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3245c AM, 3955 JP, 759 BC, 51 SK, 2 NK

**583. NK-Pekah, the son of Remaliah, killed Pekahiah in his own palace in Samaria. He then reigned in Pekahiah's place for twenty years reckoned from the fifty-second year of Uzziah king of Judah. {#2Ki 15:25,27} [E59]**

3263c AM, 3973 JP, 741 BC, 2 SK, 19 NK

**601. SK-When Ahaz forsook God, God also forsook him. When Rezin and Pekah divided their forces, they overcame him. This they had not been able to do when their forces were united. God delivered him into the hands of the Syrians, who defeated him and carried away a large number of his people to Damascus as captives. As well as this, the king of Israel defeated him and slaughtered a large number of his people. {#2Ch 28:5}**

**603. NK-Pekah killed a hundred and twenty thousand valiant men of Judah in one day. Zichri, a mighty man of the tribe of Ephraim, killed Maaseiah, the king's son, as well as Azrikam, the steward of the king's house, and Elkanah, who was next to the king in authority. The Israelites also carried away captive from Judah and Jerusalem two hundred thousand women, boys and maids. They plundered their goods and**

carried everything away to Samaria. When warned by Hadlai, a prophet of God, they released all of the prisoners and restored their goods to them in the presence of their princes and the whole congregation of Samaria. They treated them kindly and escorted them safely to Jericho. {#2Ch 28:6-15}

3264c AM, 3974 JP, 740 BC, 3 SK, 20 NK

608. NK-When Ahaz implored the aid of the kings of Assyria, (as it says in Chronicles {#2Ch 28:16} kings in the plural, by a usual analogy as in these verses: {#Ps 105:30 Jer 19:3 25:22} {#/ Apc 1Es 1:52}) against Pekah, Tiglathpileser came. He led away the people of Gilead or Peraea, that is, the Reubenites and the Gadites and the half tribe of Manasseh, to Habor and Hara and the Gozan River. When he then crossed over the Jordan River, he occupied Galilee and carried away into Assyria all the inhabitants of Naphtali whom Benhadad had left, together with the men of Galilee. {#1Ch 5:26 2Ki 15:29 1Ki 15:20 Isa 9:1}

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, and Hoshea had a troubled reign. [L94]**