leadership – II Kings 14:27, II Timothy 2:13