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(2 KINGS 22-24) ··· *HISTORY*

MEMORY. Memorize the kings of Judah starting with Rehoboam and ending with Zedekiah. (You may find the following song to be a helpful memory device: https://youtu.be/eGoX_FcVLX4.)

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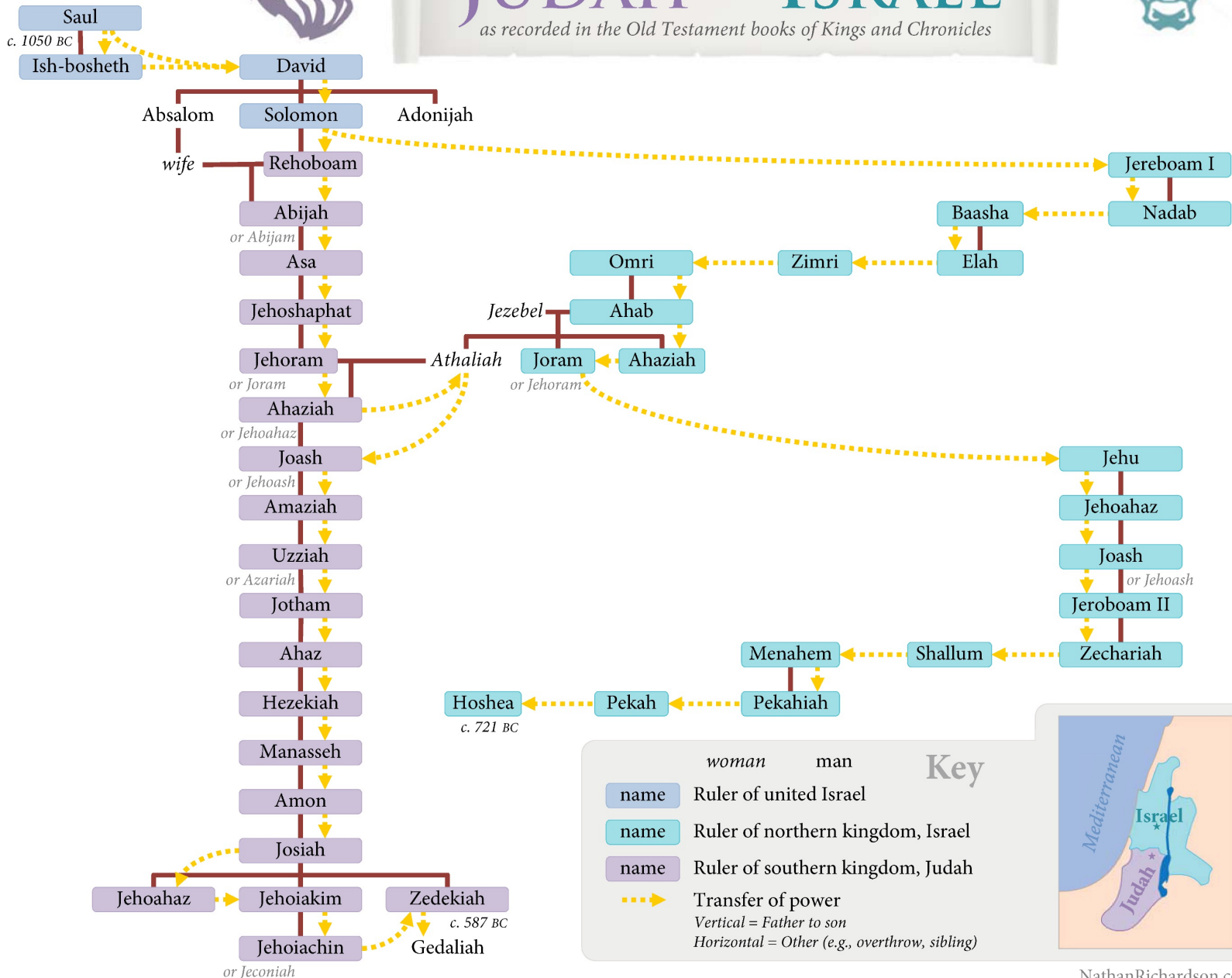
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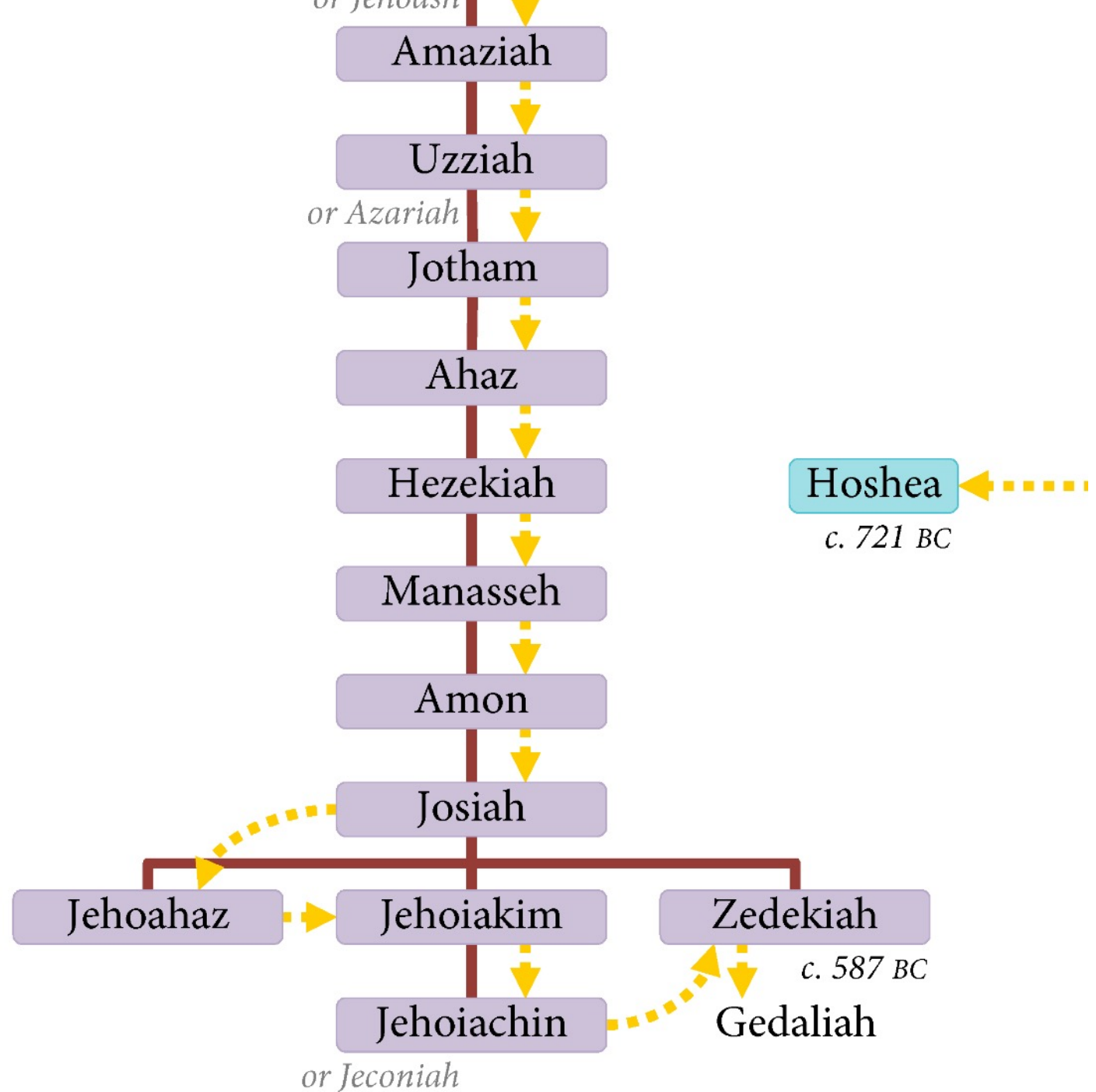
READING. Read 2 Kgs 22-24. After doing your reading, in the space below write down something that you found to be interesting or important. It can be something that you have never noticed before or something that you want to remember and apply.



