

----- Menahem 10-11 years -----

3232a AM, 3941 JP, 773 BC, 38 SK, 1 NK

570. When Menahem, the son of Gad, was going from Tirzah to Samaria, he killed Shallum and destroyed Tiphseh with its borders. He also violently slaughtered all the pregnant women. {#2Ki 15:14,16}

571. Sulpicius called Menahem by the name of Mane. {*Sulpicius Severus, Sacred History, l. 1. c. 49. 11:94} This is the same name as referred to Manichaus, who lived later and was a heretic. The name means comforter.

3233c AM, 3943 JP, 771 BC

573. NK-While Menahem spent eleven months fighting to take over the kingdom, God stirred up Pul, king of Assyria, to invade the land of Israel. {#1Ch 5:26 2Ki 15:19} [L83]

574. ... This man named Pul seems to have been the same man who was converted and brought to repentance by the preaching of the prophet Jonah. This means that the men of Nineveh may have risen in judgment against this nation. God here raised up a repentant, heathen man to take vengeance on unrepentant Israel.

575. Menahem gave Pul a thousand talents of silver to help settle and confirm him in his kingdom. {#2Ki 15:19,20} Some see the following passage in Hosea as referring to this event: {#Ho 5:13}

"When Ephraim saw his sickness and Judah saw his wound, then Ephraim went to the Assyrian and sent to King Jareb, who should defend or uphold him." [L84]

576. When Menahem was thus confirmed in the kingdom, he was established as king toward the end of of the thirty-ninth year of the reign of Uzziah. He held the kingdom for ten years. {#2Ki 15:17}

3243c AM, 3953 JP, 761 BC, 50 SK, 1 NK

581. NK-Pekahiah succeeded his father Menahem, who died in the fiftieth year of Uzziah, king of Judah, and he reigned for two years. {#2Ki 15:23}