The Kings of Judah

Highlighting four rulers that are not listed in Matthew's genealogy of Jesus.

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Rehoboam	1 Kings 14:21 -31	
Abijah/Abijam	1 Kings 15:1-8	
Asa	1 Kings 15:9-24	
Jehoshaphat	1 Kings 15:24b; 22:41-50	
Jehoram/Joram	1 Kings 22:50; 2 Kings 8:16-24 2 Chron 21:1-20	Married Athaliah, daughter of Ahab & Jezebel (8:18). The Lord put a curse on him and his family, because he walked in the ways of Ahab and killed all his brothers (2 Chron 21:12-20). Cf. Exod 20:3-6 applies to Joram.

*Jehu's Purge: Jehu's commission ultimately goes back to the oracle of Elijah the prophet against King Ahab (1 Kings 21:17-26). Then, Elisha the prophet sent an unnamed prophet to Jehu, who is anointed as king of Israel and charged with carrying out God's punishment on the house of Ahab—starting with Joram of Israel (the son of Ahab)—and for what Jezebel had done (2 Kings 9:6-10; cf. 2 Kings 9:24-26).

Ahaziah 2 Kings 8:25-27; 2 Chron 22:1-9 Grandson of Ahab, and nephew of King Joram of Israel with whom he becomes an ally against Syria. Jehu killed Ahaziah as well as Joram of Israel (2 Kgs 9:27-29). Then Jehu killed Jezebel also (2 Kgs 9:30-37), then Ahab's 70 sons (2 Kgs 10:1-11), after that the "relatives of Ahaziah" (2 Kgs 10:12-14), then all who remained to Ahab in Samaria (2 Kgs 10:15-17), and finally the worshipers of Baal (2 Kgs 10:18-28). Jehu was promised that his sons of the fourth generation would sit on the throne of the northern kingdom of Israel (the 4 were: Jehoahaz, Joash/Jehoash, Jeroboam II, Zechariah).

Athaliah (wife of Joram) 2 Kings 11:3 Reigned 6 years. Put to death by the priests of the Lord (2 Kgs 11:16).

Joash/Jehoash	2 Kings 12:1-21 2 Chron 24:1-27	Preserved from Athaliah's slaughter of the royal offspring by his aunt Jehosheba, sister of Ahaziah (2 Kgs 11:1-3), although Athaliah was his grandmother (Ahab & Jezebel were his great-grandparents). He was assassinated by two of his servants (2 Kgs 12:20-21).
Amaziah	2 Kings 14:1-14, 17-20 2 Chron 25:1-28	He also was assassinated in a conspiracy (2 Kgs :14:19-20).
Uzziah/Azariah	2 Kings 14:21-22; 15:1-7	He was not assassinated.
Jotham	2 Kings 15:32-38.	He was not assassinated.
Ahaz	2 Kings 16:1-20	He was not assassinated.
Hezekiah	2 Kings 18:1—20:21	He was not assassinated.
Manasseh	2 Kings 21:1-18.	He was not assassinated.
Amon	2 Kings 21:19-26.	He was assassinated by his servants (vs 23).
Josiah	2 Kings 22:1—23:30.	He was not assassinated, but he was killed in battle when he went out to face Pharaoh Neco of Egypt at Megiddo (2 Kgs 23:29-30).
Jehoahaz	2 Kings 23:31-34	Imprisoned by Pharaoh Neco at Riblah but later died in Egypt.
Jehoiakim/Eliakim	2 Kings 23:36—24:5	Just says he slept with his fathers.
Jehoiachin/Jeconiah	2 Kings 24:6-16	Deported to Babylon by Nebuchadnezzar. Eventually released.
Zedekiah	2 Kings 24:17—25:7	Blinded and brought to Babylon in chains.