

Divided Kingdom

Lesson 22 – Amaziah, Uzziah & Jotham
2nd Chronicles 25-27

Lesson 22 The Reigns of Amaziah, Uzziah & Jotham

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Amaziah comes to the throne

2Ch 25:1 Amaziah was twenty-five years old when he became king, and he reigned twenty-nine years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Jehoaddan of Jerusalem.

2 And he did what was right in the sight of the LORD, but not with a loyal heart. (NKJV)

Heb 4:13 And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account.

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Amaziah shows respect for God's law

2Ch 25:3 Now it happened, as soon as the kingdom was established for him, that he executed his servants who had murdered his father the king.

4 However he did not execute their children, but did as it is written in the Law in the Book of Moses, where the LORD commanded, saying, "The fathers shall not be put to death for their children, nor shall the children be put to death for their fathers; but a person shall die for his own sin."

Eze 18:20 "The soul who sins shall die. The son shall not bear the guilt of the father, nor the father bear the guilt of the son. The righteousness of the righteous shall be upon himself, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon himself." (NKJV)

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Amaziah prepares for battle

2Ch 25:6 He also hired one hundred thousand mighty men of valor from Israel for one hundred talents of silver.

7 But a man of God came to him, saying, “O king, do not let the army of Israel go with you, for the LORD is not with Israel-not with any of the children of Ephraim.”

8 “But if you go, be gone! Be strong in battle! Even so, God shall make you fall before the enemy; for God has power to help and to overthrow.”(NKJV)

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Serves the gods of Edom

2Ch 25:14 Now it was so, after Amaziah came from the slaughter of the Edomites, that he brought the gods of the people of Seir, set them up to be his gods, and bowed down before them and burned incense to them.

15 Therefore the anger of the LORD was aroused against Amaziah, and He sent him a prophet who said to him, "Why have you sought the gods of the people, which could not rescue their own people from your hand?"

16 So it was, as he talked with him, that the king said to him, "Have we made you the king's counselor? Cease! Why should you be killed?" Then the prophet ceased, and said, "I know that God has determined to destroy you, because you have done this and have not heeded my advice."(NKJV)

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Amaziah defeated and later murdered

2Ch 25:20 But Amaziah would not heed, for it came from God, that He might give them into the hand of their enemies, because they sought the gods of Edom.

21 So Joash king of Israel went out; and he and Amaziah king of Judah faced one another at Beth Shemesh, which belongs to Judah.

22 And Judah was defeated by Israel, and every man fled to his tent.

27 After the time that Amaziah turned away from following the LORD, they made a conspiracy against him in Jerusalem, and he fled to Lachish; but they sent after him to Lachish and killed him there. (NKJV)



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Uzziah seeks God and prospers

2Ch 26:4 And he did what was right in the sight of the LORD, according to all that his father Amaziah had done.

5 He sought God in the days of Zechariah, who had understanding in the visions of God; and as long as he sought the LORD, God made him prosper.

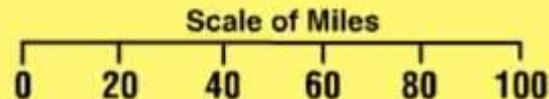
6 Now he went out and made war against the Philistines, and broke down the wall of Gath, the wall of Jabneh, and the wall of Ashdod; and he built cities around Ashdod and among the Philistines.

7 God helped him against the Philistines, against the Arabians who lived in Gur Baal, and against the Meunites. (NKJV)



THE DIVIDED KINGDOM

IN THE DAYS OF JEROBOAM II OF ISRAEL AND UZZIAH OF JUDAH



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Uzziah becomes very strong

2Ch 26:8 Also the Ammonites brought tribute to Uzziah. His fame spread as far as the entrance of Egypt, for he became exceedingly strong.

9 And Uzziah built towers in Jerusalem at the Corner Gate, at the Valley Gate, and at the corner buttress of the wall; then he fortified them.

10 Also he built towers in the desert. He dug many wells, for he had much livestock, both in the lowlands and in the plains; he also had farmers and vinedressers in the mountains and in Carmel, for he loved the soil. (NKJV)

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Pride overcomes Uzziah

2Ch 26:16 But when he was strong his heart was lifted up, to his destruction, for he transgressed against the LORD his God by entering the temple of the LORD to burn incense on the altar of incense.

