

~PEKAHIAH (32)

(Pek-a-hi'ah) [Yah Has Opened]

- King of Israel in Samaria, son and successor of Menahem. His brief reign of two years, circa **780-779 B.C.E.**, was marked by idolatrous calf worship like that introduced by Jeroboam and permitted by Menahem. **Pekahiah's** adjutant, Pekah, conspired against him, killed him, and began to reign in his place.
- Finally Menahem lay down with his forefathers, and **Pekahiah** his son began to reign in place of him. (**2 Kings 15:22**)
- In the fiftieth year of Azariah the king of Judah, **Pekahiah** the son of Menahem became king over Israel in Samaria for two years. (**2 Kings 15:23**)
- And he continued to do what was bad in Yehowah's eyes. He did not depart from the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, with which he caused Israel to sin. (**2 Kings 15:24**)
- Then Pekah the son of Remaliah his adjutant conspired against him and struck him down in Samaria in the dwelling tower of the king's house with Argob and Arieah, and with him there were fifty men of the sons of Gilead. So he put him to death and began to reign in place of him. (**2 Kings 15:25**)
- As for the rest of the affairs of **Pekahiah** and all that he did, there they are written in the book of the affairs of the days of the kings of Israel. (**2 Kings 15:26**)