

## Kings of Judah

### Materials

- Kings cards
- Chart paper

### Lesson

The Kingdom of God divided into two nations. The northern half became Israel under the rule of Jeroboam, and the southern half became Judah under the rule of Rehoboam. Last week you studied the history and kings of Israel. This week we will look at Judah.

Distribute the kings cards. Ask each student to take a king and read the corresponding Scripture passage written on the back. Share the discussion questions below for them to consider as they read. Ask them to take notes on the back of the card for the discussion.

### Kings

Date BC	Length of Reign	King	Good/Bad	Scripture
913-911	3 years	Abijah	Bad	1 Kings 15:1-6
911-870	41 years	Asa	Good	1 Kings 15:9-24
870-848	25 years	Jehoshaphat	Good	1 Kings 22:41-50
848-841	8 years	Jehoram	Bad	2 Kings 8:16-24
841	1 year	Ahaziah	Bad	2 Kings 8:25-29 & 9:27-28
841-835	6 years	Athaliah (queen)	Bad	2 Kings 11:1-3 & 13-16
835-796	40 years	Joash	Good	2 Chronicles 24:1-5 & 17-24
796-767	29 years	Amaziah	Good	2 Kings 14:1-4
740-732	16 years	Jotham	Good	2 Chronicles 28:1-8 & 19-23
732-716	16 years	Ahaz	Bad	2 Chronicles 27:1-7
716-687	29 years	Hezekiah	Good	2 Kings 18:1-8 & 2 Chronicles 31:20-21
687-642	55 years	Manasseh	Bad	2 Kings 21:1-6 & 10:15 & 2 Chronicles 33:1-17
642-640	2 years	Amon	Bad	2 Kings 21:19-24 & 2 Chronicles 33:21-25
640-608	31 years	Josiah	Good	2 Kings 22:1-5 & 11-20 & 2 Chronicles 34:1-4
608	3 months	Jehoahaz	Bad	2 Kings 23:31-33 & 2 Chronicles 36:1-3
608-597	11 years	Eliakim/Jehoiakim	Bad	2 Kings 23:36-24:6 & 2 Chronicles 36:4-8
597	3 months	Jehoiachin	Bad	2 Kings 24:8-16 & 2 Chronicles 36:8-10
897-586	11 years	Mattaniah/Zedekiah	Bad	2 Kings 24:18-20 & 2 Chronicles 36:10-16

Once the students have all read their passage, discuss the kings in chronological order. For each discuss:

- What can you tell me about the king and his reign?
- Was he a good or a bad king?
- What was his sin?
- Did God punish him in his lifetime?

- What lessons can we learn from this king?

When you have discussed all the kings, read 2 Kings 25:1-26. Discuss:

- What happened to the nation of Judah?
- What should the people of Judah have learned from their leaders to avoid this punishment?