

(18) Pekah

BIBLICAL RECORD:

- 2 Kings 15:25, 27-31
- 1st reference: 2 Kings 15:21
- Last reference: Isaiah 7:1
- Mentioned 11 times in the Bible

POSITION:

- 18th King in the Northern Kingdom of Israel

DYNASTY: 9 dynasties totaling 19 kings

- 8th of 9 dynasties in the Northern Kingdom.
- Founder of and only king in Israel's 8th dynasty (Pekah)

REIGN:

- 20 years
- 740-731 B.C.

CHARACTER:

- Bad

DEATH:

- **2 Kings 15:30**– “Then Hoshea the son of Elah led a conspiracy against Pekah the son of Remaliah, and struck and killed him; so he reigned in his place in the twentieth year of Jotham the son of Uzziah.”

FAMILY:

- Son of Remaliah

RULER(s) IN THE SOUTHERN KINGDOM:

- Azariah/Uzziah (52), 10th King in the Southern Kingdom of Judah
- Became King during the 52nd year of Azariah's reign.
- Continued through the reign of Jotham (16), Judah's 11th King, and 4 years into the reign of Ahaz (16), Judah's 12th King

PROPHET(s):

- Hosea

FACTS:

- **1 Kings 15:29** – “In the time of Pekah king of Israel, Tiglath-Pileser king of Assyria came and took (1) Ijon, (2) Abel Beth Maacah, (3) Janoah, (4) Kedesh and (4) Hazor. He took (5) Gilead and (6) Galilee, including (7) all the land of Naphtali, and deported the people to Assyria. Remember, the Northern Kingdom will fall to Assyria completely in 722 B.C. However, much of it is gone under Pekah and before Hoshea becomes Israel's 19th and last king.

- Assyria began deporting thousands of conquered Israelites to other lands. From the Assyrian king's annals, we read: "Paqaha (Pekah) their king I desposed and I placeds Ausi (Hoshea) over them as king . . . talents of silver and tribute I received from them."
- He became a vassal King under the Assyrians.
- **1 Kings 15:30** – "Then Hoshea son of Elah conspired against Pekah son of Remaliah. He attacked and assassinated him, and then succeeded him as king in the twentieth year of Jotham son of Uzziah." Note: Another point of confusion because we read in **2 Chronicles 27:1** – "Jotham was twenty-five years old when he became king, and he reigned in Jerusalem sixteen years. **2 Chronicles 27:2** shows us that we are talking about the same Jotham. "He did what was right in the eyes of the LORD , just as his father Uzziah had done . . ."
- In the south, Isaiah was ministering, and he made several references to Pekah. Isaiah 7:1 – 10:4