

1 Chronicles



2 Chronicles 26

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Then all the people of Judah took Uzziah, who was sixteen years old, and made him king to succeed his father Amaziah.

He rebuilt Elath and restored it to Judah, after the king slept with his ancestors.

Uzziah was sixteen years old when he began to reign, and he reigned for fifty-two years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Jecoliah of Jerusalem.

He did what was right in the sight of the Lord, just as his father Amaziah had done. He set himself to seek God in the days of Zechariah, who instructed in the fear of God, and as long as he sought the Lord, God made him prosper.

He went out and made war against the Philistines, and broke down the wall of Gath and the wall of Jabneh and the wall of Ashdod and elsewhere. He built cities

in the territory of Ashdod and elsewhere among the Philistines.

God helped him against the Philistines, against the Arabs who lived in Gur-had, and against the Meonites.

The Ammonites paid tribute to Uzziah, and his fame spread even to the border of Egypt, for he became very strong.

Moreover, Uzziah built towers in Jerusalem at the corner gate, at the Valley Gate, and at the angle, and fortified them.

He built towers in the wilderness and hewed out many cisterns, for he had large herds, both in the Shephelah and in the plain, and he had farmers and vine-dressers in the hills and in the fertile lands, for he loved the soil.

MORE OVER UZZIAH HAD AN ARMY OF SOLDIERS, FIT FOR WAR, IN DIVISIONS ACCORDING TO NUMBERS IN THE MUSTER MADE BY THE SECRETARY JEEL AND THE OFFICER MAASEIAH, UNDER THE DIRECTION OF HANANIAH, ONE OF THE KING'S COMMANDERS.

THE WHOLE NUMBER OF THE HEADS OF ANCESTRAL HOUSES OF MIGHTY VASSALS WAS TWO THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED.

UNDER THEIR COMMAND WAS AN ARMY OF THREE HUNDRED AND SEVEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED, WHO COULD MAKE WAR WITH MIGHTY POWER, TO HELP THE KING AGAINST THE ENEMY.

Uzziah provided for all the army, the shields, spears, helmets, coats of mail, bows and stones for slinging.

In Jerusalem he set up machines, invented by skilled workers, on the towers and the corners for shooting arrows and large stones. And his

fame spread far, for he was marvellously helped until he became strong.

But when he had become strong he grew proud, to his destruction. For he was false to the Lord his God, and entered the temple of the Lord to make offering on the alter of incense.

But the priest Azariah went in after him, with eighty priests of the Lord who were men of valour.

They rebuked King Uzziah, and said to him, It is not for you, Uzziah, to make offering to the Lord, but for the priests the descendants of Aaron, who are consecrated to make offering. Go out of the sanctuary; for you have done wrong, and it will bring you no honour from the Lord God.

Then Uzziah was angry. Now he had a censer in his hand to make offering, and when he became angry with the priests a leprous disease broke out on his

forehead, in the presence of the priests in the house of the Lord, by the altar of incense.

When the chief priest Azariah, and all the priests, looked at him, he was leprous in his forehead. They hurried him out, and he himself hurried to get out, because the Lord had struck him. King Uzziah was leprous to the day of his death, and being leprous lived in a separate house, for he was excluded from the house of the Lord. His son Jotham was in charge of the palace of the king, governing the people of the land.

Now the rest of the acts of Uzziah, from last to rest,
²³ the prophet Isaiah son of Amoz wrote

Uzziah slept with his ancestors; they buried him near his ancestors in the burial field that belonged to the kings, for they said, 'He is leprous! His son Jotham succeeded him.'

27 Jotham was twenty-five years old when he began to reign; he reigned for sixteen years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Jerushah daughter of Zadok. He did what was right in the sight of the Lord just as his father Uzziah had done — only he did not invade the temple of the Lord. But the people still followed corrupt practices. He built the upper gate of the house of the Lord, and did extensive building on the wall of Ophel. Moreover, he built cities in the hill country of Judah, and forts and towers on the wooded hills. He fought with the King of the Ammonites and prevailed against them. The Ammonites gave him that year one hundred talents of silver, ten thousand cors of wheat and ten thousand of barley. The Ammonites paid him the same amount in the second and the third years. So Jotham became strong because he ordered his ways before the Lord his God. Now the rest of the acts of Jotham, and all his wars and

his ways are written in the Book of the Kings of Israel and Judah.

