

19 – UZZIAH, JOTHAM & THE DYNASTIES OF ISRAEL (2 KINGS 15:1-38; 2 CHRONICLES 26:1-27:9)

I. Uzziah, King of Judah (2 Kings 15:1-7; 2 Chronicles 26:1-22)

A. Uzziah Becomes King (2 Kings 15:1-4, 2 Chronicles 26:1-5)

- In the 27th year of Jeroboam's reign as King of Israel, Uzziah became king of Judah.
- The writer of Kings records his name as Azariah.
- Uzziah was 16 years old when he became king and he ruled Judah for 52 years.
- He did what was right in the sight of the Lord like his father Amaziah.
- Uzziah sought the Lord during the days of the prophet Zechariah.
- As long as Uzziah sought the Lord, God made him to prosper.
- However, the high places were not taken down and the people continued to sacrifice on them.

B. The War Against the Nations (2 Chronicles 26:6-15)

- Uzziah brought security to Judah as he subdued the nations around him.
- The nations brought tribute to Uzziah and his fame reached Egypt.
- Uzziah equipped a large army and made devices to secure Jerusalem.

C. Uzziah's Sin (2 Kings 15:5; 2 Chronicles 26:16-21)

- During his time of his strength, Uzziah became lifted up in his heart and sinned against God.
- Uzziah entered the Temple to burn incense on the Altar of Incense.
- Azariah the High Priest and eighty priests went into the Holy Place after the king.
- They confronted the king and told him that only the sons of Aaron can offer incense.
- They told him to get out of the sanctuary and that he will not have any honor.
- Uzziah became furious and leprosy broke out on his forehead as he was angry.
- The priests quickly thrust him out of the Temple because the Lord had struck the king.
- Uzziah was a leper and dwelt in an isolated house until his death.

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- Uzziah's son, Jotham, assumed rulership over the King's house and ruled Judah.

D. Uzziah's Death (2 Kings 15:6-7; 2 Chronicles 26:22)

- The Chronicler records that the prophet Isaiah wrote down the acts of Uzziah.
- Because he was a leper, Uzziah was buried near his fathers, but not with them.
- When Uzziah died, his son Jotham became king over Judah.

II. The New Dynasties of Israel (2 Kings 15:8-31)

A. Zechariah, King of Israel (2 Kings 15:8-12)

- In the 38th year of Uzziah's reign as King of Judah, Zechariah became king for 6 months.
- He did evil in the sight of the Lord, as he walked according to the sins of Jeroboam.
- Shallum, son of Jabesh, conspired against the king and killed him in front of the people.
- The writer of Kings lists where the details of Zechariah's reign are recorded.
- This was according to the Lord's word that Jehu's household would reign to the 4th generation.

B. Shallum, King of Israel (2 Kings 15:13-16)

- In the 39th year of Uzziah's reign as King of Judah, Shallum became king for 1 month.
- He did evil in the sight of the Lord, as he walked according to the sins of Jeroboam.
- Menahem, son of Gadi, came to Samaria and killed Shallum.
- The writer of Kings lists where the details of Shallum's reign are recorded.
- Menahem then attacked Tiphshah because they would not surrender to him.
- He slaughtered everyone including those who were pregnant.

C. Menahem, King of Israel (2 Kings 15:17-22)

- In the 38th year of Uzziah's reign as King of Judah, Menahem became king for 10 years.
- He did evil in the sight of the Lord, as he walked according to the sins of Jeroboam.
- Pul, king of Assyria, attacked Israel and Menahem paid a tribute of 1,000 talents of silver.
- Menahem placed a heavy tax of 50 shekels of silver on both the rich and poor to pay Pul.

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- The writer of Kings lists where the details of Menahem's reign are recorded.
- Menahem died and his son Pekahiah ruled Israel in his place.

D. Pekahiah, King of Israel (2 Kings 15:23-26)

- In the 50th year of Uzziah's reign as King of Judah, Pekahiah became king for 2 years.
- He did evil in the sight of the Lord, as he walked according to the sins of Jeroboam.
- Pekah, son of Remaliah, conspired against the king and killed him with 50 men of Gilead.
- The writer of Kings lists where the details of Pekahiah's reign are recorded.

E. Pekah, King of Israel (2 Kings 15:27-31)

- In the 52nd year of Uzziah's reign as King of Judah, Pekah became king for 20 years.
- He did evil in the sight of the Lord, as he walked according to the sins of Jeroboam.
- At this time, the king of Assyria took part of Israel and carried its people into exile.
- Hoshea, son of Elah, conspired against the king and killed him.
- Hoshea then ruled Israel as king during the 20th year of Jotham, King of Judah.
- The writer of Kings lists where the details of Pekah's reign are recorded.

III. Jotham, King of Judah (2 Kings 15:32-38; 2 Chronicles 27:1-9)

- In the 2nd year of Pekah's reign as King of Israel, Jotham became king of Judah.
- Jotham was 25 years old when he became king and he ruled Judah for 16 years.
- However, the high places were not taken down and the people continued to sacrifice on them.
- The Chronicler records that the people continued to act corruptly.
- Jotham became mighty as he subdued Ammon and extracted a yearly tribute from them.
- Jotham became mighty because he prepared his ways before the Lord.
- The writer of Kings lists where the details of Jotham's reign are recorded.
- During Jotham's reign, the Lord sent Rezin of Syria and Pekah of Israel against Judah.
- Jotham died and was buried with his fathers as his son Ahaz became king of Judah.