

TIMELINE OF THE REIGN OF HEZEKIAH

JUDAH

ISRAEL

ASSYRIA

PEKAH

SARGON II

SENNACHERIB

Birth of Hezekiah. Possibly passed through fire (2 Ki 16:3)

SYRIA & ISRAEL INVADE JUDAH (2 KI 16:5-8)
Rezin of Syria and Pekah of Israel reconquer some cities from Judah and take men of Judah captive. Ahaz seeks Assyrian alliance against Syria. Judah becomes vassal of Syria and Ahaz introduces Assyrian religious practices and temple architecture (16:10-18)

ADDITIONAL EDMITE, PHILISTINE & ASSYRIAN RAIDS AGAINST JUDAH (2 CH 27:16-21)

Hezekiah becomes king, cleansing the temple, exhorting the Levites and inviting Judah and Israel to keep the Passover within his first year. After the Passover, the people destroy idols & the Asherim in the cities of Judah (2 Ch 23:1-2)

REBELLION AGAINST ASSYRIA & PHILISTINES DEFEATED (2 KI 18:7-8)

ALLIANCE WITH EGYPT (ISA 30)

Hezekiah prepares for invasion by digging a water shaft in Jerusalem (2 Ki 20:20), blocking streams around the city, strengthening the walls, increasing weapons production and organising the military (2 Ch 32:1-6)

Shebna, chief steward, builds himself a prominent tomb.

SENNACHERIB INVADES JUDAH (2 KI 13-19:36)
Assyria invades Judah, conquering the towns and villages and laying siege to Jerusalem. Sennacherib sends his commander Rabshakeh to persuade Judah to surrender. Hezekiah forbids any response, sends messengers to Isaiah and prays for deliverance.

Sennacherib, occupied elsewhere, sends a letter again demanding Hezekiah's surrender. Hezekiah brings the letter before God in prayer since it is He who is being insulted. (Is 37:8-20)

ASSYRIANS DEFEATED (2 KI 19, 2 CH 32)
An Angel of God destroys the Assyrian army during the night causing them to retreat.

Following the victory Hezekiah falls ill to the point of death, imperilling the future line of Christ (Isa 38).

Babylonian emissaries arrive in Jerusalem to bring presents and seek after the health of Hezekiah. In his pride Hezekiah shows them all of his wealth and possessions. This was a test from God that he failed (Isa 39, 2 Ch 32:27-31).

Manasseh becomes king at age 12, and does great evil reversing all the good that Hezekiah had done (2 Ch 33)

AHAZ



Tribute sent to Assyria (2 Ki 18:14)



REFORMS

25 Years Old

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Prophecy of Immanuel (Is 7)

Samaria to be overthrown (Mi 1)

HOSHEA

MICAH

ISAIAH



ISAIAH 10

Judgements against Tyre, Sidon and all Israel.

Isaiah sends message to Hezekiah prophesying the fall of Sennacherib (2 Ki 19:20-34) and encouraging resistance (Isa 37:5-7)

Isaiah sends God's answer to Hezekiah's prayer prophesying Assyria's defeat, and a prosperous peace to come within 3 years (Is 37:21-35)

Death of Hezekiah pronounced, followed by a reversal after Hezekiah's prayer. An additional 15 years given to Hezekiah (Isa 38)

God turns back the shadow of the sun ten steps as a sign to Hezekiah (Isa 38:7-8)

Murdered by Manasseh?



Prophet Obed successfully exhorts Israel to return captives to Judah (2 Ch 28:8-15)

Invasion of Israel

Invasion of Judah



ASSYRIA INVADES SAMARIA (1 KI 17:4)
Hoshea taken into captivity, and Israel invaded for three years.



FALL OF SAMARIA

Northern tribes taken into exile (2 Ki 17:6). Foreign peoples settled in Samaria (17:24-41).

FALL OF PHILISTIA (ISA 19)

Tribute sent to Assyria (2 Ki 18:14)

Invasion of Judah

Fortress town of Lachish and Micah's hometown destroyed

Sennacherib murdered by his sons (Isa 37:38)

MANASSEH