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## 2 Kings 1 [Audio: [S. Gregg 2Ki 1-2](#)] *Ahaziah Consults a False God*

1:1 ¶ Moab [*“of his father”*] rebelled against Israel **after** the death of Ahab [*“father’s brother”*]. 2 **Now** Ahaziah [*“Y<sup>HWH</sup> holds (possesses)”*] fell through the lattice of his upper room in [Samaria](#) [*“watch mountain”*], and was injured; so he sent messengers and said to them, “Go, inquire of Baal-Zebub [*“lord of the fly”*], the god of Ekron [*“emigration”/“torn up by the roots”*], whether I shall recover from this injury.” 3 But **the angel of Y<sup>HWH</sup>** said to **Elijah** the Tishbite,

“Arise, go up to meet the messengers of the king of Samaria, and say to them, *‘Is it because there is no God in Israel that you are going to inquire of Baal-Zebub, the god of Ekron?’* 4 **Now** therefore, **thus says Y<sup>HWH</sup>**: *‘You shall not come down from the bed to which you have gone up, but you shall surely die.’”*

So **Elijah** departed. 5 And **when** the messengers returned to him [*Ahaziah*], he said to them,

“Why have you come back?” 6

So they said to him,

“A man came up to meet us, and said to us,

‘Go, return to the king who sent you, and say to him,

“**Thus says Y<sup>HWH</sup>**:

*‘Is it because there is no God in Israel that you are sending to inquire of Baal-Zebub, the god of*

*Ekron? Therefore you shall not come down from the bed to which you have gone up, but you shall surely die.’”* 7

**Then** he said to them,

“What kind of man *was it* who came up to meet you and told you these words?” 8

So they answered him,

“A hairy man [*long hair & beard*] wearing a leather belt around his waist.”

And he said,

“It is **Elijah** the Tishbite.”

9 ¶ **Then** the king sent to him a captain of fifty [50] with his fifty [50] men. So he went up to him; and there he was, sitting on the top of a hill.

And he spoke to him:

“**Man of God**, the king has said,

‘Come down!’” 10

So **Elijah** answered and said to the captain of fifty [50],

“If I **am a man of God**, **then** let **fire** come down from heaven and **consume** you and your fifty [50] men.”

And **fire** came down from heaven and consumed him and his fifty [50] [\[EM7\]](#).

11 **Then** he sent to him another captain of fifty [50] with his fifty [50] men.

And he answered and said to him:

“**Man of God**, thus has the king said,

‘Come down **quickly!**’” 12

So **Elijah** answered and said to them,

“If I **am a man of God**, let **fire** come down from heaven and **consume** you and your fifty [50] men.”

And **the fire of God** came down from heaven and consumed him and his fifty [50] [\[EM8\]](#).

13 **Again**, he sent a third [3<sup>rd</sup>] captain of fifty [50] with his fifty [50] men. And the third [3<sup>rd</sup>] captain

of fifty [50] went up, and came and fell on his knees before **Elijah**, and pleaded with him, and said to him:

“**Man of God**, please let my life and the life of these fifty [50] servants of yours be **precious** in your sight. 14 Look, **fire** has come down from heaven and **burned up** the first two [2] captains of fifties [50s] with their fifties [50s]. But let my life **now** be **precious** in your sight.” 15

And **the angel of Y<sup>HWH</sup>** said to **Elijah**,

“Go down with him; do not be afraid of him.”

So he arose and went down with him to the king. 16 **Then** he said to him,

“**Thus says Y<sup>HWH</sup>**:

‘Because you have sent messengers to inquire of Baal-Zebub, the god of Ekron, *is it because there is no God in Israel to inquire of His word?*

Therefore you shall not come down from the bed to which you have gone up, but you shall surely die.’”

## *Israel’s King Ahaziah Dies*

17 So Ahaziah died according to **the word of Y<sup>HWH</sup>** that **Elijah** had spoken. Because he had no son, Jehoram [*“exalted is Y<sup>HWH</sup>”*]; Ahaziah’s brother: [3:1](#) & [1Ki 22:40](#)] became king in his place, in the second [2<sup>nd</sup>] year of Jehoram the son of Jehoshaphat, king of Judah. 18

*[2Ki 3:1 indicates that this was in Jehoshaphat’s 18<sup>th</sup> year, so this must refer to a pro-*rex* reign of Jehoram of Judah, who did not become even co-*rex* with his father Jehoshaphat until the 5<sup>th</sup> year of Jehoram of Israel: 2Ki 8:16. So Ahaziah of Israel had reigned in*

*JudahYears:78-79, also the last two years of Ahab: 1Ki 22:51.]*

**Now** the rest of the acts of Ahaziah which he did, *are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Israel?* [Cf. [Kings//Kings](#)]

## 2 Kings 2

### *Elijah Taken Up in a Whirlwind*

2:1 ¶ And it came to pass [*perhaps during the two-year period of 2Ch 21:19*], **when** Y<sup>HWH</sup> was about to take up **Elijah** into heaven **by a whirlwind**, that **Elijah** went with Elisha from [Gilgal](#). 2 **Then** **Elijah** said to Elisha,

“Stay here, please, for Y<sup>HWH</sup> has sent me on to [Bethel](#).”

But Elisha said,

“As Y<sup>HWH</sup> lives, and as your soul lives, I will not leave you!” [*1<sup>st</sup> occurrence*]

So they went down to Bethel. 3 **Now** the sons of the prophets who *were* at Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, “Do you know that Y<sup>HWH</sup> will take away your master from over you **today?**”

And he said,

“Yes, I know; keep silent!” 4

**Then** **Elijah** said to him,

“Elisha, stay here, please, for Y<sup>HWH</sup> has sent me on to [Jericho](#).”

But he said,

“As Y<sup>HWH</sup> lives, and as your soul lives, I will not leave you!” [*2<sup>nd</sup> occurrence*]

So they came to Jericho. 5 **Now** the sons of the prophets who *were* at Jericho came to Elisha and said to him,

“Do you know that Y<sup>HWH</sup> will take away your master from over you **today?**”

So he answered,

“Yes, I know; keep silent!” 6

Then Elijah said to him, “Stay here, please, for YHWH has sent me on to the Jordan.” But he said, “As YHWH lives, and as your soul lives, I will not leave you!” [3<sup>rd</sup> occurrence] So the two of them went on. 7 And fifty [50] men of the sons of the prophets went and stood facing them at a distance, while the two of them stood by the Jordan. 8 Now Elijah took his mantle, rolled it up, and struck the water; and it was divided this way and that, so that the two of them crossed over on dry ground. [EM9]

9 ¶ And so it was, when they had crossed over, that Elijah said to Elisha, “Ask! What may I do for you, before I am taken away from you?” Elisha said, “Please let a double portion of your spirit be upon me.” 10 So he said, “You have asked a hard thing. Nevertheless, if you see me when I am taken from you, it shall be so for you; but if not, it shall not be so.” 11 Then it happened, as they continued on and talked, that suddenly a chariot of fire appeared with horses of fire, and separated the two of them; and Elijah went up by a whirlwind [not necessarily in the chariot] into heaven [the air]. 12 And Elisha saw it, and he cried out, “My father, my father, the chariot of Israel and its horsemen!” [Cf. 13:14b re Elisha or Joash King of Israel.] So he saw him no more. And he took hold of his own clothes and tore them into two pieces. [Was that [EM10]?

**Elisha Takes Up Elijah’s Mantle  
Elisha Also Parts the Waters (M1)**  
[Miracle 1 (M1) by Elisha]  
13 ¶ He also took up the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and went back and stood by the bank of the Jordan. 14 Then he took the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and struck the water, and said, “Where is YHWH God of Elijah?” And when he also had struck the water, it was divided this way and that; and Elisha crossed over. 15

Now when the sons of the prophets who were from Jericho saw him, they said, “The spirit of Elijah rests on Elisha.” And they came to meet him, and bowed to the ground before him. 16 Then they said to him, “Look now, there are fifty [50] strong men with your servants. Please let them go and search for your master, lest perhaps the Spirit of YHWH has taken him up and cast him upon some mountain or into some valley.” And he said, “You shall not send anyone.” 17 But when they urged him till he was ashamed [cowed by peer pressure to do what he knows is futile], he said, “Send them!” Therefore they sent fifty [50] men, and they searched for three [3] days but did not find him. 18 And when they came back to him, for he had stayed in Jericho, he said to them, “Did I not say to you, ‘Do not go’?”

**Elisha Heals Bad Water (M2)**  
19 ¶ Then the men of the city said to Elisha, “Please notice, the situation of this city is pleasant, as my lord sees; but the water is bad, and the ground barren.” 20 And he said, “Bring me a new bowl, and put salt in it.” So they brought it to him. 21 Then he went out to the source of the water, and cast in the salt there, and said, “Thus says YHWH: ‘I have healed this water; from it there shall be no more death or barrenness.’” 22 So the water remains healed to this day, according to the word of Elisha that he spoke.

**Elisha Curses Abusive Youths (M3)**  
23 Then he went up from there to Bethel; and as he was going up the road, some youths came from the city and mocked him, and said to him, “Go up, you baldhead! Go up, you baldhead!” 24 So he turned around and looked at them, and pronounced a curse on them in the name of YHWH. And two [2] female bears came out of the woods and mauled forty-two [42] of the youths. 25 Then he went from there to Mount Carmel, and from there he returned to Samaria.

[Audio: Steve Gregg 2Ki 3-4]

**2 Kings 3**  
**Ahab’s Other Son, Jehoram, Reigns**  
3:1 ¶ Now Jehoram [“exalted is YHWH”] the son of Ahab became king over Israel at Samaria in the eighteenth [18<sup>th</sup>] year [of 25: 1Ki 22:42] of Jehoshaphat king of Judah, and reigned twelve [12] years. [Judah Year: 79-90, so 3108-3119 AB: 2Ch 16:13] [Cf. Judah Kings // Israel Kings]  
2 And he did evil in the sight of YHWH, but not like his father and mother [Ahab and Jezebel]; for he put away the sacred pillar of Baal that his father had made. 3 Nevertheless, he persisted in the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who had made Israel sin; he did not depart from them.

