

3. The kings of Judah

i. Reh

- a. He reigned for 17 years.
- b. Hendricksen calls this period intertribal warfare.
 - 1) The reason is that during that 17 year period, he and Jer 1 were constantly fighting with one another.
- c. Reh dies and Abijah his son becomes king.

ii. Abijam (Abijah)

- a. He reigns for only 3 years.
- b. He and Jer engage in warfare.

iii. Asa

- a. He reigns for 41 years.
- b. Asa and Baasha were constantly battling one another.

C. 2nd period: House of Omri (886-836)

1. The kings of Israel

i. Omri

- a. He has become king.
- b. He reigned for 12 years.
- c. When he became king, this is when the switch of the capital from Tirzah to Samaria took place.

ii. Ahab

- a. He was the son of Omri.
- b. He reigned for 22 years.
- c. While he is king, he marries Jezebel.
 - 1) She was the daughter of Ethbaal, king of the Zidonians.
 - 2) She wore the pants in the family.
 - 3) She brought Baal worship into Israel.
 - 4) She was not just content with introducing Baal worship, but she was determined to wipe out the worship of Jehovah completely.
 - i) Thus she began to kill the prophets of the Lord.
- d. The prophet Elijah comes on the scene.
 - 1) Elijah goes to Ahab and says, "There is not going to be any more ~~reign~~ reign in Israel till I say so."
 - 2) There was no rain for 3.5 years.
 - 3) After 3.5 years, Elijah goes to Ahab and says, "I want you to gather all the prophets of Baal and take them to Mt. Carmel."