## ~ZECHARIAH 14 (56)

(Zech-a-ri'ah) [Yehowah Has Remembered]
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- Zechariah was a son of Jeroboam II and the last of Jehu's dynasty to rule. His recorded reign of six months was terminated when he was murdered by Shallum.
- In the thirty-eighth year of Azariah the king of Judah, Zechariah the son of Jeroboam became king over Israel in Samaria for six months. (2 Kings 15:8)
- And he went on doing what was bad in Yehowah's eyes, just as his forefathers had done. He did not depart from the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, with which he caused Israel to sin. (2 Kings 15:9)
- Then Shallum the son of Jabesh conspired against him and struck him down at Ibleam and put him to death and began to reign in place of him. (2 Kings 15:10)
- As for the rest of the affairs of Zechariah, there they are written in the book of the affairs of the days of the kings of Israel. (2 Kings 15:11)
- That was Yehowah's word that he had spoken to Jehu, saying; Sons themselves to the fourth generation will sit for you upon the throne of Israel. And it came to be that way. (2 Kings 15:12)
- Zechariah's father died in about 803 B.C.E, in the 27th year of Uzziah's reign.
- Finally Jeroboam lay down with his forefathers, with the kings of Israel, and Zechariah his son began to reign in place of him. (2 Kings 14:29)
- But some 11 years passed before Zechariah's stated rule of six months duration occurred starting in Uzziah's 38th year circa 792 B.C.E.

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- As for Shallum the son of Jabesh, he became king in the thirtyninth year of Uzziah the king of Judah, and he continued to reign for a full lunar month in Samaria. (2 Kings 15:13)
- This may have been because he was very young when his father died, or it may have been due to considerable opposition, typical of the northern kingdom of Israel, that had to be overcome before he was firmly established in the kingdom.