4 Now Mesha [“deliverance”] king of Moab was a sheep breeder, and he regularly paid the king of Israel one hundred thousand [100,000] lambs and the wool of one hundred thousand [100,000] rams. 5 But it happened, when Ahab died, that the king of Moab rebelled against the king of Israel. [Repeat of 1:1.]

6 ¶ So King Jehoram went out of Samaria at that time and mustered all Israel. 7 Then he went and sent to Jehoshaphat king of Judah, saying, “The king of Moab has rebelled against me. Will you go with me to fight against Moab?”

And he said, *[as he had said to Ahab:]* “I will go up; I am as you are, my people as your people, my horses as your horses.”<sup>8</sup> Then he *[Jehoshaphat]* said, “Which way shall we go up?” And he answered, “By way of the Wilderness of Edom.”<sup>9</sup> So the king of Israel went with the king of Judah and the king of Edom, and they marched on that roundabout route seven *[7]* days; and there was no water for the army, nor for the animals that followed them.<sup>10</sup> And the king of Israel said, “Alas! For YHWH has called these *[us]* three *[3]* kings together to deliver them *[us]* into the hand of Moab.”<sup>11</sup> But Jehoshaphat said, “Is there no prophet of YHWH here, that we may inquire of YHWH by him?” So one of the servants of the king of Israel answered and said, “Elisha the son of Shaphat is here, who poured water on the hands of Elijah.”<sup>12</sup> And Jehoshaphat said, “The word of YHWH is with him.” So the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat and the king of Edom went down to him.<sup>13</sup> Then Elisha said to the king of Israel, “What have I to do with you? Go to the prophets of your father and the prophets of your mother.” But the king of Israel said to him, “No, for YHWH has called these *[us]* three *[3]* kings together to deliver them *[us]* into the hand of Moab.”<sup>14</sup>

And Elisha said, “As YHWH of hosts lives, before whom I stand, surely were it not that I regard the presence of Jehoshaphat king of Judah, I would not look at you, nor see you.<sup>15</sup> But now bring me a musician.” Then it happened, when the musician played, that the hand of YHWH came upon him *[Elisha]*.<sup>16</sup> And he said, “Thus says YHWH: ‘Make this valley full of ditches.’<sup>17</sup> For thus says YHWH: ‘You shall not see wind, nor shall you see rain; yet that valley shall be filled with water, so that you, your cattle, and your animals may drink.’<sup>18</sup> And this is a simple matter in the sight of YHWH; He will also deliver the Moabites into your hand.<sup>19</sup> Also you shall attack every fortified city and every choice city, and shall cut down every good tree, and stop up every spring of water, and ruin every good piece of land with stones.”

<sup>20</sup> ¶ Now it happened in the morning, when the grain offering was offered, that suddenly water came by way of Edom, and the land was filled with water. *[Is this M4?]*<sup>21</sup>

And when all the Moabites *[had]* heard that the kings had come up to fight against them, all who were able to bear arms and older were *[had been]* gathered; and they *[had]* stood *[camped?]* at the border.<sup>22</sup>

Then they rose up early in the morning, and the sun was shining on the water; and the Moabites saw the water on the other side as red as blood.<sup>23</sup> And they said, “This is blood; the kings have surely struck swords and have killed one another; now therefore, Moab, to the spoil!”<sup>24</sup> So when they came to the camp of Israel, Israel rose up and attacked the Moabites, so that they fled before them; and they entered their land, killing the Moabites.<sup>25</sup>

Then they destroyed the cities, and each man threw a stone on every good piece of land and filled it; and they stopped up all the springs of water and cut down all the good trees. But they left the stones of Kir Haraseth *[“wall of potsherd”]* intact. However, the slingers surrounded and attacked it.<sup>26</sup> And when the king of Moab saw that the battle was too fierce for him, he took with him seven hundred *[700]* men who drew swords, to break through to the king of Edom, but they could not.<sup>27</sup>

Then he *[the king of Moab?]* took his *[the king of Edom’s?]* eldest son who would have reigned in his place, and offered him as a burnt offering upon the wall; and there was great indignation against Israel. *[Why? Am 2:1-3? The indignation may have been on the part of Edom if it was their prince that was sacrificed, as they were simply there to help Israel.]* So they *[the Edomites?]* departed from him and returned to their own land.

## 2 Kings 4

### Elisha Multiplies Oil for a Widow *[M4]*

4:1 ¶ A certain woman of the wives of the sons of the prophets cried out to Elisha, saying, “Your servant my husband is dead, and you know that your servant feared YHWH. And the creditor is coming to take my two sons to be his slaves.”<sup>2</sup>

So Elisha said to her, “What shall I do for you? Tell me, what do you have in the house?” And she said, “Your maidservant has nothing in the house but a jar of *[olive]* oil.”<sup>3</sup>

Then he said, “Go, borrow vessels from everywhere, from all your neighbors — empty vessels; do not gather just a few.<sup>4</sup> And when you have come in, you shall shut the door behind you and your sons; then pour it into all those vessels, and set aside the full ones.”<sup>5</sup> So she went from him and shut the door behind her and her sons, who brought the vessels to her; and she poured it out.<sup>6</sup> Now it came to pass, when the vessels were full, that she said to her son, “Bring me another vessel.”

And he said to her, “There is not another vessel.” So the oil ceased.<sup>7</sup> Then she came and told the man of God. And he said, “Go, sell the oil and pay your debt; and you and your sons live on the rest.”

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## 2 Kings 4:8

### *Elisha Prophesies a Son*

#### *for a Shunammite Woman (M5)*

8 ¶ Now it happened one day that Elisha went to **Shunem** [*“double resting place”*; a city in Issachar, located 5 miles (8 km) south of Mount Tabor], where there was a notable woman, and she persuaded him to eat some food. So it was, as often as he passed by, he would turn in there to eat some food. 9 And she said to her husband,

“Look now, I know that this is a holy man of God, who passes by us regularly. 10 Please, let us make a small upper room on the wall; and let us put a bed for him there, and a table and a chair and a lampstand; so it will be, whenever he comes to us, he can turn in there.” 11 And it happened one day that he came there, and he turned in to the upper room and lay down there. 12 Then he said to Gehazi [*“valley of vision”*] his servant, “Call this Shunammite woman.”

When he had called her, she stood before him. 13 And he said to him, “Say now to her, ‘Look, you have been concerned for us with all this care. What can I do for you? Do you want me to speak on your behalf to the king or to the commander of the army?’”

She answered, “I dwell among my own people.” 14 So he said, “What then is to be done for her?” And Gehazi answered, “Actually, she has no son, and her husband is old.” 15

So he said, “Call her.” When he had called her, she stood in the doorway. 16 Then he said, “About this time next year you shall embrace a son.” And she said, “No, my lord. Man of God, do not lie to your maidservant!” 17 But the woman conceived, and bore a son when the appointed time had come, of which Elisha had told her.

#### *Elisha Restores That Son to Life (M6)*

18 ¶ And the child grew. Now it happened one day that he went out to his father, to the reapers. 19 And he said to his father, “My head, my head!”

So he said to a servant, “Carry him to his mother.” 20 When he had taken him and brought him to his mother, he sat on her knees till noon, and then died. 21 And she went up and laid him on the bed of the man of God, shut the door upon him, and went out. 22 Then she called to her husband, and said,

“Please send me one of the young men and one of the donkeys, that I may run to the man of God and come back.” 23 So he said, “Why are you going to him today? It is neither the New Moon nor the Sabbath.”

And she said, “It is well.” 24 Then she saddled a donkey, and said to her servant, “Drive, and go forward; do not slacken the pace for me unless I tell you.” 25 And so she departed, and went to the man of God at Mount Carmel [*“garden-*

*land”*; a mountain on the Mediterranean coast of northern Israel, just below modern Haifa]. So it was, when the man of God saw her afar off, that he said to his servant Gehazi, “Look, the Shunammite woman! 26 Please run now to meet her, and say to her, ‘Is it well with you? Is it well with your husband? Is it well with the child?’”

And she answered, “It is well.” 27 Now when she came to the man of God at the hill, she caught him by the feet, but Gehazi came near to push her away. But the man of God said, “Let her alone; for her soul is in deep distress, and YHWH has hidden it from me, and has not told me.” 28

So she said, “Did I ask a son of my lord? Did I not say, ‘Do not deceive me’?” 29 Then he said to Gehazi, “Get yourself ready, and take my staff in your hand, and be on your way. If you meet anyone, do not greet him; and if anyone greets you, do not answer him; but lay my staff on the face of the child.” 30

And the mother of the child said, “As YHWH lives, and as your soul lives, I will not leave you.” [4<sup>th</sup> occurrence] So he arose and followed her. 31 Now Gehazi went on ahead of them, and laid the staff on the face of the child; but there was neither voice nor hearing. Therefore he went back to meet him, and told him, saying, “The child has not awakened.” 32

When Elisha came into the house, there was the child, lying dead on his bed. 33 He went in therefore, shut the door behind the two of them, and prayed to YHWH. 34 And he went up and lay on the child, and put his mouth on his mouth, his eyes on his eyes, and his hands on his hands; and he stretched himself out on the child, and the flesh of the child became warm. 35 He returned and walked back and forth in the house, and again went up and stretched himself out on him; then the child sneezed seven [7] times, and the child opened his eyes. 36 And he called Gehazi and said, “Call this Shunammite woman.” So he called her. And when she came in to him, he said, “Pick up your son.” 37 So she went in, fell at his feet, and bowed to the ground; then she picked up her son and went out.

#### *Elisha Counters Poison (M7)*

38 ¶ And Elisha returned to Gilgal, and there was a famine in the land. Now the sons of the prophets were sitting before him; and he said to his servant, “Put on the large pot, and boil stew for the sons of the prophets.” 39 So one went out into the field to gather herbs, and found a wild vine, and gathered from it a lapful of wild gourds, and came and sliced them into the pot of stew, though they did not know what they were. 40 Then they served it to the men to eat. Now it happened, as they were eating the stew, that they cried out and said, “Man of God, there is death in the pot!” And they could not eat it. 41 So he said,

“Then bring some flour.”  
And he put it into the pot, and said,  
“Serve it to the people, that they may eat.”  
And there was nothing harmful in the pot.

