

2 Kings 14

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14 In the second year of Joash son of Jehoahaz king of Israel reigned Amaziah the son of Joash king of Judah. (Amaziah = strength of Yah)

² He was twenty and five years old when he began to reign, and reigned twenty and nine years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Jehoaddan of Jerusalem. (Jehoaddan = whom Yah adorns)

³ And he did that which was right in the sight of the LORD, yet not like David his father: he did according to all things as Joash his father did. (He worshipped both Yahoveh and the idols in the high places)

⁴ Howbeit the high places were not taken away: as yet the people did sacrifice and burnt incense on the high places.

⁵ And it came to pass, as soon as the kingdom was confirmed in his hand, that he slew his servants which had slain the king his father.
Chapter-12:21

⁶ But the children of the murderers he slew not: according unto that which is written in the book of the law of Moses, wherein the LORD commanded, saying, The fathers shall not be put to death for the children, nor the children be put to death for the fathers; but every man shall be put to death for his own sin. See Deuteronomy-24:16

⁷ He slew of Edom in the valley of salt ten thousand, and took Selah by war, and called the name of it Joktheel unto this day. (Selah = rock; Joktheel = veneration of God)

Detour -> 2Chronicles-25:14-16 (Israel took the idols of the defeated Edomites back to Jerusalem to worship them. Amaziah was a fool. He already had God's support and a prophet to guide him. Instead, he chooses to worship the idols of the losers instead of worshipping God; who had just saved him)

⁸ Then Amaziah sent messengers to Jehoash, the son of Jehoahaz son of Jehu, king of Israel, saying, Come, let us look one another in the face. (Amaziah is declaring war on Israel; because the Israelites were raiding towns in Judah. That was also because of his inflated ego, after having defeated the Edomites. God would abase Amaziah for that)

⁹ And Jehoash the king of Israel sent to Amaziah king of Judah, saying, The thistle that was in Lebanon sent to the cedar that was in Lebanon, saying, Give thy daughter to my son to wife: and there passed by a wild beast that was in Lebanon, and trode down the thistle. (Israel is saying that Amaziah's getting a little too big for his britches – better translation) (Judah is the thistle; Israel is the cedar)

¹⁰ Thou hast indeed smitten Edom, and thine heart hath lifted thee up: glory of this, and tarry at home: for why shouldest thou meddle to thy hurt, that thou shouldest fall, even thou, and Judah with thee? (Enjoy your victory over Edom. Don't go looking for trouble that you don't need)

¹¹ But Amaziah would not hear. Therefore Jehoash king of Israel went up; and he and Amaziah king of Judah looked one another in the face at Bethshemesh, which belongeth to Judah. (God sent a prophet to Amaziah to dissuade him from fighting Israel. Amaziah wouldn't listen. God judged Amaziah for his idolatry and also for refusing His counsel) see 2Chronicles-25

¹² And Judah was put to the worse before Israel; and they fled every man to their tents. (Judah got their butts kicked by Israel)

¹³ And Jehoash king of Israel took Amaziah king of Judah, the son of Jehoash the son of Ahaziah, at Bethshemesh, and came to Jerusalem, and brake down the wall of Jerusalem from the gate of Ephraim unto the corner gate, four hundred cubits. (Bethshemesh = house of the sun; on the border between Judah and Israel)

(The north wall that was broken down is the main defense for Jerusalem. The other 3 sides are defended by mountains. Jerusalem was now defenseless from any invading army)

¹⁴ And he took all the gold and silver, and all the vessels that were found in the house of the LORD, and in the treasures of the king's house, and hostages, and returned to Samaria. (Hostages = sons of security - they were traded to Israel in return for the king's release; to ensure that Judah will not attack Israel again)

¹⁵ Now the rest of the acts of Jehoash which he did, and his might, and how he fought with Amaziah king of Judah, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel? 2Chronicles-25

¹⁶ And Jehoash slept with his fathers, and was buried in Samaria with the kings of Israel; and Jeroboam his son reigned in his stead. (He was probably named after the first Jeroboam, because they were still worshipping the golden calves of the original Jeroboam)

¹⁷ And Amaziah the son of Joash king of Judah lived after the death of Jehoash son of Jehoahaz king of Israel fifteen years. (The conquered outlived the conqueror. Circa: 729BC -> 714BC)

¹⁸ And the rest of the acts of Amaziah, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah? (He was just another pathetic king. He brought the idols of Edom, to worship in Jerusalem)

¹⁹ Now they made a conspiracy against him in Jerusalem: and he fled to Lachish; but they sent after him to Lachish, and slew him there. (Amaziah died for his idolatry and for having weakened Jerusalem)

²⁰ And they brought him on horses: and he was buried at Jerusalem with his fathers in the city of David. (But not with the kings)

²¹ And all the people of Judah took Azariah, which was sixteen years old, and made him king instead of his father Amaziah. (Azariah is also called Uzziah – the 2 words mean almost the same thing in Hebrew) see 2Kings-15, 2Chronicles-26

²² He built Elath, and restored it to Judah, after that the king slept with his fathers. (He fortified Elath. It already existed. This is a seaport on the Red Sea. It was strategic to Judah. All of their other ports were on the Mediterranean Sea)

²³ In the fifteenth year of Amaziah the son of Joash king of Judah Jeroboam the son of Joash king of Israel began to reign in Samaria, and reigned forty and one years.

²⁴ And he did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD: he departed not from all the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel to sin. (With the idol worship of the golden calves)

NOTE: (Today, Christians commit the same sin with Easter, the rapture theory, and other traditions of man. None of these are in God's Word)

²⁵ He restored the coast of Israel from the entering of Hamath unto the sea of the plain, according to the word of the LORD God of Israel, which

he spake by the hand of his servant Jonah, the son of Amittai, the prophet, which was of Gathhepher. (This Jonah is the same minor prophet Jonah who converted Nineveh) see Mathew-12:39-40

²⁶ For the LORD saw the affliction of Israel, that it was very bitter: for there was not any shut up, nor any left, nor any helper for Israel. (They lost all of their protection) (Their affliction may have been caused by attacks from Syria or from Assyria)

²⁷ And the LORD said not that he would blot out the name of Israel from under heaven: but he saved them by the hand of Jeroboam the son of Joash. (God saved them one last time. They will soon fall to the Assyrians)

²⁸ Now the rest of the acts of Jeroboam, and all that he did, and his might, how he warred, and how he recovered Damascus, and Hamath, which belonged to Judah, for Israel, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel? (Hamath – a Kenite city)

²⁹ And Jeroboam slept with his fathers, even with the kings of Israel; and Zachariah his son reigned in his stead. (Zachariah is the 4th generation of Jehu. As God promised, his progeny would reign for 4 generations)