

Kings in 1 and 2 Kings: Northern and Southern Kingdoms

Southern Kingdom (Judah) – Capital: Jerusalem

The Southern Kingdom maintained the Davidic line, so succession was mostly dynastic (father to son), though there were exceptions.

1. **Rehoboam** – Son of Solomon; kingdom splits under his reign.
2. **Abijam (Abijah)** – Son of Rehoboam; continues Davidic line.
3. **Asa** – Son of Abijam; religious reformer.
4. **Jehoshaphat** – Son of Asa; alliance with Israel.
5. **Jehoram (Joram)** – Son of Jehoshaphat; married Ahab's daughter.
6. **Ahaziah** – Son of Jehoram; short reign.
7. **Athaliah (Queen)** – Mother of Ahaziah; seized power (non-Davidic).
8. **Joash (Jehoash)** – Son of Ahaziah; crowned as child, temple reform.
9. **Amaziah** – Son of Joash; defeated by Israel.
10. **Azariah (Uzziah)** – Son of Amaziah; struck with leprosy.
11. **Jotham** – Son of Azariah; good reign.
12. **Ahaz** – Son of Jotham; idolatrous.
13. **Hezekiah** – Son of Ahaz; major reformer.
14. **Manasseh** – Son of Hezekiah; long, idolatrous reign.
15. **Amon** – Son of Manasseh; assassinated.
16. **Josiah** – Son of Amon; major reformer.
17. **Jehoahaz** – Son of Josiah; deposed by Egypt.
18. **Jehoiakim** – Brother of Jehoahaz; puppet of Egypt/Babylon.
19. **Jehoiachin** – Son of Jehoiakim; exiled to Babylon.
20. **Zedekiah** – Uncle of Jehoiachin; last king before Babylonian destruction.

Northern Kingdom (Israel) – Capital: Samaria

Succession was frequently non-dynastic. Many kings rose by assassination or coups. High instability.

1. **Jeroboam I** – Appointed by people; leads secession.
2. **Nadab** – Son of Jeroboam; killed by Baasha.
3. **Baasha** – Usurper; kills Jeroboam's line.
4. **Elah** – Son of Baasha; killed by Zimri.
5. **Zimri** – Military coup; reigns 7 days.
6. **Omri** – General; power struggle; founds strong dynasty.
7. **Ahab** – Son of Omri; infamous, marries Jezebel.
8. **Ahaziah** – Son of Ahab; dies without heir.
9. **Jehoram (Joram)** – Brother of Ahaziah; killed by Jehu.
10. **Jehu** – Military coup; ends Ahab's line.
11. **Jehoahaz** – Son of Jehu; oppressed by Syria.
12. **Jehoash (Joash)** – Son of Jehoahaz; fought Judah.
13. **Jeroboam II** – Son of Jehoash; prosperity.
14. **Zechariah** – Son of Jeroboam II; killed by Shallum.
15. **Shallum** – Coup; reigns 1 month.
16. **Menahem** – Military coup; brutal, pays tribute.
17. **Pekahiah** – Son of Menahem; killed by Pekah.
18. **Pekah** – Usurper; killed by Hoshea.
19. **Hoshea** – Last king; rebelled, led to exile.