### Elisha Multiplies Bread (M8)

42 Then a man came from Baal Shalisha [“thrice-great lord”; a place in Ephraim near Gilgal], and brought the man of God bread of the firstfruits, twenty [20] loaves of barley bread, and newly ripened grain in his knapsack. And he said, “Give it to the people, that they may eat.” 43  
But his servant said, “What? Shall I set this before one hundred [100] men?”  
He said again, “Give it to the people, that they may eat; for thus says YHWH:  
“They shall eat and have some left over.”” 44  
So he set it before them; and they ate and had some left over, according to the word of YHWH.

[Audio: Steve Gregg 2Ki 5-6]

## 2 Kings 5

### Elisha Heals Naaman of Leprosy (M9)

5:1 ¶ Now Naaman, commander of the army of [Ben-Hadad: 6:24] the king of Syria, was a great and honorable man in the eyes of his master, because by him YHWH had given victory to Syria. He was also a mighty man of valor, but a leper. 2 And the Syrians had gone out on raids, and had brought back captive a young girl from the land of Israel. She waited on Naaman’s wife. 3 Then she said to her mistress,

“If only my master were with the prophet who is in Samaria! For he would heal him of his leprosy.” 4

And Naaman went in and told his master, saying,  
“{Thus and thus} said the girl who is from the land of Israel.” 5

Then the king of Syria said, “Go now, and I will send a letter to the king of Israel.”  
So he departed and took with him ten [10] talents of silver<sup>1</sup>, six thousand [6,000] shekels of gold<sup>2</sup>, and ten [10] changes of clothing. 6

Then he took [brought] the letter to [Jehoram] the king of Israel, which said, “Now be advised, when this letter comes to you, that I have sent Naaman my servant to you, that you may heal him of his leprosy.” 7

And it happened, when the king of Israel read the letter, that he tore his clothes and said,

“Am I God, to kill and make alive, that this man sends a man to me to heal him of his leprosy? Therefore please consider, and see how he seeks a quarrel with me.” 8

So it was, when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, that he sent to the king, saying, “Why have you torn your clothes? Please let him come to me, and he shall know that there is a prophet in Israel.”

<sup>1</sup> 10 x 60 lb x 16/oz/lb x ~\$10.80 = ~\$103,680 in 2008 dollars.

<sup>2</sup> A gold shekel may have been ~1/60<sup>th</sup> of a pound, so 6,000 x 16/60 x ~\$800 = ~\$1,280,000, in 2008 dollars.

9 ¶ Then Naaman went with his horses and chariot, and he stood at the door of Elisha’s house. 10 And Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, “Go and wash [dip; LXX: baptize, immerse] in the Jordan seven [7] times, and your flesh shall be restored to you, and you shall be clean.” 11

But Naaman became furious, and went away and said,

“Indeed, I said to myself, ‘He will surely come out to me, and stand and call on the name of YHWH his God, and wave his hand over the place, and heal the leprosy.’ 12 Are not the Abanah [for Amana: “constant”] and the Pharpar [“swift”], the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them and be clean?”

So he turned and went away in a rage. 13 And his servants came near and spoke to him, and said,

“My father, if the prophet had told you to do something great, would you not have done it? How much more then, when he says to you,

“Wash, and be clean?”” 14  
So he went down and dipped seven [7] times in the Jordan, according to the saying of the man of God; and his flesh was restored like the flesh of a little child, and he was clean [as: “saved”].

15 ¶ And he returned to the man of God, he and all his aides, and came and stood before him; and he said,

“Indeed, now I know that there is no God in all the lands [earth], except in Israel; now therefore, please take a gift from your servant.” 16

But he said, “As YHWH lives, before whom I stand, I will receive nothing.”

And he urged him to take it, but he refused. 17 So Naaman said, “Then, if not, please let your servant be given two [2] mule-loads of soil [earth]; for your servant will no longer offer either burnt offering or sacrifice to other gods, but to YHWH. 18 Yet in this thing may YHWH pardon your servant:

when my master goes into the temple of Rimmon [“pomegranate”; the deity of wind, rain, and storm, worshipped by the Syrians of Damascus] to worship there, and he leans on my hand, and I bow down in the temple of Rimmon — when I bow down in the temple of Rimmon, may YHWH please pardon your servant in this thing.” 19

Then he said to him, “Go in peace.”

So he departed from him a short distance.

### Elisha’s Servant Gehazi Gets Greedy Elisha Passes Leprosy to Gehazi (M10)

20 ¶ But Gehazi, the servant of Elisha the man of God, said,

“Look, my master has spared Naaman this Syrian, while not receiving from his hands what he brought; but as YHWH lives, I will run after him and take something from him.” 21

So Gehazi pursued Naaman. When Naaman saw him running after him, he got down from the chariot to meet him, and said,

“Is all well?” 22

And he said, “All is well.  
My master has sent me, saying,

‘Indeed, just now two young men of the sons of the prophets have come to me from the mountains of Ephraim. Please give them a talent of silver<sup>3</sup> and two changes of garments.’<sup>23</sup> So Naaman said, “Please, take two [2] talents.” And he urged him, and bound two [2] talents of silver in two [2] bags, with two [2] changes of garments, and handed them to two [2] of his servants; and they carried them on ahead of him.<sup>24</sup> When he came to the citadel, he took them from their hand, and stored them away in the house; then he let the men go, and they departed.<sup>25</sup> Now he went in and stood before his master. Elisha said to him, “Where did you go, Gehazi?” And he said [lied], “Your servant did not go anywhere.”<sup>26</sup> Then he said to him, “Did not my heart go with you when the man turned back from his chariot to meet you? Is it time to receive money and to receive clothing, olive groves and vineyards, sheep and oxen, male and female servants?<sup>27</sup> Therefore the leprosy of Naaman shall cling to you and your descendants forever.” And he went out from his presence leprous, as white as snow.

## 2 Kings 6

### Elisha Makes an Axe Head Float (M11)

6:1 ¶ And the sons of the prophets said to Elisha, “See now, the place where we dwell with you is too small for us. 2 Please, let us go to the Jordan, and let every man take a beam from there, and let us make there a place where we may dwell.”

So he answered,

“Go.”<sup>3</sup>

Then one said,

“Please consent to go with your servants.”

And he answered,

“I will go.”<sup>4</sup>

So he went with them. And when they came to the Jordan, they cut down trees.

5 But as one was cutting down a tree, the iron ax head fell into the water; and he cried out and said,

“Alas, master! For it was borrowed.”<sup>6</sup>

So the man of God said,

“Where did it fall?”

And he showed him the place. So he cut off a stick, and threw it in there; and he made the iron float.

7 Therefore he said, “Pick it up for yourself.”

So he reached out his hand and took it.

### Elisha Hears a King’s Plans (M12)

8 ¶ Now [Ben-Hadad: 6:24] the king of Syria was making war against Israel; and he consulted with his servants, saying, “My camp will be in {such and such} a place.”<sup>9</sup>

And the man of God sent to [Jehoram] the king of Israel, saying, “Beware that you do not pass this place, for the Syrians are coming down there.”<sup>10</sup>

Then the king of Israel sent someone to the place of which the man of God had told him. Thus he warned him, and he was watchful there, not just once or twice.

11 Therefore the heart of the king of Syria was greatly troubled by this thing; and he called his servants and said to them, “Will you not show me which of us is for the king of Israel?”<sup>12</sup>

And one of his servants said,

“None, my lord, O king; but Elisha, the prophet who is in Israel, tells the king of Israel the words that you speak in your bedroom.”

### Elisha Opens His Servant’s Eyes (M13)

13 ¶ So he said,

“Go and see where he is, that I may send and get him.”

And it was told him, saying,

“Surely he is in Dothan.”<sup>14</sup>

Therefore he sent horses and chariots and a great army there, and they came by night and surrounded the city.

15 And when the servant of the man of God arose early and went out, there was an army, surrounding the city with horses and chariots. And his servant said to him, “Alas, my master!

What shall we do?”<sup>16</sup>

So he answered,

“Do not fear, for those who are with us are more than those who are with them.”<sup>17</sup>

And Elisha prayed, and said,

“YHWH, I pray, open his eyes that he may see.”

Then YHWH opened the eyes of the young man, and he saw. And behold,

the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha.

### Elisha Blinds the Syrians (M14)

18 So when the Syrians came down to him, Elisha prayed to YHWH, and said, “Strike this people, I pray, with blindness.”

And He struck them with blindness according to the word of Elisha.

19 Now Elisha said to them,

“This is not the way, nor is this the city. Follow me, and I will lead you to the man whom you seek.”

### Elisha Unblinds the Syrians (M15)

But he led them to Samaria. 20 So it was, when they had come to Samaria, that Elisha said,

“YHWH, open the eyes of these men, that they may see.”

And YHWH opened their eyes, and they saw; and there they were, inside Samaria!

21 Now when the king of Israel saw them, he said to Elisha,

“My father, shall I kill them? Shall I kill them?”<sup>22</sup>

But he answered,

“You shall not kill them. Would you kill those whom you have taken captive with your sword and your bow? Set food and water before them, that they may eat and drink and go to their master.”<sup>23</sup>

Then he prepared a great feast for them; and after they ate and drank, he sent them away and they went to their master. So the bands of Syrian raiders came no more into the land of Israel.

<sup>3</sup> 1 x 60 lb x 16/oz/lb x ~\$10.80 = ~\$10,368 in 2008 dollars.

