

ion” was the personal name whereas “Rezon” was his royal title. However, Hezion could also be the son of Rezon, the founder of the dynasty. Recent studies have shown that Hezion’s name does not appear on the Bir-Hadad stela. A new stela found at Pazarcik mentions a later Ḥadiānu, a ruler of Damascus in 773 BCE. Jerome translates “Ezzahon” as “vision” (*Nom. hebr.* 41.22–23).

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Hezion

Hezion (MT *Hezyôn*, “X has seen” or “person with lop ears”) is the name of a king of Aram-Damascus in the late 10th century BCE, father of Tabrimmon, grandfather of Ben-Hadad I (1 Kgs 15 : 18). Hezion is often identified with Rezon, a contemporary of Solomon (1 Kgs 11 : 23), whose name means “ruler.” “Hezion” might indeed be a scribal modification of “Rezon,” or both names could derive from an original “Hezron” (like LXX 1 Kgs 11 : 23). Maybe “Hez-