

----- Hoshea 9 years -----

3265c AM, 3975 JP, 739 BC, 4 SK, 1 NK

611. NK-When Hoshea, the son of Elah, murdered Pekah, the son of Remaliah, he took over the kingdom twenty years after Jotham started to reign over Judah, {#2Ki 15:30} or in the fourth year of the reign of Ahaz. {See Gill on "2Ki 15:30"} However, the kingdom was in civil disorder and anarchy for nine years.

3274c AM, 3984 JP, 730 BC, 13 SK, 1 NK

615. NK-When Hoshea had restored order in Israel, he began a peaceful reign toward the end of the twelfth year of Ahaz, king of Judah. {#2Ki 17:1}

3276b AM, 3986 JP, 728 BC, 14 SK, 2 NK

616. NK-Tiglathpileser, or Ninus the younger, reigned for nineteen years, according to Castor, and died. After him came Shalmaneser, also called Enemessar, as in the Greek copy of Tobias. {#/ Apc Tob 1:2} This man seems to be that Shalman who, in the prophesy of Hosea, is said to have laid waste to Betharbel. {#Ho 10:14} The place was famous later for the defeat of Darius the Persian. This is the country of Arbela, in the land of Assyria, south of Arpad. Shalmaneser

came up in battle against Hoshea, king of Israel, who was forced to serve him and pay him tribute. {#2Ki 17:3}

3279b AM, 3989 JP, 725 BC, 3 SK, 6 NK

629. NK-Hoshea, the king of Israel, consulted beforehand with So, king of Egypt, and refused to continue paying tribute to Shalmaneser. {#2Ki 17:4} [L98]

3280b AM, 3990 JP, 724 BC, 4 SK, 7 NK

632. NK-When Shalmaneser found out that Hoshea had allied himself with the king of Egypt, he first secured all the land of the Moabites. So that he might have no enemy at his rear to annoy his army, he razed to the ground their two chief cities, Arnon and Kirhareth. This fulfilled the prophecy of Isaiah foretold three years earlier. {#Isa 16:7-11} {Tremellius} Then he went through and wasted all the land of Israel, marching toward Samaria in the fourth year of Hezekiah. In the seventh year of Hoshea, he besieged Samaria for three years. {#2Ki 17:4,5 18:9}

3283b AM, 3993 JP, 721 BC, 6 SK, 9 NK

634. NK-Toward the end of the third year of the siege of Samaria, in the sixth year of the reign of Hezekiah and the

ninth of Hoshea, Shalmaneser took Samaria. He carried away the Israelites into his own country and settled them in Halah, Habor and the Gozan River and in the cities of the Medes. Tiglathpileser had formerly transported the inhabitants of Peraea, or the two and a half tribes living on the other side of the Jordan River, to this place. {#1Ch 5:26 2Ki 17:6 8:10,11} There was anarchy in the kingdom of Media before Media was taken by Dejoces. This gave occasion to the Assyrians to invade and take over that whole country. It was to Media that Tobit or Tobias stated that he, together with his wife, Anna, and his countrymen, the Nephthalites, was carried away at this time into the land of the Assyrians. Later, they provided grain and other food for Shalmaneser's household. He was also carried into Media and there placed in a principal city of Media called Rages. [E69] At that place he deposited ten talents of silver into the hand and safekeeping of Gabael, his near kinsman and one who had been carried away captive with him to the same place. {#/ Apc Tob 1:10,14}

This was the end of the kingdom of Israel, two hundred and fifty-four years after it had revolted from the kingdom of Judah.