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## 2 Kings 6:24

### Elisha Again Knows a King's Plan (M16)

24 ¶ And it happened after this that Ben-Hadad [*“son of (the false god) Hadad”*] king of Syria gathered all his army, and went up and besieged Samaria. 25 And there was a great famine in Samaria; and indeed they besieged it until a donkey's head was sold for eighty [80] shekels of silver<sup>4</sup>, and one-fourth of a kab [a dry measure, ~1.5 l.] of dove droppings for five [5] shekels of silver<sup>5</sup>. 26

Then, as [Jehoram] the king of Israel was passing by on the wall, a woman cried out to him, saying,

“Help, my lord, O king!” 27

And he said,

“If YHWH does not help you, where can I find help for you? — from the threshing floor or from the winepress?” 28

Then the king said to her,

“What is troubling you?”

And she answered, [cf. De 28:52-57]

“This woman said to me,

‘Give your son, that we may eat him today, and we will eat my son tomorrow.’ 29

So we boiled my son, and ate him.

And I said to her on the next day,

‘Give your son, that we may eat him’;

but she has hidden her son.” 30

Now it happened, when the king heard the words of the woman, that he tore his clothes; and as he passed by on the wall, the people looked, and there underneath he had sackcloth on his body. 31

Then he said,

“God do so [gesture] to me and more also, if the head of Elisha the son of Shaphat remains on him today.” 32

[YHWH has let us down: blame Elisha? Or the gods are mad at us: " YHWH? cf. v33.]

But Elisha was sitting in his house, and the elders were sitting with him. And the king sent a man ahead of him, but before the messenger came to him, he said to the elders,

“Do you see how this son of a murderer [Jehoram, son of Ahab] has sent someone to take away my head?

Look, when the messenger comes, shut the door, and hold him fast at the door. Is not the sound of his master's feet behind him?” 33

And while he was still talking with them, there was the messenger, coming down to him; and then the king said,

“Surely this calamity is from YHWH; why should I wait for YHWH any longer?”

[Audio: Steve Gregg 2Ki 7-9]

## 2 Kings 7

### Elisha Prophesies End of Siege (M17)

7:1 ¶ Then Elisha said,

“Hear the word of YHWH.

Thus says YHWH:

‘Tomorrow about this time a seah of fine flour shall be sold for a shekel, and two seahs of barley for a shekel, at the gate of Samaria.’” 2

So an officer on whose hand the king leaned answered the man of God and said,

“Look, if YHWH would make windows in heaven, could this thing be?”

### Elisha Prophesies the Man's Death (M18)

And he said,

“In fact, you shall see it with your [own] eyes, but you shall not eat of it.”

3 ¶ Now there were four [4] leprous men at the entrance of the gate; and they said to one another,

“Why are we sitting here until we die? 4

If we say,

‘We will enter the city’, the famine is in the city, and we shall die there. And if we sit here, we die also. Now therefore, come, let us surrender to the army of the Syrians. If they keep us alive, we shall live; and if they kill us, we shall only die.” 5

And they rose at twilight to go to the camp of the Syrians; and when they had come to the outskirts of the Syrian camp, to their surprise no one was there. 6

For the Lord [“Adonai”] had caused the army of the Syrians to hear

the noise of chariots and the noise of horses — the noise of a great army;

so they said to one another,

“Look, the king of Israel has hired against us

the kings of the Hittites and the kings of the Egyptians

to attack us!” 7

Therefore they arose and fled at twilight, and left the camp intact —

their tents, their horses, and their donkeys —

and they fled for their lives. 8 And when these lepers came to the outskirts of the camp, they went into one tent and ate and drank, and carried from it silver and gold and clothing, and went and hid them; then they came back and entered another tent, and carried some from there also, and went and hid it. 9 Then they said to one another,

“We are not doing right. This day is a day of good news, and we remain silent. If we wait until morning light, some punishment will come upon us. Now therefore, come, let us go and tell the king's household.” 10

So they went and called to the gatekeepers of the city, and told them, saying,

“We went to the Syrian camp, and surprisingly no one was there, not a human sound — only horses and donkeys tied, and the tents intact.” 11

And the gatekeepers called out, and they told it to the king's household inside.

12 ¶ So the king arose in the night and said to his servants,

“Let me now tell you what the Syrians have done to us. They know that we are hungry; therefore they have gone out of the camp to hide themselves in the field, saying,

‘When they come out of the city, we shall catch them alive, and get into the city.’” 13

And one of his servants answered and said,

“Please, let several men take five [5] of the remaining horses that are left in the city. Look, they may either become like all the multitude of Israel that are left in it; or indeed, I say, they may

<sup>4</sup> A silver shekel may have been ~1/60<sup>th</sup> of a pound, so 16/60 x ~\$10.80 = \$2.88, so 80 shekels = ~\$230, in 2008 dollars.

<sup>5</sup> 5 shekels = ~\$14.44, in 2008 dollars.



become like all the multitude of Israel left from those who are consumed; so let us send them and see.”<sup>14</sup>

Therefore they took two chariots with horses; and the king sent them in the direction of the Syrian army, saying, “Go and see.”<sup>15</sup>

And they went after them to the Jordan; and indeed all the road was full of garments and weapons that the Syrians had thrown away in their haste. So the messengers returned and told the king. **Then** the people went out and plundered the tents of the Syrians. So a seah of fine flour was sold for a shekel, and two seahs of barley for a shekel, according to the word of YHWH.<sup>17</sup>

**Now** the king had appointed the officer on whose hand he leaned to have charge of the gate. But the people trampled him in the gate, and he died, just as the man of God had said, who spoke when the king came down to him.<sup>18</sup> So it happened just as the man of God had spoken to the king, saying,

“Two seahs of barley for a shekel, and a seah of fine flour for a shekel, shall be sold tomorrow about this time in the gate of Samaria.”<sup>19</sup>

**Then** that officer had answered the man of God, and said,

“**Now** look, if YHWH would make windows in heaven, could such a thing be?”

And he had said,

“In fact, you shall see it with your [own] eyes, but you shall not eat of it.”<sup>20</sup>

And so it happened to him, for the people trampled him in the gate, and he died.

[This could have happened early in the seven-year period of the next story:]

## 2 Kings 8:16-19 ||

[This column is parallel to the next:]  
[moved from below]

<sup>16</sup> ¶ **Now** in the fifth [5<sup>th</sup>] year of Joram the son of Ahab, king of Israel, Jehoshaphat still being [having been] king of Judah, Jehoram the son of Jehoshaphat began to [co-]reign [with his father Jehoshaphat] as king of Judah.

<sup>17</sup> He was thirty-two [32] years old when he became king, and he reigned eight [8] years in Jerusalem.<sup>18</sup>

[JudahYear:83-90, (893-886 BC):  
so 3112-3119 AB: 2Ki 3:1]

And he walked in the way of the kings of Israel, just as the house of Ahab had done, for \_\_\_\_\_ the daughter of Ahab [Athaliah: 2Ki 8:26 || 2Ch 22:2] was his wife; and he did evil in the sight of YHWH.<sup>19</sup> Yet YHWH would not destroy Judah, for the sake of his servant

David, as \_\_\_\_\_ He \_\_ promised him to give a lamp to him and \_ his sons forever.

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[For details of the chronology, see Jones.]

[Cf. Judah Kings // Israel Kings]

## 2 Chronicles 21:5-7

Jehoram, Son of Jehoshaphat:

Co-King of Judah

[← 22<sup>nd</sup> year of Jehoshaphat: 2Ki 3:1]

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Jehoram

\_\_\_\_\_ was thirty-two [32] years old when he became king, and he reigned eight [8] years in Jerusalem.<sup>6</sup>

[JudahYear:83-90, (893-886 BC):  
so 3112-3119 AB: 2Ki 3:1]

And he walked in the way of the kings of Israel, just as the house of Ahab had done, for he had the daughter of Ahab [Athaliah: 2Ki 8:26 || 2Ch 22:2] as a \_\_\_\_\_ wife; and he did evil in the sight of YHWH.<sup>7</sup> Yet YHWH would not destroy the house of David, because of the covenant that He had made with David, and since He had promised \_\_\_\_\_ to give a lamp to him and to his sons forever.

[2Ki 8:20ff follow 2Ch 21:4 below]

## 2 Kings 8:1-6

Elisha Prophesies a Famine (M19)

<sup>8:1</sup> ¶ **Then** Elisha spoke to the [Shunammite] woman whose son he had restored to life, saying,

“Arise and go, you and your household, and stay wherever you can; for YHWH has called for a famine, and furthermore, it will come upon the land for seven [7] years.”<sup>2</sup>

So the woman arose and did according to the saying of the man of God, and she went with her household and dwelt in the land of the Philistines seven [7] years.<sup>3</sup> It came to pass, at the end of seven [7] years, that the woman returned from the land of the Philistines; and she went to make an appeal to the king for her house and for her land.<sup>4</sup> **Then** the king talked with Gehazi, the servant of the man of God, saying,

“Tell me, please, all the great things Elisha has done.”<sup>5</sup>

**Now** it happened, as he was telling the king how he had restored the dead to life, that there was the woman whose son he had restored to life, appealing to the king for her house and for her land. And Gehazi said,

“My lord, O king, this is the woman, and this is her son whom Elisha restored to life.”<sup>6</sup>

And when the king asked the woman, she told him. So the king appointed a certain officer for her, saying,

“Restore all that was hers, and all the proceeds of the field from the day that she left the land until now.”

[Jehoshaphat’s death could have been near the end of that seven-year period]

[Moved from 1 Kings]

1 Kings 22:45-47, 50 ||

[This column is parallel to the next:]

45 Now the rest of the acts of Jehoshaphat, the might that he showed, and how he made war, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles

of the Kings of Judah? 46

And the rest of the perverted persons, who remained in the days of his father Asa, he banished from the land. 47 There was then [at that time] no king in Edom, only a deputy of the king.

[1Ki 22:48-49 is found on June 14]

50 And Jehoshaphat rested with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the City of David his father. Then Jehoram ["exalted is YHWH"] his son reigned in his place.

[Jehos-Reign:25 = JudahYear:86, so 3115AB: 1Ki 22:42 || 2Ch 20:31]

2 Chronicles 20:34, 21:1-4

Judah's King Jehoshaphat Dies

34 Now the rest of the acts of Jehoshaphat,

first and last, indeed they are written in the Book of Jehu the Son of Hanani, which is mentioned in the Book of the Kings of Israel.

