

F. 5th period: Growth of Assyria; Fall of Samaria (736-722 B. C.)

1. The kings of Israel
 - i. Zachariah
 - a. This was the 4th generation of Jehu.
 - b. He was only there about 6 month.
 - c. He was assassinated by Shallum.
 - ii. Shallum
 - a. He was only king for 1 month.
 - b. He was assassinated by Menahem.
 - iii. Menahem
 - a. He became the king of Israel.
 - b. He reigned for 10 years.
 - c. Right here is where you see Assyria enter the picture.
 - 1) Assyria comes and attacks Israel.
 - 2) Menahem pays Tiglath-pileser tribute from the time Assyria attacked him and on through the rest of his reign.
 - iv. Pekahiah
 - a. The son of Menahem
 - b. He reigned for 2 years.
 - c. Pekah, who was an official of Pekahiah, assassinated him and became king.
 - v. Pekah
 - a. He will reign for 20 years.
 - b. And when Pekah became king, he wanted to be free from Assyria.
 - 1) He says, "I'll make an alliance with Rezin, the king of Syria. Then we'll go down to Judah and get Ahaz to join us and the three of us together should be able to free ourselves from Assyria."
 - 2) So they ask Ahaz to join them in this effort to free themselves from Assyria, but he refuses.
 - 3) When he refuses that is when the king of Syria, Rezin, and king of Israel, Pekah, come down and they besiege Jerusalem.
 - 4) When they besiege Jerusalem, king Ahaz is all upset because you can see that Israel is bigger than Judah and Syria is bigger than Israel.
 - 5) That's when Isaiah comes on the scene and he says, "Ahaz, don't you worry about Pekah and Rezin. They aren't going to be able to conquer Jerusalem. What you need to do is to trust Jehovah for him to protect you and he will. Just ask Jehovah to give you a sign