

OLD TESTAMENT PERSONS CONFIRMED BY ARCHAEOLOGY

Person	Scripture	Dates	Reference
King Ahab	1 Kings 16:28-33; 21:1,21; 22:39	9th century BC	Mesha Stele Kurkh Monolith Palace in Samaria
King Ahasuerus (Xerxes I)	Esther 1:1-2	5th century BC	Silver Bowl of Artaxerxes I Palace wall relief at Persepolis (Iran) Elephantine Papyri Tomb at Persepolis
King Ahaz/Achaz	2 Kings 16:2 Matthew 1:9	8th century BC	Stamp seal (bulla)
Ahikam	2 Kings 22:12	7th century BC	Stamp seal (bulla)
Amariah	2 Chronicles 31:15	8th to 7th centuries BC	Stamp seal (bulla)
King Artaxerxes I (Longimanus)	Ezra 4:7; 7:1-21; Nehemiah 2:1; 5:14; 13:6	5th century BC	Silver bowl inscription of Artaxerxes I Elephantine Papyri Tomb at Persepolis
Asaiah	2 Kings 22:12,14 2 Chronicles 34:20		Stamp seal (bulla)
King Ashurbanipal (Osnapper)	Ezra 4:10 2 Chronicles 33:10-13	7th century BC	1,200 texts from the library of Nineveh Stele of Ashurbanipal Nineveh palace reliefs

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Azaliah	2 Kings 22:3	7th century BC	Stamp seal (bulla)
Azzur	Jeremiah 28:1	7th to 6th centuries BC	Stamp seal (bulla)
King Ba'alīs	Jeremiah 40:14	6th century BC	Stamp seal (bulla)
Balaam	Numbers 22–24 Jude 11; Revelation 2:14	15th to 14th centuries BC	Balaam Inscription (1967)
Baruch (Jeremiah's scribe)	Jeremiah 32:12-16	7th century BC	Stamp seal (bulla)*
King Belshazzar (son of Nabonidus)	Daniel 5; 7:1; 8:1	6th century BC	Nabonidus Chronicle Cylinder of Nabonidus
Ben Hadad II	2 Kings 8:7-13; 13:1-3	9th century BC	Tell Dan Stele Black Obelisk of Shalmaneser III
King Cyrus II	2 Chronicles 36:22-23 Ezra 1:1-8 Isaiah 44:28; 45:1	6th century BC	Tomb at Pasargadae Cyrus Cylinder Cyrus Brick Inscriptions
King Darius I (son of Hystaspes)	Ezra 4:5,24	6th to 5th centuries BC	Tomb at Persepolis Behistun Inscription Elephantine Papyri
King Darius (the Persian)	Nehemiah 12:22	5th century BC	Silver Bowl of Artaxerxes I Behistun Inscription Palace wall relief at Persepolis (Iran)
King David	1 Samuel 16:13 2 Samuel 5:3-7	10th century BC	Tell Dan Stele Mesha Stele
Eliakim	2 Kings 18:18-37; 19:2	6th century BC	Stamp seal (bulla)
Elishama	Jeremiah 36:12-21	6th century BC	Stamp seal (bulla)

* This bulla was identified by the late bulla specialist Nahman Avigad as bearing the name of the prophet Jeremiah's scribe, Baruch, who penned the book of Jeremiah (Jeremiah 36:1-32).

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Elnathan	Ezra 8:16	5th century BC	Stamp seal (bulla)
King Esarhaddon	2 Kings 19:37 Ezra 4:2 Isaiah 37:38	7th century BC	Royal Brick Inscription Esarhaddon Chronicle Stone Prism of Esarhaddon Stone Lion's head with inscription Wall relief of Esarhaddon and Queen Mother Letters of Esarhaddon
King Evil-merodach (Amel Marduk)	2 Kings 25:27 Jeremiah 52:31	6th century BC	Jehoiachin Ration Record
Gedaliah (son of Ahikam)	2 Kings 25:22-25 Jeremiah 39:14; 40:5-16; 41; 43:6	6th century BC	Stamp seal (bulla)
Gedaliah (son of Pashhur)	Jeremiah 38:1	7th to 6th centuries BC	Stamp seal (bulla)
Gemariah	Jeremiah 29:3; 36:10-12,25	6th century BC	Stamp seal (bulla) Lachish Letters?
Name similar to Goliath	1 Samuel 17	11th to 9th centuries BC	Gath Inscription
Hananiah	Jeremiah 28:1	7th to 6th centuries BC	Stamp seal (bulla)
Priestly family name of Immer	Jeremiah 20:1; 38:1	7th to 6th centuries BC	Stamp seal (bulla)*
King Hazael	2 Kings 8:7-15; 12:17	9th century BC	Tell Dan Stele Black Obelisk of Shalmaneser III Gath siege trench Ivory decoration inscription at Khadatu

* This bulla was discovered by archaeologist Gabriel Barkay as a result of sifting the Temple Mount dirt discarded from recent renovations of the Al-Aqsa Mosque. Immer is the name associated with the priestly family that had oversight of the Temple Mount during the time of Jeremiah. Pashhur, the son of Immer, is described in Jeremiah 20:1-18 as the individual who beat Jeremiah and placed him under arrest.

