

Recorded Reginal Years of Kings

Jewish recording of the reginal years of kings is from the start of the full calendar year being used, so there is some rounding off going on. When a king departs a throne in the middle of a calendar year, that king is credited to the end of the calendar year, and the new king ascending to the throne in the middle of the calendar year is in his or her ascension period till the new calendar year begins. But, let's prove this with the scriptures.

King/Queen	Years	Scripture
David	40	1 Kings 2:11
Solomon	40	1 Kings 11:42
Rehoboam	17	1 Kings 14:21 Begin counting the reigns of the Kings of Judah
Abijam	3	1 Kings 15:2
Asa	41	1 Kings 15:10
Jehosaphat	25	1 Kings 22:42
Jehoram	8	2 Kings 8:17
Ahaziah	1	2 Kings 8:26
Athaliah	7	2 Kings 11:3,4
Jehoash	40	2 Kings 12:1
Amaziah	29	2 Kings 14:2
Azariah	52	2 Kings 15:2
Jotham	16	2 Kings 15:33
Ahaz	16	2 Kings 16:2
Hezekiah	29	2 Kings 18:2
Menasseh	55	2 Kings 21:1
Amon	2	2 Kings 21:19
Josiah	31	2 Kings 22:1
Jehoahaz	.25	2 Kings 23:31
Jehoiakim	11	2 Kings 23:36
Jehoiachin	.25	2 Kings 24:8
Zedekiah	11	2Kings 24:18

3 months, probably never made it to the beginning of the calendar year. See Ahaziah, where he made the 1st reginal calendar year.

So, did 20 of these 22 reginal periods recorded in the books of kings reign complete literal full years, all 20 of them? No, also the two that were recorded as only reigning for three months, probably never made to the beginning of their first reginal calendar year, whereas Ahaziah did and was credited with 1 year.

But don't listen to me, let the Word of God show us the interpretation and application of the recording of the reginal years by Jewish reckoning. Please turn your Bibles to 1 Kings 2:11 – **And the days that David reigned over Israel were forty years: seven years reigned he in Hebron, and thirty and three years reigned he in Jerusalem.**

So, did David reign for exactly 40 years? No, in the book of kings the reginal periods were rounded off, but let's prove it. Please turn your Bibles to 2 Samuel 5:4&5 – **(:4) David was thirty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned forty years.**

There it is again the same 40 whole years, but let's see what verse 5 has to say. **(:5) In Hebron he reigned over Judah seven years and six months: and in Jerusalem he reigned thirty and three years over all Israel and Judah.**

There it is in verse 5, David served 40 ½ years, but was accredited for only 40 recorded years. So, somewhere a rounding off took place, did this occur at his departure or his ascension to the throne? The six months were rounded off of his ascension in Hebron.

You can also look this up in 2 Samuel 2:11 and 1 Chronicles 3:4 concerning this topic.