

18 – JEHU'S SONS & AMAZIAH (2 KINGS 13:1-14:29; 2 CHRONICLES 25:1-28)

I. Jehoahaz, King of Israel (2 King 13:1-9)

- In the 23rd year of Jehoash's reign as King of Judah, Jehoahaz became king and reigned 17 years.
- He did evil in the sight of the Lord, as he walked according to the sins of Jeroboam.
- The anger of the Lord was aroused and he delivered Israel into the hand of Hazael.
- Jehoahaz sought the Lord's deliverance and the Lord listened as he saw Israel's oppression.
- The Lord provided Israel with a deliverer who freed them from the oppression of Syria.
- However, Israel did not depart from the sins of Jeroboam and kept the wooden images.
- All that remained of Israel's army were 50 horsemen, 10 chariots and 10,000 foot soldiers.
- The writer of Kings lists where the details of Jehoahaz's reign are recorded.
- Jehoahaz died and was buried in Samaria as they made his son Jehoash king in his place.

II. Jehoash, King of Israel (2 Kings 13:10-25)

- In the 37th year of Jehoash's reign as King of Judah, Jehoash became king and reigned 16 years.
- He did evil in the sight of the Lord, as he walked according to the sins of Jeroboam.
- Jehoash wept over Elisha because he became sick and was dying.
- Elisha told the king to take a bow and some arrows.
- The king was told to place his hands on the bow and Elisha placed his hands on the king's.
- The king was then told to open the east window and shoot an arrow through it.
- Elisha proclaimed it was the Lord's arrow of the deliverance from Syria.
- Elisha told the king that Israel must strike the Syrians at Aphek till they are destroyed.
- Elisha then told the king to take the arrows and strike the ground.
- The king struck the ground with the arrows three times and Elisha became angry.
- Elisha told the king that he should have struck the ground 5 or 6 times.

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- He explained that Israel would have destroyed Syria, but they will only strike them three times.
- Elisha died and they buried him.
- Moabite raiding parties invaded the land.
- As a man was being buried, a raiding party was spotted and they put the body in Elisha's tomb.
- When the body touched the bones of Elisha, the man revived and he stood up.
- Hazael of Syria oppressed Israel during the reign of Jehoahaz, but the Lord was gracious to Israel.
- The Lord had compassion because of his covenant with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.
- Jehoash recaptured from Ben-Hadad, son of Hazael, all of the cities lost to Syria.
- Jehoash defeated Ben-Hadad three times.

III. Amaziah, King of Judah (2 Kings 14:1-22; 2 Chronicles 25:1-28)

- In the 2nd year of Jehoahaz's reign as King of Israel, Amaziah became king of Judah.
- Amaziah was 25 years old when he became king and he ruled Judah for 29 years.
- He did what was right in the sight of the Lord like his father Jehoash, but not like David.
- The Chronicler records that he did not walk with a loyal heart.
- The high places were not taken down and the people continued to sacrifice on them.
- When the kingdom was secure in his hands, Amaziah had his father's killers executed.
- Amaziah did not execute the killers' children in accordance with the Law of Moses.
- Amaziah gathered a large army from Judah and Benjamin.
- He also hired 100,000 warriors from Israel for 100 talents of silver.
- A prophet warned the king to send the troops back to Israel or the Lord will bring defeat.
- The king asked about the silver and prophet responded the Lord is able to give much more.
- He killed 10,000 Edomites in the Valley of Salt and then turned his attention to Israel.
- The troops Amaziah sent back to Israel raided Judah, killing 3,000 and taking much spoil.
- Amaziah brought back the gods of Edom to Jerusalem and worshipped them.

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- A prophet asked Amaziah and why he worshipped the same gods who could not rescue Edom.
- The king silenced the prophet, asking who made him a counselor and why should he die.
- The prophet ceased his message, saying the God had determined to destroy the king.
- He sent a message to Jehoash to meet him in battle.
- Jehoash replied with a parable telling Amaziah to stay at home.
- However, Amaziah did not heed the warning and was defeated by Israel.
- Jehoash captured Amaziah, broke down the wall at Jerusalem and plundered the city.
- The writer of Kings lists where the details of Jehoash's reign are recorded.
- Jehoash was buried with his fathers in Samaria and his Son Jeroboam became king.
- The writer of Kings lists where the details of Amaziah's reign are recorded.
- A conspiracy was formed against Amaziah and he fled to Lachish where he was killed.
- They brought Amaziah's body back to Jerusalem and buried him in the tomb of his fathers.
- The people took Amaziah's son Uzziah, who was 16 years old, and made him king.
- Uzziah restored rebuilt and restored Eloth to Judah after the death of his father.

IV. Jeroboam II, King of Israel (2 Kings 14:23-29)

- In the 15th year of Amaziah's reign as King of Judah, Jeroboam became king and reigned 41 years.
- He did evil in the sight of the Lord, as he walked according to the sins of Jeroboam, son of Nebat.
- Jeroboam restored the territory to Israel because the Lord saw Israel's affliction.
- This was in accordance with the word of the Lord spoken through the prophet Jonah.
- The Lord did not say he would blot out Israel's name from under heaven, so he saved them.
- The writer of Kings lists where the details of Jeroboam's reign are recorded.
- Jeroboam was buried with his fathers in Samaria and his son Zechariah became king.