----- Jehoshaphat 25 years -----

3090c AM, 3800 JP, 914 BC, 1 SK, 5 NK

509. SK-At the end of the forty-first year of his reign, Asa died and was buried in a sepulchre which he had prepared in the city of David. The tomb was filled with sweet odours and spices. {#2Ch 16:13,14} He had been a good father, and an even better son succeeded him, called Jehoshaphat. At the very latter end of the fourth year of Ahab's reign, Jehoshaphat started to reign over Judah and ruled for twenty-five years. {#1Ki 22:41,42 2Ch 20:31}

3092c AM, 3802 JP, 912 BC, 3 SK, 7 NK

510. SK-When Jehoshaphat was established in his kingdom, he began removing the high places and the groves. In the third year of his reign, he sent out the Levites and other chief men into all the cities to instruct the people. [E46] Jehoshaphat attacked some of his enemies to prevent them from invading him. God gave him peace. {#2Ch 17:7-10}

3097d AM, 3807 JP, 907 BC, 8 SK, 12 NK

511. SK-Athaliah, the daughter of Ahab, king of Israel, married Jehoram, the son of Jehoshaphat, king of Judah. This union resulted from the marriage alliance Jehoshaphat made with Ahab. {#2Ch 18:1} [L67] She had a son named Ahaziah who at the age of twenty-two succeeded Jehoram to the kingdom. {#2Ki 8:18,26,27 2Ch 21:6 22:2}

516. SK-As Ahab had done, Jehoshaphat made his son, also called Jehoram, viceroy of the kingdom. Jehoram, the other son of Ahab, later succeeded his brother Ahaziah as king over the Israelites in the eighteenth year of Jehoshaphat, king of Judah. {#2Ki 3:1} This Jehoram is said to have begun his reign in the second year of his brother-in-law Jehoram, the son of Jehoshaphat. {#2Ki 1:17}

3107d AM, 3817 JP, 897 BC, 18 SK, 22,2 NK

518. SK-Jehoshaphat visited Ahab at the very end of the third year of the peace which Ahab had made with the Syrians. He was invited by Ahab to go with him to the siege of Ramothgilead. After being entreated, he agreed to join him, and barely escaped from there with his life. {#1Ki 22:1-53 2Ch 18:1-34} When he returned home, the prophet Jehu, the son of Hanani, reproved him for helping such a wicked king. {#2Ch 19:1,2}

3108a AM, 3817 JP, 897 BC

521. SK-When Jehoshaphat had built a fleet, he sent it to Ophir for gold. Ahaziah, the wicked son of Ahab, went into partnership with him in this venture. At first Jehoshaphat refused the joint venture, but later agreed to it. {#1Ki 22:49}

For so doing, God destroyed the fleet and reproved him through his prophet Eliezer, the son of Dodavah. {#2Ch 20:35-37}

3112c AM, 3822 JP, 892 BC, 23,1 SK, 5 NK

526. SK-When Jehoshaphat was old, he desired to settle his estate. He gave the rest of his sons many gifts, along with fortified cities in Judah. His oldest son, Jehoram, (whom he had formerly employed as his vice-regent) was made viceroy with him in the kingdom. He reigned for eight years. This was in the fifth year of Jehoram, king of Israel. {#2Ch 21:2,3,5,20 2Ki 8:16,17} [L70]

3115c AM, 3825 JP, 889 BC, 4 SK, 8 NK

527. Jehoshaphat died and was buried in the city of David. {#1Ki 22:50 2Ch 21:1} This good king's wicked son Jehoram ruled alone for four years.