[2Ch 20:35-37 parallel 1Ki 22:48-49]

[< cf. 2Ki 3:27]

21:1 ¶ And Jehoshaphat rested with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the City of David. Then Jehoram ["exalted is YHWH"] his son reigned in his place.

[now as sole rex: 890 BC]

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2 Kings 8:20-22 ||

[This column is parallel to the next:]

20 In his days Edom revolted against Judah's authority, and made a king over themselves. 21 So Jehoram went to Zair ["small"], and all his chariots with him. Then he rose by night and attacked the Edomites who had surrounded him and the captains of the chariots; and the troops fled to their tents. 22 Thus Edom has been in revolt against Judah's authority to this day. And Libnah ["pavement"] revolted at that time.

[Prophesied by Isaac in Ge 27:40b.]

Judah's Jehoram Kills His Brothers

2 He had brothers,

the sons of Jehoshaphat:

Azariah ["YHWH has helped"],  
Jehiel ["God lives"],  
Zechariah ["YHWH remembers"],  
Azaryahu ["YHWH has helped"],  
Michael ["God-like"], and  
Shephatiah ["YHWH has judged"];

all these were the sons of Jehoshaphat king of Israel. 3 Their father gave them great gifts of silver and gold and precious things, with fortified cities in Judah; but he gave the kingdom to Jehoram, because he was the firstborn. 4 Now when Jehoram was established over the kingdom of his father, he strengthened himself and killed all his brothers with the sword, and also others of the princes of Israel.

[2Ch 21:5-7 are on the prior page]

2 Chronicles 21:8-11

Edom Revolts Against Judah

8 In his days the Edomites revolted against Judah's authority, and made a king over themselves. 9 So Jehoram went out with his officers, and all his chariots with him. And he rose by night and attacked the Edomites who had surrounded him and the captains of the chariots.

10 Thus, Edom has been in revolt against Judah's authority to this day. At that time Libnah ["pavement"] revolted against his rule, because he had forsaken YHWH, God of his fathers. 11 Moreover, he made high places in the mountains of Judah, and caused the inhabitants of Jerusalem to commit harlotry, and led Judah astray.

[These columns are not parallel:]

## 2 Chronicles 21:12-20

### Elijah Had Written a Letter to Judah's King Jehoram

12 ¶ And a letter had come [came] to him from **Elijah** the prophet, saying,

“**Thus says YHWH,**

**God of your father David:**

‘Because you have not walked in the ways of Jehoshaphat your father, or in the ways of Asa king of Judah, 13 but have walked in the way of the kings of Israel, and have made Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem to play the harlot like the harlotry of the house of Ahab, and also have killed your brothers, those of your father’s household, who were better than yourself, 14 behold, **YHWH** will strike

your people

with a serious affliction —

your children,

your wives, and

all your possessions; 15

and you will become very sick with a disease of your intestines, until your intestines come out by reason of the sickness, day by day.’” 16

Moreover **YHWH** stirred up against Jehoram the spirit of the Philistines and the Arabians

who were near the Ethiopians. 17

And they came up into Judah and invaded it, and carried away all the possessions that were found in the king’s house, and also his sons and his wives, so that there was not a son left to him except Jehoahaz [“seized by **YHWH**”; apparently, aka Ahaziah: 2Ki 8:24b & 2Ki 14:13 // 2Ch 25:23], the youngest of his sons. 18 After all this **YHWH** struck him in his intestines with an incurable disease.

### Judah's King Jehoram Dies

19 Then it happened in the course of time, after the end of two [2] years, that his intestines came out because of his sickness; so he died in severe pain. And his people made no burning for him, like the burning for his fathers.

20 He was thirty-two [32] years old when he became king, he reigned in Jerusalem eight [8] years, [cf. 21:5]

[Judah Year: 83-90, (893-886 BC):

so 3112-3119 AB: 2Ch 20:31; first 4 as co-rex with his father Jehoshaphat]

and, to no one’s sorrow, departed. However, they buried him in the City of David, but not in the tombs of the kings. [Cf. Judah Kings // Israel Kings]

[2Ch 22:1-7 is on the next page]

## 2 Kings 8:23-24

23 Now the rest of the acts of Joram [aka Jehoram king of Judah], and all that he did, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Judah? 24 So Joram rested with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the City of David. Then Ahaziah [“**YHWH** holds (possesses)”]; apparently, the same as Jehoahaz of 2Ch 21:17b & 2Ki 14:13 // 2Ch 25:23] his [youngest and only remaining] son reigned in his place.

[moved from above]

## 2 Kings 8:7-15

### Elisha Prophecies

#### Hazael as Next King of Syria (M20)

7 ¶ Then Elisha went to Damascus, and Ben-Hadad king of Syria was sick; and it was told him, saying,

“The man of God has come here.” 8

And the king said to Hazael [“one who sees God”],

“Take a present in your hand, and go to meet the man of God, and inquire of **YHWH** by him, saying,

‘Shall I recover from this disease?’” 9

So Hazael went to meet him and took a present with him, of every good thing of Damascus, forty [40] camel-loads; and he came and stood before him, and said,

“Your son Ben-Hadad king of Syria has sent me to you, saying,

‘Shall I recover from this disease?’” 10

And Elisha said to him,

“Go, say to him,

‘You shall certainly recover.’

However **YHWH** has shown me that he will really die.” 11

Then he [Elisha] set his countenance in a stare until he [Hazael] was ashamed [disconcerted]; and the man of God wept. 12 And Hazael said,

“Why is my lord weeping?”

He answered,

“Because I know the evil that you will do to the children of Israel:

Their strongholds you will set on fire, and their young men you will kill with the sword; and you will dash their children, and rip open their women with child.” 13

So Hazael said,

“But what is your servant — a dog, that he should do this gross thing?”

And Elisha answered, [cf. 1Ki 19:15]

“**YHWH** has shown me that you will become king over Syria.” 14

Then he departed from Elisha, and came to his master, who said to him, “What did Elisha say to you?”

And he answered,

“He told me you would surely recover.” 15

But it happened on the next day that he took a thick cloth and dipped it in water, and spread it over his face so that he died; and Hazael reigned in his place.

[8:16-19 moved to precede 8:1 above]

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## 2 Kings 8:25-29 ||

[This column is parallel to the next:]

[Audio: Steve Gregg 2Ki 7-9]

[JudahYear:90, so 3119 AB: 2Ki 3:1]

25 ¶ In the twelfth [12<sup>th</sup>] year of Joram the son of Ahab, king of Israel,

\_\_\_\_\_ Ahaziah the son of Jehoram, king of Judah, began to reign [sole rex]. 26 Ahaziah was twenty-two [22] years old [Lit.: "a son of 22 years in reigning"; Ahaziah's father was only 40: 2Ch 21:20, so his son could hardly be 42] when he became king, and he reigned one [1] year in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Athaliah ["afflicted of YHWH"] the granddaughter of Omri ["pupil of YHWH"], king of Israel. 27 And he walked in the way\_ of the house of Ahab, and

\_\_\_\_\_ did evil in the sight of YHWH, like the house of Ahab, for he was the son-in-law of the house of Ahab.

[Preview of 9:14b-16]

28 Now he went with Joram the son of Ahab to war against Hazael to war against Hazael ["one who sees God"] king of Syria at Ramoth Gilead; and the Syrians wounded Joram. 29 Then King Joram went back to Jezreel to recover from the wounds that the Syrians had inflicted on him at Ramah, when he fought against Hazael king of Syria. And Ahaziah ["YHWH holds (possesses)"] the son of Jehoram, king of Judah, went down to see Joram ["exalted is YHWH"] the son of Ahab in Jezreel, because he was sick.

## 2 Chronicles 22:1-6

Ahaziah, Son of Jehoram:

King of Judah

22:1 ¶ Then the inhabitants of Jerusalem made Ahaziah his youngest son king in his place, for the raiders who came with the Arabians [21:17] into the camp had killed all the older sons. So Ahaziah the son of Jehoram, king of Judah, \_\_\_\_\_ reigned [sole rex]. 2 Ahaziah was forty-two [42] years old [Lit.: "a son of 42 years in reigning"; 42<sup>nd</sup> year after the start of the dynasty of Ahaziah's great grandfather Omri] when he became king, and he reigned one [1] year in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Athaliah ["afflicted of YHWH"] the granddaughter of Omri ["pupil of YHWH"]. 3 He also walked in the ways of the house of Ahab, for his mother advised him to do wickedly.

4 Therefore he did evil in the sight of YHWH, like the house of Ahab; for they were his counselors after the death of his father, to his destruction.

5 He also followed their advice, and went with Jehoram the son of Ahab king of Israel to war against Hazael ["one who sees God"] king of Syria at Ramoth Gilead; and the Syrians wounded Joram. 6 Then he returned to Jezreel to recover from the wounds that he had received at Ramah, when he fought against Hazael king of Syria. And Azariah ["YHWH has helped"] the son of Jehoram, king of Judah, went down to see Jehoram ["exalted is YHWH"] the son of Ahab in Jezreel, because he was sick.

[Not parallel:]

## 2 Chronicles 22:7

7 His going to Joram was God's occasion for Ahaziah's downfall; for when he arrived, he went out with Jehoram against Jehu the son of Nimshi, whom YHWH had anointed to cut off the house of Ahab [next story].

[2Ch 22:8-9 follows 2Ki 10:14]

## 2 Kings 9

Elisha Prophecies Jehu to Destroy the House of Ahab (M21)

9:1 And Elisha the prophet called one of the sons of the prophets, and said to him, "Get yourself ready, take this flask of oil in your hand, and go to Ramoth ["heights"] Gilead ["rocky region"]. 2 Now when you arrive at that place, look there for Jehu ["YHWH is He"] the son of Jehoshaphat ["judged by YHWH"], the son of Nimshi ["rescued"], and go in and make him rise up from among his associates, and take him to an inner room. 3 Then take the flask of oil, and pour it on his head, and say,

"Thus says YHWH:

"I have anointed you king over Israel." Then open the door and flee, and do not delay." 4

So the young man, the servant of the prophet, went to Ramoth Gilead. 5 And when he arrived, there were the captains of the army sitting; and he said, "I have a message for you, Commander." Jehu said,

"For which one of us?"