17 So Azariah the priest went in after him, and with him were eighty priests of the LORD-valiant men.

18 And they withstood King Uzziah, and said to him, "It is not for you, Uzziah, to burn incense to the LORD, but for the priests, the sons of Aaron, who are consecrated to burn incense. Get out of the sanctuary, for you have trespassed! You shall have no honor from the LORD God." (NKJV)

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Uzziah stricken with leprosy

2Ch 26:19 Then Uzziah became furious; and he had a censer in his hand to burn incense. And while he was angry with the priests, leprosy broke out on his forehead, before the priests in the house of the LORD, beside the incense altar.

20 And Azariah the chief priest and all the priests looked at him, and there, on his forehead, he was leprous; so they thrust him out of that place. Indeed he also hurried to get out, because the LORD had struck him.

21 King Uzziah was a leper until the day of his death. He dwelt in an isolated house, because he was a leper; for he was cut off from the house of the LORD. (NKJV)

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Why did so many good kings end so badly?

- Solomon, Asa, Joash, Amaziah, Uzziah
 - David provided a pattern in his early years
 - We have both David and Jesus as instructors
 - “Poor in spirit”
 - “Mourn”
 - “Hunger and thirst for righteousness”
 - “Peacemakers”
 - “To whom much is given...”
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The reign of Jotham

2Ch 27:1 Jotham was twenty-five years old when he became king, and he reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Jerushah the daughter of Zadok.

2 And he did what was right in the sight of the LORD, according to all that his father Uzziah had done (although he did not enter the temple of the LORD). But still the people acted corruptly.

3 He built the Upper Gate of the house of the LORD, and he built extensively on the wall of Ophel.

4 Moreover he built cities in the mountains of Judah, and in the forests he built fortresses and towers. (NKJV)

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Jotham becomes mighty

2Ch 27:5 He also fought with the king of the Ammonites and defeated them. And the people of Ammon gave him in that year one hundred talents of silver, ten thousand kors of wheat, and ten thousand of barley. The people of Ammon paid this to him in the second and third years also.

6 So Jotham became mighty, because he prepared his ways before the LORD his God.

7 Now the rest of the acts of Jotham, and all his wars and his ways, indeed they are written in the book of the kings of Israel and Judah.

8 He was twenty-five years old when he became king, and he reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem. (NKJV)

Divided Kingdom: Kings of Judah

- **Rehoboam** – 17y
 - Abijam (Abijah) – 3y
 - Asa – 41y
 - Jehoshaphat – 25y
 - Jehoram (Joram) – 8y
 - Ahaziah – 1y
 - **(Athaliah)** – 6y
 - Joash (Jehoash) – 40y
 - Amaziah – 29y
 - Uzziah (Azariah) – 52y
 - Jotham – 16y
 - Ahaz – 16y
 - Hezekiah – 29y
 - Manasseh – 55y
 - Amon – 2y
 - Josiah – 31y
 - Jehoahaz (Shallum) – 3m
 - Jehoiakim (Eliakim) – 11y
 - Jehoiachin (Coniah, Jeconiah)-3m
 - Zedekiah (Mattaniah) - 11y
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Divided Kingdom: Kings of Judah

- – 17y (evil)
 - – 3y (evil)
 - – 41y (good)
 - – 25y (good)
 - – 8y (evil)
 - – 1y (evil)
 - – 6y (evil)
 - – 40y (evil)
 - – 29y (good)
 - – 52y (good)
 - – 16y (good)
 - **Ahaz** – 16y (evil)
 - **Hezekiah** – 29y (good)
 - **Manasseh** – 55y (evil)
 - **Amon** – 2y (evil)
 - **Josiah** – 31y (good)
 - **Jehoahaz (Shallum)**– 3m (evil)
 - **Jehoiakim (Eliakim)**– 11y (evil)
 - **Jehoiachin** – 3m (evil)
 - (Coniah, Jeconiah)
 - **Zedekiah** – 11y (evil)
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Divided Kingdom: Kings of Israel

- **Jeroboam** – 22y
 - Nadab - 2y
 - **Baasha** – 24y
 - Elah – 2y
 - **Zimri** – 1w
 - **Omri** – 12y
 - Ahab – 22y
 - Ahaziah – 2y
 - Jehoram (Joram) – 12y
 - **Jehu** – 28y
 - Jehoahaz – 17y
 - Joash (Jehoash) – 16y
 - Jeroboam II – 41y
 - Zechariah – 6m
 - **Shallum** – 1m
 - **Menahem** – 10y
 - Pekahiah – 2y
 - **Pekah** – 20y
 - **Hoshea** – 9y
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