He was twenty-five years old when he began to reign; he reigned for sixteen years in Jerusalem.

Jotham slept with his ancestors, and they buried him in the city of David; and his son Ahaz succeeded him.

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Chapter 28



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¹Ahab was twenty years old when he began to reign; he reigned for sixteen years in Jerusalem. He did not do what was right in the sight of the Lord as his ancestor David had done,² but he walked in the ways of the kings of Israel. He even made cast images for the Baals;³ and he made offerings in the valley of the Son of Hinnom, and made his sons pass through fire, according to the abominable practices of the nations whom the Lord drove out before the people of Israel.⁴ He sacrificed and made offerings on the high places, on the hills, and under every green tree. Therefore the Lord his God gave him into the hand of the King of Aram, who defeated him and took captive a number of his people and brought them to Damascus. He was also given into the hand of the King of Israel who defeated him with great slaughter.

Pekah son of Remaliah killed one hundred and twenty thousand in Judah in one day, all of them valiant warriors, because they had abandoned the Lord, the God of their ancestors. And Zichri, a mighty warrior of Ephraim, killed the king's son Maaseiah Azrikam the commander of the palace, and Elkanah the next in authority to the king.

The people of Israel took captive two hundred thousand of their kin, women, sons, daughters; they also took much booty from them and brought the booty to Samaria. But a prophet of the Lord was there, whose name was Oded; he went out to meet the army that came to Samaria, and said to them, 'Because the Lord, the God of your ancestors, was angry with Judah, he gave them into your hand, but you have killed them in a rage that has reached up to heaven.'

Now you intend to subjugate the people of Judah

and Jerusalem, male and female, as your slaves.
But what have you except sins against the LORD your God?

Now hear me, and send back the captives whom you have taken from your kindred, for the fierce wrath of the LORD is upon you.

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¹² Moreover, certain chiefs of the Ephraimites, Azariah son of Johanan, Berechiah son of Meshillemoth, Jehizkiah son of Shallum, and Amasa son of Hadlai, stood up against those who were coming from the war,¹³ and said to them, ' You shall not bring the captives in here, for you propose to bring on us guilt against the Lord in addition to our present sins and guilt. For our guilt is already great, and there is fierce wrath against Israel.

¹⁴ So the warriors left the captives and the booty before the officials and all the assembly.

¹⁵ Then those who were mentioned by name got up and took the captives, and with the booty they clothed them all that were naked among them; they clothed them, gave them sandals, provided them with food and drink, and anointed them; and carrying all people among them on the donkeys, they brought them to their kindred at Jericho, the city of palm trees. Then they returned to

Sandaria.

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The Edomites began to raid Judah again and captured many prisoners, so King Ahaz ~~asked~~ asked Tiglath Pileser, the emperor of Assyria, to send help. At the same time the Philistines were raiding the towns in the Western foothills and in southern Judah. They captured the cities of beth Shemesh, Ajalon, and gedoroth, and the cities of Soco, Timnah, and Gimzo with their villages, and settled there permanently. Because King Ahaz of Judah had violated the rights of his people and had defied the Lord brought troubles on Judah. The Assyrian emperor, instead, of helping Ahaz, opposed him and caused him trouble. So Ahaz took the gold from the temple, the palace, and the homes of the leaders of the people, and gave it to the emperor, but even this did not help.

22 In the time of his distress he became yet more faithless to the Lord—this same King Ahaz.

23 For he sacrificed the gods of Damascus, which had defeated him, and said, "Because the gods of the kings of Aram helped them, I will sacrifice to them so that they may help me!" But they were the ruin of him, and all Israel.

24 Ahaz gathered together the utensils of the house of God, and cut in pieces the utensils of the house of God. He shut up the doors of the house of the Lord and made himself altars in every corner of Jerusalem.

25 In every city & town in Judah, he built pagan places of worship, where incense was to be burnt to foreign gods. In this way he brought on himself the anger of the Lord, the God of his ancestors.

26 All the other events of his reign, from beginning to end, are recorded in the History of the Kings of Judah and Israel.

27 King Ahaz died and was buried in Jerusalem, but

not in the royal tombs. His son Hezekiah succeeded him as king.