And he said,

"For you, Commander." 6

Then he arose and went into the house. And he poured the oil on his head, and said to him,

"Thus says YHWH, God of Israel:

"I have anointed you king over the people of YHWH, over Israel. 7 You shall strike down the house of Ahab ["father's brother"] your master, that I may avenge the blood of My servants the prophets, and the blood of all the servants of YHWH, [who died] at the hand of Jezebel ["Baal exalts"/"Baal is husband to" or "unchaste"]. 8 For the whole house of Ahab shall perish; and I will cut off from Ahab all the males in Israel, both bond and free. 9 So I will make the house of Ahab like the house of Jeroboam

["the people will contend"] the son of Nebat ["aspect"], and like the house of Baasha ["wicked"] the son of Ahijah ["YHWH's brother"].

10 The dogs shall eat Jezebel on the plot of ground at Jezreel, and there shall be none to bury her."

[Fulfilled: vv33-37]

And he opened the door and fled.

## Jehu Cleans House

11 ¶ Then Jehu came out to the servants of his master, and one said to him, "Is all well?"

Why did this madman come to you?" And he said to them, "You know the man and his babble." 12 And they said, "A lie! Tell us now."

So he said,

"{Thus and thus} he spoke to me, saying,

"Thus says YHWH: 'I have anointed you king over Israel.'" 13

Then each man hastened to take his garment and put it under him on the top of the steps; and they blew trumpets, saying,

“Jehu is king!”<sup>14</sup>

So Jehu the son of Jehoshaphat, the son of Nimshi, conspired against Joram. (Cf. 8:28) Now Joram had been defending Ramoth Gilead, he and all Israel, against Hazael king of Syria. But King Joram had returned to Jezreel to recover from the wounds that the Syrians had inflicted on him when he fought with Hazael king of Syria.)

And Jehu said,

“If you are so minded, let no one leave or escape from the city to go and tell it in Jezreel.”

<sup>16</sup> So Jehu rode in a chariot and went to Jezreel, for Joram was laid up there; and Ahaziah king of Judah had come down to see Joram [8:29b].<sup>17</sup> Now a watchman stood on the tower in Jezreel, and he saw the company of Jehu as he came, and said,

“I see a company of men.”

And Joram said,

“Get a horseman and send him to meet them, and let him say,

‘Is it peace?’”<sup>18</sup>

So the horseman went to meet him, and said,

“Thus says the king:

‘Is it peace?’”

And Jehu said,

“What have you to do with peace? Turn around and follow me.”

So the watchman reported, saying, “The messenger went to them, but is not coming back.”<sup>19</sup>

Then he sent out a second horseman who came to them, and said,

“Thus says the king:

‘Is it peace?’”

And Jehu answered,

“What have you to do with peace?”

Turn around and follow me.”<sup>20</sup>

So the watchman reported, saying,

“He went up to them and is not coming back; and the driving is like the driving of Jehu the [grand] son of Nimshi, for he drives furiously!”<sup>21</sup>

Then Joram said,

“Make ready.”

And his chariot was made ready. Then Joram king of Israel and Ahaziah king of Judah went out, each in his chariot; and they went out to meet Jehu, and met him on the property of Naboth [“fruits”] the Jezreelite [cf. 1Ki 21].<sup>22</sup> Now it happened, when Joram saw Jehu, that he said,

“Is it peace, Jehu?”

So he answered,

“What peace, as long as the harlotries of your [grand] mother Jezebel and her witchcraft are so many?”<sup>23</sup>

Then Joram turned around and fled, and said to Ahaziah,

“Treachery, Ahaziah!”<sup>24</sup>

Now Jehu drew his bow with full strength and shot Jehoram between his arms; and the arrow came out at his heart, and he sank down in his chariot.

<sup>25</sup> Then Jehu said to Bidkar [“with a stab”] his captain,

“Pick him up, and throw him into the tract of the field of Naboth the Jezreelite; for remember, when you and I were riding together behind Ahab his father, that YHWH laid this burden upon him:<sup>26</sup>

‘Surely I saw yesterday the blood of Naboth and the blood of his sons’, says YHWH, ‘and I will repay you in this plot’, says YHWH.

Now therefore, take and throw him on the plot of ground, according to the word of YHWH.”<sup>27</sup>

But when Ahaziah king of Judah saw this, he fled by the road to Beth Haggan [“house of garden”]. So Jehu pursued him, and said,

“Shoot him also in the chariot.”

And they shot him at the Ascent of Gur [“sojourning”], which is by Ibleam [“devouring the people”]. Then he fled to Megiddo, and died there.<sup>28</sup> And his servants carried him in the chariot to Jerusalem, and buried him in his tomb with his fathers in the City of David.<sup>29</sup> In the eleventh [11<sup>th</sup>] year of Joram the son of Ahab, Ahaziah had become king [co-*rex*] over Judah. [JudahYear:89, so 3117 AB: 2Ki 3:1]

<sup>30</sup> Now when Jehu had come to Jezreel, Jezebel heard of it; and she put paint on her eyes and adorned her head, and looked through a window.<sup>31</sup> Then, as Jehu entered at the gate, she said, “Is it peace, ‘Zimri’, murderer of your master?”<sup>32</sup> [1Ki 16:9]

And he looked up at the window, and said,

“Who is on my side? Who?”

So two or three eunuchs looked out at him.<sup>33</sup> Then he said,

“Throw her down.”

So they threw her down, and some of her blood spattered on the wall and on the horses; and he trampled her underfoot.<sup>34</sup> And when he had gone in, he ate and drank. Then he said,

“Go now, see to this accursed woman, and bury her, for she was a [Sidonian] king’s daughter [1Ki 16:31].”<sup>35</sup>

So they went to bury her, but they found no more of her than the skull and the feet and the palms of her hands.

<sup>36</sup> Therefore they came back and told him. And he said,

“This is the word of YHWH, which He spoke by His servant Elijah the Tishbite [1Ki 21:23], saying,

‘On the plot of ground at Jezreel dogs shall eat the flesh of Jezebel; and the corpse of Jezebel shall be as refuse on the surface of the field, in the plot at Jezreel, so that they shall not say,

“Here lies Jezebel.”’”

[Not a quote from 2Ki. So Jezebel outlived Ahab by 10+ yrs: 1Ki 16:29]

[Audio: Steve Gregg 2Ki 10-12]

## 2 Kings 10:1-14

<sup>10:1</sup> Now Ahab had seventy [70] sons in Samaria. And Jehu wrote and sent letters to Samaria, to the rulers of Jezreel, to the elders, and to those who reared Ahab’s sons, saying:<sup>2</sup>

“Now as soon as this letter comes to you, since your master’s sons are with you, and you have chariots and horses, a fortified city also, and weapons,<sup>3</sup> choose the best qualified of your master’s sons, set him on his father’s throne, and fight for your master’s house.”<sup>4</sup>

But they were exceedingly afraid, and said,

“Look, two [2] kings could not stand up to him; how then can we stand?”<sup>5</sup>

And he who was in charge of the house, and he who was in charge of the city, the elders also, and those who reared the sons, sent to Jehu, saying,

“We are your servants.  
We will do all you tell us; but  
we will not make anyone king.  
Do *what is* good in your sight.”<sup>6</sup>

Then he wrote a second letter to them,  
saying:

“If you are for me and will obey my  
voice, take the heads of the men,  
your master’s sons, and come to me  
at Jezreel by this time tomorrow.”

Now the king’s sons, seventy [70]  
persons, were with the great men of  
the city, who were rearing them.<sup>7</sup>

So it was, when the letter came to  
them, that they took the king’s sons  
and slaughtered seventy [70] persons,  
put their heads in baskets and sent them  
to him at Jezreel.<sup>8</sup> Then a messenger  
came and told him, saying,  
“They have brought the heads of the  
king’s sons.”

And he said,  
“Lay them in two [2] heaps at the  
entrance of the gate until morning.”<sup>9</sup>  
So it was, in the morning, that he went  
out and stood, and said to all the people,  
“You are righteous. Indeed, I conspired  
against my master and killed him; but  
who killed all these? <sup>10</sup> Know now  
that nothing shall fall to the ground  
[earth] of the word of YHWH that YHWH  
spoke concerning the house of Ahab;  
for YHWH has done what He spoke by  
His servant Elijah [1Ki 21:17-29].”<sup>11</sup>

So Jehu killed all who remained of the  
house of Ahab in Jezreel, and all his  
great men and his close acquaintances  
and his priests, until he left him none  
remaining.<sup>12</sup> And he arose and departed  
and went to Samaria. On the way, at  
Beth Eked [“house of binding”, i.e.,

shearing house] of the Shepherds,<sup>13</sup>  
Jehu met with the brothers of Ahaziah  
king of Judah, and said,  
“Who are you?”

So they answered,  
“We are the brothers of Ahaziah.  
We have come down to greet  
the sons of the king and  
the sons of the queen mother.”<sup>14</sup>

And he said, [↑ Athaliah]  
“Take them alive!”

So they took them alive, and killed them  
at the well of Beth Eked, forty-two [42]  
men; and he left none of them.

## 2 Chronicles 22:8-9

<sup>8</sup> And it happened, when Jehu was  
executing judgment on the house of  
Ahab, and found the princes of Judah  
and the sons of Ahaziah’s brothers who  
served Ahaziah, that he killed them.<sup>9</sup>  
Then he searched for Ahaziah; and they  
caught him (he was hiding in Samaria),  
and brought him to Jehu. When they  
had killed him, they buried him,

“because,” they said,  
“he is the [grand] son of Jehoshaphat,  
who sought YHWH with all his heart.”  
So the house of Ahaziah had no one to  
assume power over the kingdom.