GENEALOGY OF THE KINGS OF JUDAH AND ISRAEL

as recorded in the Old Testament books of Kings and Chronicles





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DISCUSSION.

1. *Josiah*. How old was Josiah when he became king? (2 Kgs 22:1) What did he do in the eight year of his reign? (2 Chron 34:3a) In the twelfth year? (vv. 3b--7) In the eighteenth year? (2 Kgs 22:3-7) When he heard the Law and the prophecy of Huldah, what did Josiah do? (22:8-23:27) How did Josiah die? (2 Chron 35:20-25)

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2. *Jehoahaz and Jehoiakim.* Was Jehoahaz a good king? (2 Kgs 23:32) What happened to him? (vv. 33, 34b) What was the relationship of Jehoahaz to Jehoiakim (Eliakim)? (v. 34a) What did Pharaoh Neco and King Nebuchadnezzar do to Jehoiakim? (23:35-24:5)

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3. *Jehoiachin*. What was the relationship of Jehoiachin to Jehoiakim? (2 Kgs 24:6) Why was Egypt not a problem for Jehoiachin? (v. 7) What did King Nebuchadnezzar do to Jehoiachin? (vv. 10-16; cf. 20:17; Jer 22:24-30)

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- 4. Zedekiah.** Who made Zedekiah (Mattaniah) king? (2 Kgs 24:17)
What was the relationship of Zedekiah to Jehoiachin? (Jer 37:1; cf. 1 Chron 3:15) Summarize Zedekiah's rebellion against Nebuchadnezzar (2 Kgs 24:20; Jer 27:1-22; 38:1-39:10).
Explain why Zedekiah was actually rebelling against God when he rebelled against Nebuchadnezzar.

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CONNECTION. The Old Testament points forward to Christ and the New Testament. Record any significant OT-NT connections that you observe in 2 Kgs 22-24. In addition, answer the following question and be ready to discuss: How does the prophecy of Jeremiah against Jehoiachin (Coniah) set the stage for the kingship of Christ? (Jer 22:24-30; Hag 2:20-23; Matt 1:1-17)

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APPLICATION. Review 2 Kgs 22:11-13 and 23:1-25. Josiah, when he heard the word of God, humbled himself, inquired further of the Lord, and made personal and national changes. How can you and I apply these principles to our own reading of Scripture?