

2 Kings 16

King James Version (KJV)

16 In the seventeenth year of Pekah the son of Remaliah Ahaz the son of Jotham king of Judah began to reign. (He was one of the worst kings of Judah. This is approx. 622-616 BC)

(There is a relic column of Tiglathpileser, king of the Assyrians, which names this guy Jeho-Ahaz. It is believed that the Jeho part of his name was dropped from the book of kings. It means Yah has kept. Ahaz was pure evil. He had nothing to do with God <Yah>)

²Twenty years old was Ahaz when he began to reign, and reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem, and did not that which was right in the sight of the LORD his God, like David his father. (He fell back into idolatry and perversion)

³But he walked in the way of the kings of Israel, yea, and made his son to pass through the fire, according to the abominations of the heathen, whom the LORD cast out from before the children of Israel. (He sacrificed his son to Molech, a heathen god: human sacrifice by fire. That was the main reason that God told Moses and Joshua to wipe out these Canaanite tribes. Ahaz was no better than they were)

⁴And he sacrificed and burnt incense in the high places, and on the hills, and under every green tree. (He was worshipping the idols of the heathen) (He eventually closed the temple and forbade the worship of Yahoveh)

⁵Then Rezin king of Syria and Pekah son of Remaliah king of Israel came up to Jerusalem to war: and they besieged Ahaz, but could not overcome him. 2Chronicles-28:6 (Pekah slew 120,000 of Judah in one single day. Most of Judah had already fallen since they had no opposition getting to Jerusalem)

Isaiah-7:4 (Pekah and Rezin are the 2 firebrands that God would bring up to correct Judah. By the time they got to Jerusalem, they had already marched through a lot of Judah and had taken it. And yet, the people of Judah still wouldn't heed God's correction)

⁶At that time Rezin king of Syria recovered Elath to Syria, and drove the Jews from Elath: and the Syrians came to Elath, and dwelt there unto this day. (Elath was a strategic port because it gave them access

to the Red sea for trade. Judah had taken Elath from the Edomites, but now lost it to Syria)

(Israel killed 120,000 of the armies of Judah and took 200,000 people of Judah to make slaves of them in Israel. God sent Oded, a prophet, to warn Israel off from doing this. Israel obeyed and released the slaves; to return to Judah)

⁷ So Ahaz sent messengers to Tiglathpileser king of Assyria, saying, I am thy servant and thy son: come up, and save me out of the hand of the king of Syria, and out of the hand of the king of Israel, which rise up against me. (Another bribe to Assyria. This will backfire against Judah. Ahaz never asked God for help)

⁸ And Ahaz took the silver and gold that was found in the house of the LORD, and in the treasures of the king's house, and sent it for a present to the king of Assyria. (He used the temple treasure to bribe the Assyrians into being his mercenaries)

(The king of Assyria is often used as a type for antichrist in prophecy)

⁹ And the king of Assyria hearkened unto him: for the king of Assyria went up against Damascus, and took it, and carried the people of it captive to Kir, and slew Rezin. (This war was prophesied in Amos-1:2-5)

¹⁰ And king Ahaz went to Damascus to meet Tiglathpileser king of Assyria, and saw an altar that was at Damascus: and king Ahaz sent to Urijah the priest the fashion of the altar, and the pattern of it, according to all the workmanship thereof.

¹¹ And Urijah the priest built an altar according to all that king Ahaz had sent from Damascus: so Urijah the priest made it against king Ahaz came from Damascus. (He had the altar completed by the time that Ahaz returned from Damascus. This was an altar to the false gods of Syria)

¹² And when the king was come from Damascus, the king saw the altar: and the king approached to the altar, and offered thereon.

2Chronicles-28:24 (states that he cut up the vessels of the temple of God, and closed the temple. No one was allowed to sacrifice to God)

¹³ And he burnt his burnt offering and his meat offering, and poured his drink offering, and sprinkled the blood of his peace offerings, upon the altar. (He was making up his own religion to worship Syrian idols) see 2Chronicles-28:25

¹⁴ And he brought also the brasen altar, which was before the LORD, from the forefront of the house, from between the altar and the house of the LORD, and put it on the north side of the altar.

¹⁵ And king Ahaz commanded Urijah the priest, saying, Upon the great altar burn the morning burnt offering, and the evening meat offering, and the king's burnt sacrifice, and his meat offering, with the burnt offering of all the people of the land, and their meat offering, and their drink offerings; and sprinkle upon it all the blood of the burnt offering, and all the blood of the sacrifice: and the brasen altar shall be for me to enquire by. (Ahaz is saying - I'll think about the old altar <from Solomon's temple> and decide what to do with it. Meanwhile, make all of the daily offerings to God on this new altar that we copied from the heathen Syrians)

(God's not going to appreciate that. Turn away from God and He will turn away from you)

(Uriaah = flame of Yah; that's not this guy for sure)

¹⁶ Thus did Urijah the priest, according to all that king Ahaz commanded. (God will not accept an offering made upon a heathen altar. Ahaz is delusional if he thinks God will go along with this. Urijah will pay for following Ahaz instead of God. He was a priest and should have known better)

¹⁷ And king Ahaz cut off the borders of the bases, and removed the laver from off them; and took down the sea from off the brasen oxen that were under it, and put it upon the pavement of stones. (He was undoing the whole design that God asked of David and Solomon)

¹⁸ And the covert for the sabbath that they had built in the house, and the king's entry without, turned he from the house of the LORD for the king of Assyria. (covert = covered way) (turned = removed – better translation)

(Ahaz was now worried more about pleasing the king of Assyria than pleasing God; so he's wiping out all traces of Yahoveh worship from Jerusalem)

¹⁹ Now the rest of the acts of Ahaz which he did, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah? **2Chronicles-28 (Ahaz shut the temple of God and made idolatrous altars on every corner in Jerusalem. He was a total heathen king who didn't care about God)**

²⁰ And Ahaz slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David: and Hezekiah his son reigned in his stead.
2Chronicles-28:27 (Ahaz was not buried with David and the other righteous kings in the sepulcher of kings. He was buried in the city)