[2Ch 22:10ff parallels 2Ki 11ff]

## 2 Kings 10:15-31

<sup>15</sup> ¶ Now when he departed from there,  
he met Jehonadab [“willing is YHWH”]  
the son of Rechab [“rider”; cf. Je 35:1-  
16 ~200 yrs later], coming to meet him;  
and he greeted him and said to him,

“Is your heart right,  
as my heart is toward your heart?”

And Jehonadab answered,

“It is.”

Jehu said,  
“If it is, give me your hand.”

So he gave him his hand, and he took  
him up to him into the chariot.<sup>16</sup>  
Then he said,

“Come with me,  
and see my zeal for YHWH.”  
So they had him ride in his chariot.<sup>17</sup>

And when he came to Samaria, he killed  
all who remained to Ahab in Samaria,  
till he had destroyed them, according  
to the word of YHWH that He spoke to  
Elijah [1Ki 21:17-29].

## Jehu Executes the Prophets of Baal

<sup>18</sup> Then Jehu gathered all the people  
together, and said to them,

“Ahab served Baal a little,  
Jehu will serve him much.<sup>19</sup>

Now therefore, call to me  
all the prophets of Baal,  
all his servants, and  
all his priests.

Let no one be missing,  
for I have a great sacrifice for Baal.  
Whoever is missing shall not live.”

But Jehu acted deceptively, with the  
intent of destroying the worshipers of  
Baal.<sup>20</sup> And Jehu said,

“Proclaim a solemn assembly for Baal.”  
So they proclaimed it.<sup>21</sup> Then Jehu  
sent throughout all Israel; and all the  
worshipers of Baal came, so that there  
was not a man left who did not come.

So they came into the temple of Baal,  
and the temple of Baal was full from  
one end to the other.<sup>22</sup> And he said  
to the one in charge of the wardrobe,

“Bring out vestments for  
all the worshipers of Baal.”

So he brought out vestments for them.  
<sup>23</sup> Then Jehu and Jehonadab the son of  
Rechab went into the temple of Baal,  
and said to the worshipers of Baal,

“Search and see that no servants of  
YHWH are here with you, but only the  
worshipers of Baal.”<sup>24</sup>

So they went in to offer sacrifices and  
burnt offerings. Now Jehu had ap-  
pointed for himself eighty [80] men  
on the outside, and had said,

“If any of the men whom I have brought  
into your hands escapes, whoever lets  
him escape, it shall be his life for the  
life of the other.”<sup>25</sup>

Now it happened, as soon as he had  
made an end of offering the burnt  
offering, that Jehu said to the guard  
and to the captains,

“Go in and kill them.  
Let no one come out!”

And they killed them with the edge of  
the sword; then the guards and the  
officers threw them out, and went into  
the inner room of the temple of Baal.<sup>26</sup>

And they brought the sacred pillars  
out of the temple of Baal and burned  
them.<sup>27</sup> Then they broke down the  
sacred pillar of Baal, and tore down  
the temple of Baal [this one in Israel;  
cf. 11:18] and made it a refuse dump

to this day.<sup>28</sup> Thus Jehu destroyed  
Baal from Israel.

## Jehu’s Shortcomings

<sup>29</sup> ¶ However Jehu did not turn away  
from the sins of Jeroboam the son of  
Nebat, who had made Israel sin, that  
is, from the golden calves that were at  
Bethel and Dan.<sup>30</sup> And YHWH said to  
Jehu,

“Because you have done well in doing *what is right in My sight*, and have done to the house of Ahab all that was in My heart, your sons shall sit on the throne of Israel to the fourth [4<sup>th</sup>] generation [cf. 15:12].” <sup>31</sup>

But Jehu took no heed to walk in the law of YHWH God of Israel with all his heart; for he did not depart from the sins of Jeroboam, who had made Israel sin. [10:32-36 moved to follow 12:18]

## June 20

[Audio: Steve Gregg 2Ki 10-12]

2 Kings 11:1-20 ||

[This column parallels the next:]

11:1 ¶ — When Athaliah [“YHWH-afflicted”] the mother of Ahaziah [“YHWH holds (possesses)”] saw that her son was dead, she arose and destroyed all the royal heirs

[her grandsons!]. <sup>2</sup>

But Jehosheba [“YHWH has sworn”], the daughter of King Joram, sister of Ahaziah, took Joash [“given by YHWH”] the son of Ahaziah, and stole him away from among the king’s sons who were being murdered; and they hid him and his nurse in the bedroom,

from Athaliah,

so that he was not killed. <sup>3</sup>

So he was hidden with her in the house of YHWH for six [6] years, while Athaliah reigned over the land.

[JudahYear:91-96, (885-880 BC:) so 3120-3125 AB: 2Ch 21:19-20]

2 Chronicles 22:10-23:21

Joash Saved From Athaliah

10 ¶ Now when Athaliah [“YHWH-afflicted”] the mother of Ahaziah [“YHWH holds (possesses)”] saw that her son was dead, she arose and destroyed all the royal heirs of the

house of Judah [her grandsons!]. <sup>11</sup>

But Jehoshabeath [“YHWH has sworn”], the daughter of the king,

took Joash [“given by YHWH”] the son of Ahaziah, and stole him away from among the king’s sons who were being murdered, and put him and his nurse in a bedroom.

So Jehoshabeath, the daughter of King Jehoram, the wife of Jehoiada the priest (for she was the sister of Ahaziah), hid him from Athaliah so that she did not kill him. <sup>12</sup>

And he was hidden with them in the house of God for six [6] years, while Athaliah reigned over the land.

[JudahYear:91-96, (885-880 BC:) so 3120-3125 AB: 2Ch 21:19-20]

2 Kings 11

[This column parallels the next:]

4 ¶ In the seventh [7<sup>th</sup>] year [JudahYear:97, so 3126 AB]

Jehoiada [“known by YHWH”]

sent

and brought

the captains of hundreds —

of the bodyguards and the escorts —

and [Jehoiada] brought them into the house of YHWH to him [Joash].

And he made a covenant with them and took an oath from them in the house of YHWH,

and showed them the king’s son. <sup>5</sup>

Then he commanded them, saying,

“This is what you shall do:

one-third of you who come on duty on the Sabbath

shall be keeping watch over the king’s house, <sup>6</sup>

2 Chronicles 23

Usurper Athaliah Deposed, Slain

23:1 ¶ In the seventh [7<sup>th</sup>] year [JudahYear:97, so 3126 AB]

Jehoiada [“known by YHWH”]

strengthened himself,

and made a covenant with

the captains of hundreds:

Azariah [“YHWH has helped”] the son of Jeroham [“showing pity”],

Ishmael [“God will hear”] the son of Jehohanan [“graced by YHWH”],

Azariah [“YHWH has helped”] the son of Obed [“serving”],

Maaseiah [“YHWH’s work”] the son of Adaiah [“YHWH has adorned

Himself”], and

Elishaphat [“judged by my God”] the son of Zichri [“memorable”]. <sup>2</sup>

And they went throughout Judah and gathered the Levites from all the cities of Judah, and the chief fathers of Israel, and they came to Jerusalem. <sup>3</sup>

Then all the assembly made a covenant with the king in the house of God.

And he said to them,

“Behold, the king’s son shall reign, as YHWH has said of the sons of David. <sup>4</sup>

This is what you shall do:

one-third of you entering on the Sabbath, of the priests and the Levites, shall be keeping watch over the doors \_\_\_\_\_; <sup>5</sup>

[This column parallels the next:]

## 2 Kings 11

one-third shall be at the gate of Sur [*“turning aside”*], and one-third at the gate behind the escorts.

You shall keep the watch of the house, lest it be broken down. 7

The two [2] contingents of you who go off duty on the Sabbath shall keep the watch of the house of YHWH for the king.

8 But you shall surround the king on all sides, every man with his weapons in his hand; and whoever comes within range, let him be put to death. You are to be with the king as he goes out and as he comes in.” 9 So the captains of the hundreds did according to all that Jehoiada the priest commanded. Each of them took his men who were to be on duty on the Sabbath, with those who were going off duty on the Sabbath, and came to Jehoiada the priest.

10 And the priest gave the captains of hundreds the spears and shields that had belonged to King David, that were in the temple of YHWH.

11 Then the escorts stood, every man with his weapons in his hand, all around the king.

## 2 Chronicles 23

one-third shall be at the king’s house \_\_\_\_\_; and one-third at the Gate of the Foundation.

All the people shall be in the courts of the house of YHWH. 6 But let no one come into the house of YHWH except the priests and those of the Levites who serve. They may go in, for they are holy;

but all the people

shall keep the watch of YHWH.

7 And the Levites shall surround the king on all sides, every man with his weapons in his hand; and whoever comes into the house, let him be put to death. You are to be with the king when he comes in and when he goes out.” 8

So the Levites and all Judah did according to all that Jehoiada the priest commanded. And each man took his men who were to be on duty on the Sabbath, with those who were going off duty on the Sabbath; for Jehoiada the priest had not dismissed the divisions. 9 And Jehoiada the priest gave to the captains of hundreds the spears and the large and small shields that had belonged to King David, that were in the temple of God.

10 Then he set all the people, every man with his weapon in his hand,

[This column parallels the next:]

## 2 Kings 11

from the right side of the temple to the left side of the temple, \_\_\_\_\_ by the altar and \_\_\_\_\_ the house. 12 And he brought out the king’s son, put the crown on him, and gave him the Testimony; they made him king and anointed him, and they clapped their hands and said, “Long live the king!”

13 ¶ Now when Athaliah heard the noise of the escorts and the people, she came to the people in the temple of YHWH. 14 When she looked, there was the king standing by a pillar according to custom; and the leaders and the trumpeters were by the king. All the people of the land were rejoicing and blowing trumpets.

So Athaliah tore her clothes and cried out,

“Treason! Treason!” 15 And Jehoiada the priest commanded the captains of the hundreds, the officers of the army, and said to them, “Take her outside under guard, and slay with the sword whoever follows her.” For the priest had said, “Do not let her be killed in the house of YHWH.” 16

So they seized her; and she went by way of the horses’ entrance into the king’s house, and there she was killed.

