

- m. The policy of the Assyrians.
 - 1) They would take all the people away and put them in another place.
 - 2) They would bring people from another place and put them in Samaria.
 - n. That is what happened.
 - 1) When the foreigners came into Samaria with only the poor people left to take care of things, they inter-married.
 - 2) They had the worship of the Lord and false gods.
 - 3) So you have the Samaritans developing a mixed race (because of intermarriage) and mixed religion (because of worship of both Jehovah and other false gods).
 - o. During this period, you have Isaiah and Micah prophesying.
2. The kings of Judah
- i. Ahaz
 - a. The son of Jotham
 - b. He was the king when Rezin came down and besieged Jerusalem.
 - c. He reigned 16 years.
 - ii. Hezekiah
 - a. The son of Ahaz
 - b. He reigns 29 years.
 - c. He reigned during the time when Samaria is besieged and captured.

G. 6th period: Fall of Samaria to the Death of Hezekiah (722-686 B.C.)

~~1. The kings of Judah~~ *we only have kings of Judah now*

- i. Hezekiah
 - a. He decided he wasn't going to pay tribute money to Assyria any more.
 - b. Judah has been under Assyrian domination since Ahaz.
 - c. When he stopped paying it, Sennacherib went on the warpath.
 - 1) He conquered a lot of fortified cities in Judah and took the people captive.
 - 2) This is the 3rd deportation.
 - d. When he conquered these fortified cities, Hezekiah thought he made a mistake and should have kept paying money.
 - e. So Hezekiah said to the king of Assyria, "I was wrong for withholding the tribute. I'll pay it. Tell me what you want. I was wrong. Let's just forget it."
 - f. But Sennacherib wasn't about to forget it and he besieged Jerusalem.