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During this time of Joshua, Israel faithfully served God (Josh. 24:31). But after Joshua died the nation spiritually declined to the point that “everyone was doing what was right in their own eyes” (Judges 21:25).

God raised up a series of Judges to communicate His word and will to the people (1373-1043).
God raised up:

- 1) Othniel judged in Israel 40 years. Judges 3:7-11 **1373-1334 B.C.**
- 2) Ehud judged in Israel 80 years. Judges 3:12-30 **1316-1237 B.C.**
- 3) Shamgar judged in Israel for an unspecified time. Judges 3:31 **Dates unknown**
- 4) Deborah and Barak judged in Israel for 40 years. Judges 4:1-5:31 **1237-1198 B.C.**
- 5) Gideon judged in Israel 40 years. Judges 6:1-9:57 **1191-1151 B.C.**
- 6) Tola judged in Israel 23 years. Judges 10:1-2 **1149-1126 B.C.**
- 7) Jair judged in Israel 22 years. Judges 10:3-5 **1126-1105 B.C.**
- 8) Jephthah judged in Israel 6 years. Judges 10:6-12:7 **1087-1081 B.C.**
- 9) Ibzan judged in Israel 7 years. Judges 12:8-10 **1081-1075 B.C.**
- 10) Elon judged in Israel 10 years. Judges 12:11-12 **1075-1065 B.C.**
- 11) Abdon judged in Israel 8 years. Judges 12:13-15 **1065-1058 B.C.**
- 12) Samson judged in Israel 20 years. Judges 13:1-16:31 **1069-1049 B.C.**

Israel would respond to the judge and listen for a while and get back on track and revert back to her rebellion.

Finally God raised up Samuel, who was born in 1105 B.C. and would be God’s prophet, priest and judge from 1105 B.C. until 1015 B.C. Israel said they would prefer a king so God gave them one.

- 5) Saul becomes the first King of Israel.
Date: 1050 B.C.

For several years Israel did not have a king. A man of God led the nation in accordance with the word of God. But Israel wanted a king (I Samuel 8) and God gave her Saul. For the first three kings (Saul, David, Solomon), the nation Israel was united, but after Solomon, the kingdom divides and there are kings for Israel and there are kings for Judah.

The Kings of Israel will exist until the Assyrian captivity in 722 B.C.. The Kings of Judah will exist until the Babylonian Captivity in 586 B.C.. After these dates, the kings disappear.

Saul is the first of the Kings.

- 6) David becomes the second King of Israel. His total reign will be from **1010 B.C.-970 B.C.**
David is born in **1040 B.C.** - David is the 8th and youngest son of Jesse.
David becomes king of Judah in 1010 B.C.
David becomes king of Israel in 1003 B.C. - He rules over all Israel 33 years.

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King David becomes a Divinely sanctioned Royal Dynasty King because God promises that through him His divine King will come who will rule forever (II Sam. 7:8-16; II Chron. 13:5).

Descendants of David will rule for about the next 400 years as the kings of Judah and then they will disappear until the anointed Davidic King, Jesus Christ, comes to Israel.

7) David makes Jerusalem the capital of Israel.

Date: 1000 B.C.

8) Solomon becomes King of Israel.

Solomon is born in **991 B.C.**

Solomon becomes King in **970 B.C.**

Solomon is the last king to reign over the united nation of Israel. After Solomon, the nation will split with ten tribes of Israel to the north and two tribes of Judah to the south. Each group will have their own king.

9) Solomon builds the First Temple in Jerusalem.

Solomon begins construction 480 years after Israel moves out of Egypt (I Kings 6:1).

Date: 966 B.C..

Solomon completed the Temple construction in seven years (I Kings 6:1 - year 4 start I Kings 6:38 year 11 it is finished). **Date: 966 B.C. - 959 B.C..**

10) Israel is divided as a nation and they split with Israel in the north and Judah in the south.

Date: 931 B.C.-930 B.C.

11) Israel chooses her own kings all of whom, with the exception of one, did evil.

They will reign for the next 209 years in Israel's history (931 B.C. - 722 B.C.)

1. Jeroboam - **(931 B.C. - 910 B.C.)** - I Kings 11:26-14:20; II Chron. 9:29-13:22.

Solomon's servant who did evil. He ruled 22 years.

2. Nadab - **(910 B.C.-909 B.C.)** - Kings 15:25-28- he did evil. He ruled 2 years.

3. Baasha - **(909 B.C.-886 B.C.)** -I Kings 15:27-16:7 - he did evil. He ruled 24 years.

4. Elah - **(886 B.C.)** I Kings 16:8-14 - he did evil - he ruled 2 years.

5. Zimri - **(886 B.C.)** - I Kings 16:9-20 - he did evil - he ruled 7 days - killed Elah and committed suicide.

6. Omri - **(885 B.C. -874 B.C.)** - I Kings 16:15-28 - he did evil - built and made Samaria the capital of Israel. He reigned 11 years.

7. Ahab - **(874 B.C.-853 B.C.)** - I Kings 16:29-22:40 - he did evil - promotes Baal worship in Samaria. He reigned 21 years.

8. Ahaziah - **(853 B.C.)** - I Kings 22:51-53; II Kings 1:1-18 - he did evil. He ruled 2 years.

9. Jehoram - (Joram) - **(853 B.C.-841 B.C.)** - II Kings 3:1-925; II Chron. 22:5-7 - he did evil. He ruled 12 years.