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760. After the death of Josiah, the people feared that the king of Egypt would invade them in the absence of a king in the land, so they anointed his youngest son Shallum, or Jehoahaz, as king. He soon did all that was evil in the sight of the Lord, just as his forefathers had done. {#2Ki 23:30-32 2Ch 36:1} {See note on 3371c AM. <<732>>} [E82]

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761. When Necho returned from Assyria, he deposed Shallum from the throne after he had only reigned three months. He made Eliakim, his older brother, king in the place of his father Josiah and changed his name to Jehoiakim. {#2Ki 23:29-35 2Ch 36:2-4} This was a public witness that Jeremiah attributed the victory Necho had over the Assyrians to the Lord God only. Jeremiah had previously prophesied that it was God who sent him against the Assyrians. {#2Ch 35:21,22} He imposed a tribute of one hundred talents of silver and one talent of gold on the land of Judah. He put Shallum or Jehoahaz in fetters at Riblah and carried him away prisoner into Egypt, where he eventually died. {#2Ki 23:33-35 2Ch 36:3,4 Eze 19:3,4}