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BIBLICAL CHRONOLOGY, PART 4

12. HISTORIC PERIOD # 6 – THE DIVIDED MONARCHY

Solomon's 40 th year.	C.Y. 3,244
Rehoboam splits Israel (1 Kings 12:1-3, 16)	C.Y. 3,245
Jeroboam I begins reigning	C.Y. 3,245

A. What are the different dating systems?

- i. Accession Year (A.Y.) Dating:
 1. *The year is counted for the king who reigned at the _____.*
 2. *The reigning king successor begins an "Accession Year" until the New Year when his 1st official year began.*
 3. *Used by the Southern Kingdom.*
- ii. Non-Accession Year (N-A.Y.) Dating:
 1. *A king's first official year begins as soon as he starts reigning.*
 2. *At the New Year, his second official year begins, regardless of how long he reigned before the New Year.*
 3. *Used by the _____.*
- iii. Dating Presidents by Accession Year
 1. *President Biden assumed office on Jan. 20, 2021.*
 2. *Since this was after Jan. 1, 2021, 2021 would be called an "Accession Year."*
 3. *He therefore began his first official year on Jan. 1, 2022.*
 4. *The last year of his term will begin Jan. 1, 2025.*
 5. *Although his term would end in just a few weeks, 2025 would also be counted for his total years in office.*
 6. *Total time in office: _____ years*
- iv. Dating Presidents by Non-Accession Year
 1. *President Biden assumed office on Jan. 20, 2021.*
 2. *Even though this was after Jan. 1, 2021, 2021 would be credited to him as a full year.*
 3. *He therefore began his second official year on Jan. 1, 2022.*
 4. *The last year of his term would begin Jan. 1, 2025.*

5. Although his term would end in just a few weeks, this last year would also be counted for his total years in office.

6. Total time in office: _____ years

B. When did Israel and Judah crown their kings?

- i. The Jewish _____ calendar begins with Nissan in spring.
- ii. The civil calendar began with Tishri (7th month) in the fall.
- iii. Judah used _____ as the beginning of their years.
- iv. Israel used Nissan as the beginning of their years.
- v. This is a widely recognized distinction between the two kingdoms.

C. How do the dating systems and different calendars apply to Israel's division?

- i. Solomon's reign ended after his 40th _____ as king.
- ii. Rehoboam began his "accession Year" after Solomon's 40th Tishri.
 - 1. His first official year began the next Tishri (A.Y.).
 - 2. This is when he split the kingdom.
- iii. Jeroboam became king after Rehoboam's first Tishri.
 - 1. This began his first official year (N-A.Y.).
 - 2. His second official year began in _____, when Rehoboam was still in his first official year.

King	n-1	t-1	n0	t0	n1	t1
	3244		3245		3246	
Solomon	39	40	40p	-	-	-
Rehoboam			A.Y.p	1	1	2
Jeroboam I				1p	2	2

Top number = year after the split divided by Nissan and Tishri.

Second Number = Creation Year

n = Nissan, 1st month in Jews' calendar (spring)

t = Tishri, 7th month in Jews' calendar (fall)

A.Y. = "Accession Year"

p = (partial) an event began after Nissan or Tishri it is under.

D. Why do the dating system and the _____ matter?

- i. It's impossible to build a chronology of the kings without applying the dating systems and calendars appropriately.
- ii. If you don't apply these correctly, the Bible will appear to have _____.

Rehoboam's 17y reign (1 Kings 14:21) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accession Year reckoning • Ended Jeroboam's _____ (N-A.Y.) 	$3,245 + 17 = \text{C.Y. } 3,262$
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Application: Do not forsake the counsel of wise men (1 Kings 12:1-15).

<p>_____ 3y Reign (1 Kings 15:1)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3y counted by Accession Year. • Became king in Jereboam's 18th • Last year is Jereboam's 20th 	<p>3,261 + 3 = C.Y. 3,264</p>
<p>_____ 41y Reign (1 Kings 15:9)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 41y counted by Accession Year. • 1st official year is Jeroboam's 21st • Last year is Ahab's 4th • Included: 	<p>3,264 + 41 = C.Y. 3,305</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Jeroboam's 20-22y (1 Kings 14:20) ○ Nadab's 2y reign (1 Kings 15:25) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Started Asa's 2nd ○ Baasha's 24y reign (1 Kings 15:33) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Started Asa's 3rd ○ Elah's 2y reign (1 Kings 16:8) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Started Asa's 26th ○ Zimri's 7-day reign (1 Kings 16:10) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Started Asa's 27th ○ Omri's 12y reign (1 Kings 16:21-23) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Won civil war in Asa's 31st ▪ Started in Asa's 27th ○ Ahab's 1 - 4 years (1 Kings 16:29) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Started Asa's 38th 	<p>3,264 – 3,266 3,266 – 3,267 3,267 – 3,290 3,290 – 3,291 3,291 3,291 – 3,302 3,302 – 3,305</p>
<p>_____ 25y reign (1 Kings 22:41-2)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 25y counted by Accession Year. • 1st official year is Ahab's 5th • Included: 	<p>3,305 + 25 = C.Y. 3,331</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ahab's 4th – 22nd (1 Kings 16:29) ○ Ahaziah's 2y reign (1 Kings 22:51) ○ Joram's 1st – 8th years (2 Kings 8:16) 	<p>3,305 – 3,323 3,323 – 3,324 3,324 – 3,331</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Abdicated to Jehoram in Joram's 5th <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ But he continued as king for 3 more years. 	<p>3,328</p>
<p>Jehoram's _____ (2 Kings 1:17)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joram succeeded Ahaziah in Jehoram's 2nd. • 2 Kings 8:16 records Jehoram's succession • 2 Chron. 21:1-5 records Jehoshaphat's planned transition 	<p>3,322 – 3,328</p>

Application: Even a godly person can be tainted by unholy associations (1 Kings 22:42-44; 22:2-4; 2 Kings 3:5-14).

<p style="text-align: right;">_____ 8y reign</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • His father abdicated. • Maintained close ties to Israel (2 Kings 8:18). • He married Ahab's daughter. • Ended in Joram's 12th year. 	$3,328 + 7 = \text{C.Y. } 3,335$
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Application: Our unholy associations today may even destroy future generations (2 Kings 11:1-3).

Application: Beware a corrupting partnership with unrighteous men (2 Corinthians 6:14-18).

<p style="text-align: right;">_____ 1y reign (2 Kings 8:25-26a)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Began in Joram's 12th year • Intended to unite the kingdoms further. • Killed by Jehu at the same time as Joram (2 Kings 9:14-16, 23-28). • Succeeded by his mother, Athaliah. 	$\text{C.Y. } 3,335$
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- E. Why does the Bible say Joram reigned two different lengths of time?
- i. 2 Kings 8:25-26. Ahaziah began reigning in Joram's 12th year.
 - ii. 2 Kings 9:29. Ahaziah began reigning in Joram's 11th year.
 - iii. Kings and Chronicles are compiled from several authors.
 - iv. Different authors used their nation's dating system to date kings from the other kingdom.
 - v. This causes an apparent contradiction.
 1. *This is NOT a Biblical error.*
 2. *It is a demonstration of why we need to know dating systems.*

Application: The Bible is inerrant; therefore, we can trust it.