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King Hezekiah	2 Kings 16:20; 18:1-2	8th to 7th centuries BC	Stamp seal (bulla) Annals of Sennacherib Taylor Prism The Azekah Inscription Jerusalem broad wall Water tunnel system
Hilkiah (high priest)	2 Kings 22:4-14; 23:4,24	7th century BC	Stamp seal (bulla)
Pharaoh Hophra (Apries)	Jeremiah 44:30	6th century BC	Herodotus's Histories Tablet reliefs from Abydos Palace at Memphis Babylonian Chronicles
King Hoshea	2 Kings 15:30; 17:1	8th century BC	Stamp seal (bulla) Assyrian records of Tiglath-pileser III
Son of Immer	Jeremiah 20:1	7th to 6th centuries BC	Two stamp seals (bullae)
Jaazaniah	2 Kings 25:23 Jeremiah 40:8	7th to 6th centuries BC	Stamp seal (bulla)
King Jehoahaz (or Shallum)	2 Kings 23:30-34 1 Chronicles 3:15 2 Chronicles 36:1f	7th century BC	Stamp seal (bulla)
King Jehoiachin (Coniah)	2 Kings 24:8-15 2 Chronicles 36:8f Jeremiah 22:24,28; 37:1	6th century BC	Jehoiachin Ration Record Babylonian Chronicles Jar handles stamped with his name at Tell Beit Mirsim and at Beth-Shemesh
King Jehu (or Joram)	1 Kings 19:16-17 2 Kings 9:20; 10:31	9th century BC	Black Obelisk of Shalmaneser III
Jerahmeel	Jeremiah 36:26	7th century BC	Stamp seal (bulla)
Jehucal	Jeremiah 37:3; 38:1	6th century BC	Stamp seal (bulla)
King Jeroboam II (son of Jehoash)	2 Kings 13:13 1 Chronicles 5:17 Amos 1:1; 7:9-11	8th century BC	Stamp seal (bulla)

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Queen Jezebel	1 Kings 16:31; 21 2 Kings 9	9th century BC	Stamp seal (bulla) Palace in Samaria
Joezer and Igdaliah	Jeremiah 35:4 see 1 Chronicles 12:6	7th century BC	Stamp seal (bulla)
King Jotham (son of Uzziah)	2 Kings 15:32	8th century BC	Stamp seal (bulla)
Malchiah	Jeremiah 38:6	7th to 6th centuries BC	Stamp seal (bulla)
King Manasseh (son of Hezekiah)	2 Kings 20:21; 21 2 Chronicles 33:10-11	7th century BC	Stamp seal (bulla) Prism B of Esarhaddon
King Menahem	2 Kings 15:14-23	8th century BC	Assyrian records of Tiglath-pileser III
King Merodach-baladan (Babylon)	2 Kings 20:12 Isaiah 39:1	8th century BC	Marble Boundary Stone Annals of Sargon of Assyria Sennacherib Prism
King Mesha (Moab)	2 Kings 3:4	9th century BC	Mesha Stele (a.k.a. Moabite Stone)
Meshullum	2 Kings 22:3	7th century BC	Stamp seal (bulla)
Nathan-melech	2 Kings 23:11	7th century BC	Stamp seal (bulla)
King Nebuchadnezzar (Babylon)	2 Kings 24:1-11 Daniel 1:1; 2; 3; 4:34-37; 5	7th to 6th centuries BC	Royal Brick Inscriptions Ishtar Gate Babylonian Chronicles Behistun Inscription East India House Inscription
Pharaoh Necho	2 Chronicles 35:20-22; 36:4	7th to 6th centuries BC	Statues of Necho Herodotus Histories Necho's name removed from monuments by his son Psammetichus (Psamtik) II
Neriah	Jeremiah 36:32	7th to 6th centuries BC	Stamp seal (bulla)

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King Omri	1 Kings 16:16-30 2 Kings 8:26 2 Chronicles 22:2 Micah 6:16	9th century BC	Black Obelisk of Shalmaneser III Mesha Stele
Pedaiah	1 Chronicles 3:18f	6th century BC	Stamp seal (bulla)
King Pekah	2 Kings 15:27	8th century BC	Assyrian records of Tiglath-pileser III
Tiglath-Pileser III (Pul)	2 Kings 15:19,29 1 Chronicles 5:6 2 Chronicles 28:20	8th century BC	Palace wall relief Assyrian records of Tiglath-pileser
Sanballat	Nehemiah 2:10	5th century BC	Elephantine Papyri Stamp seal (bulla)
King Sargon II	Isaiah 20:1	8th century BC	Winged Bull of Sargon II Palace of Sargon (Khorsabad) Annals of Sargon Royal Brick Inscription
Sarsekim	Jeremiah 39:3	6th century BC	Cuneiform tablet at British Museum
King Sennacherib (Assyria)	2 Kings 18:13; 19:16-36 2 Chronicles 32 Isaiah 36:1; 37	8th to 7th centuries BC	Royal Brick Inscriptions Annals of Sennacherib Taylor Prism Sargon's palace reliefs
Seriah	Jeremiah 51:59	7th to 6th centuries BC	Stamp seal (bulla)
Shaphan	2 Kings 22:12	7th century BC	Stamp seal (bulla)
Shebna	2 Kings 18:18-37 Isaiah 22:15-25	8th century BC	Royal Steward (tomb lintel) Inscription
Shelemiah	Jeremiah 37:3	7th to 6th centuries BC	Stamp seal (bulla)
Shelomith	1 Chronicles 3:19	5th century BC	Stamp seal (bulla)

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Pharaoh Shishak (Shoshenq I)	1 Kings 11:40; 14:25 2 Chronicles 12:2-9	10th century BC	Karnak Temple of Amun reliefs
Pharaoh Tirhakah (Taharqa)	2 Kings 19:9 Isaiah 37:9	7th century BC	Statues and Sphinx of Tirhakah Esarhaddon documents
King Uzziah (Azariah)	2 Kings 15:13-34 2 Chronicles 26; 27 Isaiah 6:1	8th century BC	Uzziah Burial Plaque Stamp seal (bulla)
Yahweh	Numbers 6:24-26	9th to 6th centuries BC (dates of references)	House of God Ostrakon Ketef Hinnom Amulets (Silver Scrolls) Mesha Stele

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