

## Judah's Kings (Southern Kingdom)

#	Name	year (BC)	ruled for	notes
1.	Rehoboam	975	17 y	
2.	Abijam	958	3 y	
3.	<b>Asa*</b>	955	41 y	
4.	<b>Jehoshaphat*</b>	914	25 y	
5.	Jehoram	889	8 y	
6.	Ahazaiah	885	1 y	
	{Athaliah} - female usurper for 6 y			
7.	<b>Joash*</b>	878	40 y	
8.	<b>Amaziah*</b>	839	29 y	
9.	<b>Uzziah*</b>	810	52 y	(aka Azariah)
10.	Jotham	758	16 y	
11.	Ahaz	741	16 y	
12.	<b>Hezekiah*</b>	726	29 y	
13.	Manasseh	698	55 y	
14.	Amon	643	2 y	
15.	<b>Josiah*</b>	641	31 y	
16.	Jehoahaz	610	3 mos	(usurped his older bros)
17.	Jehoiakim	610	11 y	
18.	Jehoiachin	599	3 mos	(aka Je/Coniah)
19.	Zedekiah	599 (- 588 BC)	11 y	

Dan 1:1 (1st carrying away) - 2 K 25:1-2 (final destruction)  
 606 BC thru 588 BC = 18 yrs (6+6+6)

## Covenants - in the Bible

Covenant comes from a root word which means “to come together”.

A covenant is a binding agreement between God and His people.

This is different than a contract, which is an exchange of goods or services for money.

Illustration : the contrast of matrimony between a husband and a wife, and prostitution.

In marriage the two become one flesh with vows taken before God;

in prostitution, money changes hands for sex.

A covenant is a sacred family bond, taken with an oath; whereas a contract is an agreement to pay someone for services rendered. **BIG DIFFERENCE.**

A correct understanding of the divine covenants is more than an intellectual pursuit.

Covenants help us understand God’s work in human history.

\* **(1) the Noahic Covenant** - God showed His mercy toward all mankind. He caused it to rain on the just and the unjust; and assured the ongoing, uninterrupted cycle of seasons.

In this covenant God demonstrated his unwillingness to allow the sinfulness of man to :

- (a) derail his plan set forth in Genesis 3:15 (i.e. to bring forth the Messiah),
  - (b) change his pre-fall command : “be fruitful and multiply, and replenish the earth,” this command was repeated to Noah after the flood. (Gen 9:1 = Gen 1:28)
- the token = rainbow

\* **(2) the Abrahamic Covenant** - God demonstrated His favor and chose a man through whom he would birth the nation Israel (“the apple of his eye”): a special people called out from among the nations through whom the Messiah would come.

the token = circumcision (of the flesh)

\* **(3) the Mosaic Covenant** - God revealed His holiness on the mount and the heinousness of sin in his written word. The daily sacrifices provided a constant reminder of the need for the shedding of blood for the remission of sin, for the propitiating of God’s wrath.

the token = sabbath observance

\* **(4) the Davidic Covenant** - God promised the perpetual reign of the descendants of David, ultimately fulfilled in the Messiah and His millennial reign.

the token = a kingdom with a throne

\* **(5) the New Covenant** - God evidenced anew his continual outpouring of grace, a promise whereby he would take away (remit) sins through the one time offering of the blood of the Lamb (i.e. the promised Messiah) and put his law within his people, writing it on their hearts.

the token = the seal of the Spirit (a circumcision of the heart)