

In the twelfth year of Ahaz king of Judah began Hoshea the son of Elah to reign in Samaria over Israel nine years. 2 Kings 17:1. *The numbering of years begins with Hoshea's conquest, or acceptance in Samaria, after ruling outside it for the previous period. The same thing occurs in Menahem's reign. The synchronism in 2 Kings 15:30 is not tied to the nine years in 2 Kings 17:1.*

No. 36: IIK 17:1-41.

Hoshea

son of Elah

Now it came to pass in the third year of Hoshea son of Elah king of Israel, that Hezekiah the son of Ahaz king of Judah began to reign. Twenty and five years old was he in his reigning; and he had reigned twenty and nine years in Jerusalem. 2

No. 37: IIK 18:1-20:21

Hezekiah

son of Ahaz

Passover Reformation

The northern Kingdom is invited to the feast. They tear down the all idols in Judah, Benjamin, Ephraim and Manasseh. End of 390 years for sin of Israel. 2Chron. 31:1. IIK 17:2 says Hoshea was not as evil as the other kings. He let them attend.

Now when all this was finished, all Israel who were present went out to the cities of Judah and broke in pieces the pillars and cut down the Asherim and broke down the high places and the altars throughout all Judah and Benjamin, and in Ephraim and Manasseh, until they had destroyed them all. Then all the people of Israel returned to their cities, every man to his possession. ESV 2 Chronicles 31:1

Then rests Ahaz with his fathers And had been reigning Hezekiah his son under him. UWA. 2 Kings 16:20.

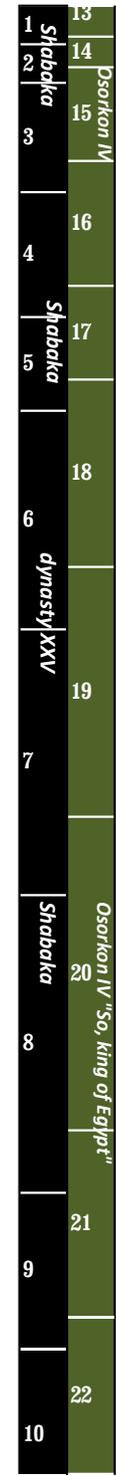
For 725, 724, and 723 B.C. The Assyrian Eponym Canon says, "against [unknown]". It was incorrectly guessed by scholars reconstructing the text that unknown = Samaria. If they had heeded Scripture chronology, they would have known the conjecture was false.

And it came to pass in the fourth year of king Hezekiah, which was the seventh year of Hoshea son of Elah king of Israel, that Shalmaneser king of Assyria came up against Samaria, and besieged it. 2 Kings 18:9. 2 Kings 17:5.

Year five of Shalmaneser.

First year of Merodach Baladan II at Babylon.

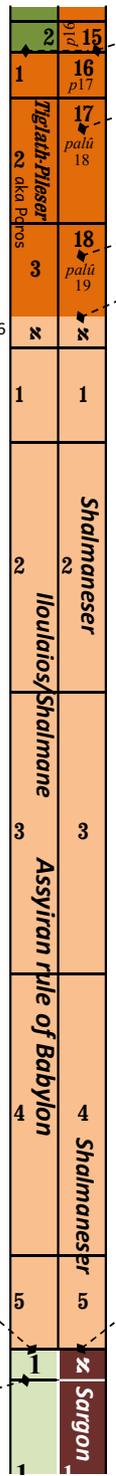
The siege turns into a cold war when the king of Assyria dies, and Sargon has to stay in Assyria to put down revolts in his accession year and his first year. The war turns hot again in the 2nd year of Sargon. The Hebrew **רש** may be used to refer to this protracted war. The whole Assyrian army may not have retreated from the front with Samaria during the lull.



21 Feb 726 = Thoth 1

First year of Merodach Baladan II over Sealand.

20 Feb, 721 = Thoth 1



Babylon taken palu 17

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