

H. 7th period: Foreign Domination (686-636 B. C.)

1. Manasseh
 - i. The son of Hezekiah
 - ii. He reigns for 55 years.
 - iii. He was more wicked the people in Canaan before the Israelites conquered the land.
2. Amon
 - i. The son of Manasseh
 - ii. He reigned for 2 years and was assassinated
3. Assyria is growing stronger
 - i. They have conquered the northern kingdom.
 - ii. They have conquered part of Judah.
 - iii. Judah is subject to Assyria.
4. During this time, Assyria reaches its zenith.
 - i. The Lord sent the prophet Nahum.
 - ii. Nahum predicted that Assyria was going to be destroyed.
 - iii. 612 B. C. is when Ninevah was destroyed.
5. When he talks about foreign domination, he is talking about Assyria dominating Judah.

I. 8th period: Fall of Judah (636-586 B. C.)

1. Josiah
 - i. He was a good king.
 - ii. He was only 7 years old when he became king.
 - iii. He reigned for 31 years.
 - iv. In the first 17 years of his reign, there was no reformation.
 - v. It was during this time of the first 17 years that the prophet Zepheniah ~~came~~ ^{came} on the scene.
 - vi. He was a preacher of judgment.
 - a. He started to pronounce judgment on the surrounding nations: the Philistines, Moab, the Ammonites, Egypt, Assyria.
 - b. Then he turns the guns on Judah
 - vii. In the 18th year, Hilkiyah the high priest found the book of Deut in the temple.
 - a. He gave it to Shaphan who took it ^{and read} ~~and read~~ it to Josiah.
 - b. When Josiah heard it, he was crushed because he realized that the things that the Lord had forbidden in Deut were the things that the