Criticism of Israel's Kings

King	Scripture	How did he sin against YHWH?
Saul	1 Sm 15:1–9	
David	2 Sm 11:1–27	
Solomon	1 Kgs 11:1–10	
Jeroboam	1 Kgs 14:1–10	
Ahaz	2 Kgs 16:1–4	
Baasha	1 Kgs 16:1–6	
Omri	1 Kgs 16:23–26	
Joram	2 Kgs 3:1–3	
Ahaziah	2 Kgs 8:25–27	
Zechariah	2 Kgs 15:8—10	
Manesseh	2 Kgs 21:1–16	
Zedekiah	2 Kgs 24:18—25:7	

Characteristics of Middle Eastern Rule

745 BC	
722 BC	
722–705 BC	
705–700 BC	
700–600 BC	
609–597 BC	
597 BC	
587 BC	

Rulers of Palestine

Persian	Ptolemaic	Seleucid	Maccabean/ Hasmonean	Roman
Cyrus	Ptolemy	Antiochus IV	Seized control of Temple from Antiochus	Herod Antipater
Xerxes	Hellenization	"Abomination of Desola- tion"	The Hammer	In control of Palestine during Jesus' life
Zoroastrianism	Greek	Wanted control of the Temple	Hanukkah	Restored Second Temple
Freed Jews from Babylo- nian Exile	Centralized economic control	Constructed Greek shrines in Temple	Decrees of independence	Destroyed Second Temple in AD 70
"Beyond the River"	Immigration to Alexandria	Extreme Hellenization	Destroyed Edomites and Samaritan Temple	Pompey
Defeated Babylonians	Creation of Septuagint	Forbade Jewish customs and study of the Law	Split between Sadducees and Pharisees	John Hyrcanus becomes "ethnarch"

Beliefs of Jewish Sects

	Pharisees	Sadducees	Essenes
Attitude toward foreign occupation: Did this group welcome foreign occupation or fight against it?			
Belief in the afterlife: Did this group believe in the afterlife? What kind of afterlife did they hope for?			
Worship and ritual life: How did this group practice their Faith?			
Ritual purity: How did this group maintain purity in the face of foreign oc-cupation?			
Messianic hopes: Was this group waiting for a messiah? What did they think the messiah would be like?			