## 2 Chronicles 23

from the right side of the temple to the left side of the temple, along by the altar and by the temple, all around the king. 11 And they brought out the king’s son, put the crown on him, gave him the Testimony, and made him king. Then Jehoiada and his sons anointed him, and said, “Long live the king!”

12 ¶ Now when Athaliah heard the noise of the people running and praising the king, she came to the people in the temple of YHWH. 13 When she looked, there was the king standing by his pillar at the entrance; and the leaders and the trumpeters were by the king. All the people of the land were rejoicing and blowing trumpets, also the singers with musical instruments, and those who led in praise. So Athaliah tore her clothes and said,

“Treason! Treason!” 14 And Jehoiada the priest brought out the captains of hundreds who were set over the army, and said to them, “Take her outside under guard, and slay with the sword whoever follows her.” For the priest had said, “Do not kill her in the house of YHWH.” 15

So they seized her; and she went by way of the \_\_\_\_\_ entrance of the Horse Gate into the king’s house, and they killed her there.



[This column parallels the next:]

## 2 Kings 11

17 ¶ Then Jehoiada made a covenant between

Y<sup>HWH</sup>,

the king, and

the people,

that they should be Y<sup>HWH</sup>'s people,

and also between

the king and

the people. 18

And all the people of the land went to the temple of Baal, and tore it down [this one in Judah; cf. 10:27]. They thoroughly

broke in pieces its altars and images, and killed Mattan ["a gift"]

the priest of Baal before the altars.

And the priest appointed officers over the house of Y<sup>HWH</sup>.

19 Then he took the captains of hundreds, the bodyguards, the escorts,

and all the people of the land; and they brought the king down from the house of Y<sup>HWH</sup>, and

went by way of the gate of the escorts to the king's house.

Then he sat on the throne of the kings. 20

So all the people of the land rejoiced; and the city was quiet, for they had slain Athaliah with the sword in the king's house.

## 2 Chronicles 23

16 Then Jehoiada made a covenant between

himself,

the people, and

the king,

that they should be Y<sup>HWH</sup>'s people. 17

And all the people went to the temple of Baal, and tore it down [this one in Judah; cf. 10:27]. They

broke in pieces its altars and images, and killed Mattan ["a gift"]

the priest of Baal before the altars. 18

Also Jehoiada appointed the oversight of the house of Y<sup>HWH</sup>

to the hand of the priests, the Levites, whom David had assigned in the house of Y<sup>HWH</sup>, to offer the burnt offerings of Y<sup>HWH</sup>, as it is written in the Law of Moses, with rejoicing and with singing, as it was established by David. 19

And he set the gatekeepers at the gates of the house of Y<sup>HWH</sup>, so that no one who was in any way unclean should enter.

20 Then he took the captains of hundreds, the nobles, the governors of the people,

and all the people of the land, and brought the king down from the house of Y<sup>HWH</sup>;

and they went through the Upper Gate to the king's house,

and set the king on the throne of the kingdom. 21

So all the people of the land rejoiced; and the city was quiet, for they had slain Athaliah with the sword.

[Cf. Judah Kings // Israel Kings]

## 2 Kings 11:21-12:16 ||

[This column parallels the next:]

21 Jehoash ["given by Y<sup>HWH</sup>"] was seven [7] years old when he became king. 12:1 ¶ In the seventh [7<sup>th</sup>] year of Jehu, Jehoash became king, and he

reigned forty [40] years in Jerusalem.

[JudahYear:97-136, (879-840 BC:) so 3126-3165 AB: 2Ki 11:4]

His mother's name was Zibiah ["roe"] of Beersheba. 2 Jehoash did what was right in the sight of Y<sup>HWH</sup> all the days in which Jehoiada the priest instructed him. 3 But the high places were not taken away; the people still sacrificed and burned incense on the high places.

## 2 Chronicles 24:1-14

### The Reign of Joash in Judah

24:1 ¶ J\_oash ["given by Y<sup>HWH</sup>"] was seven [7] years old when he became king,

and he reigned forty [40] years in Jerusalem.

[JudahYear:97-136, (879-840 BC:) so 3126-3165 AB: 2Ch 23:1]

His mother's name was Zibiah ["roe"] of Beersheba. 2 J\_oash did what was right in the sight of Y<sup>HWH</sup> all the days of Jehoiada the priest. 3

And Jehoiada took two wives for him [J\_oash], and he had sons and daughters.

4 Now it happened after this that J\_oash set his heart on repairing the house of Y<sup>HWH</sup>.

5 Then he gathered the priests and the Levites, and said to them, "Go out to the cities of Judah, and gather from all Israel money to repair the house of your God from year to year, and see that you do it quickly."

However the Levites did not do it quickly. 6 So the king called Jehoiada the chief priest, and said to him,

"Why have you not required the Levites to bring in from Judah and from Jerusalem the collection, according to the commandment

of Moses the servant of Y<sup>HWH</sup> and of the assembly of Israel,

for the tabernacle of witness?" 7

For the sons of Athaliah, that wicked woman, had [during her usurpation] broken into the house of God, and had also presented all the dedicated things of the house of Y<sup>HWH</sup> to the Baals.

[These two columns NOT parallel....but interleaved:]

## 2 Kings 12

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And Jehoash said to the priests,  
“All the money of the dedicated gifts that are brought into the house of YHWH — each man’s census money, each man’s assessment money — and all the money that a man purposes in his heart to bring into the house of YHWH, 5 let the priests take it themselves, each from his constituency; and let them repair the damages of the temple, wherever any dilapidation is found.”

## 2 Chronicles 24

8 Then at the king’s command they made a chest, and set it outside at the gate of the house of YHWH. 9 And they made a proclamation throughout Judah and Jerusalem to bring to YHWH the collection that Moses the servant of God had imposed on Israel in the wilderness. 10 Then all the leaders and all the people rejoiced, brought their contributions, and put them into the chest until all had given.

11 So it was, at that time, when the chest was brought to the king’s official by the hand of the Levites, and when they saw that there was much money, that the king’s scribe and the high priest’s officer came and emptied the chest, and took it and returned it to its place. Thus they did day by day, and gathered money in abundance. ↑

## 2 Kings 12

6 Now it was so, by the twenty-third [23<sup>rd</sup>] year of King Jehoash,

[JudahYear:119, so 3148 AB;

Cf. 2Ki 11:4 || 2Ch 23:1]

that the priests had not repaired the damages of the temple. 7 So King Jehoash called Jehoiada the priest and the other priests, and said to them, “Why have you not repaired the damages of the temple? Now therefore, do not take more money from your constituency, but deliver it for repairing the damages of the temple.” 8

And the priests agreed that they would neither receive more money from the people, nor repair the damages of the temple. 9 Then Jehoiada the priest took a chest, bored a hole in its lid, and set it beside the altar, on the right side as one comes into the house of YHWH; and the priests who kept the door put there all the money brought into the house of YHWH.

10 So it was, whenever they saw that there was much money in the chest, that the king’s scribe and the high priest came up and put it in bags, and counted the money that was found in the house of YHWH.

[This column parallels the next:]

## 2 Kings 12

11 Then they gave the money, which had been apportioned, into the hands of those who did the work, who had the oversight of the house of YHWH;

and they paid it out to the carpenters and builders who worked on the house of YHWH, 12 and to masons and stonecutters, and for buying timber and hewn stone, to repair the damage of the house of YHWH, and for all that was paid out to repair the temple.

13 However there were not made for the house of YHWH basins of silver, trimmers, sprinkling-bowls, trumpets, any articles of gold or articles of silver, from the money brought into the house of YHWH. 14 But they gave that to the workmen, and they repaired the house of YHWH with it. 15 Moreover they did not require an account from the men into whose hand they delivered the money to be paid to workmen, for they dealt faithfully.

[2Ch 24:15-27 follows 2Ki 13:9 on the next page →]

## 2 Chronicles 24

12 The king and Jehoiada gave it to those who did the work of the service of the house of YHWH; and they hired masons and carpenters to repair the house of YHWH, and also those who worked in iron and bronze to restore the house of YHWH. 13

So the workmen labored, and the work was completed by them; they restored the house of God to its original condition and reinforced it. 14

When they had finished, they brought the rest of the money before the king and Jehoiada; they made from it articles for the house of YHWH, articles for serving and offering, spoons and vessels of gold and silver. And they offered burnt offerings in the house of YHWH continually all the days of Jehoiada.

[Not parallel for a page+:]

## 2 Kings 12

16 The money from the trespass offerings and the money from the sin offerings was not brought into the house of Y<sup>HWH</sup>. It belonged to the priests.

## 2 Kings 12:17-18

### Jehoash of Judah Buys Off Hazael

17 ¶ Hazael king of Syria went up and fought against Gath, and took it; then Hazael set his face to go up to Jerusalem. 18 And Jehoash [aka Joash] king of Judah took all the sacred things that his fathers, Jehoshaphat and Jehoram and Ahaziah, kings of Judah, had dedicated, and his own sacred things, and all the gold found in the treasuries of the house of Y<sup>HWH</sup> and in the king's house, and sent them to Hazael king of Syria. Then he went away from Jerusalem. [12:19-21 follows 2Ch 24:24]

## 2 Kings 10:32-36

[10:32-36 moved from above]

### Israel's Demise Under Jehu

32 In those days Y<sup>HWH</sup> began to cut off parts of Israel; and Hazael conquered them in all the territory of Israel 33 from the Jordan eastward: all the land of Gilead — Gad, Reuben, and [East] Manasseh — from Aroer, which is by the River Arnon, including Gilead and Bashan.

### Jehu King of Israel Dies

34 Now the rest of the acts of Jehu, all that he did, and all his might, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Israel? 35 So Jehu rested with his fathers, and they buried him in

Samaria. Then Jehoahaz [“seized by Y<sup>HWH</sup>”] his son reigned in his place. 36 And the period that Jehu [had] reigned over Israel in Samaria was twenty-eight [28] years. [JudahYear:91-118, so 3120-3147 AB: 1Ki 12:1]

[Audio: Steve Gregg 2Ki 13-14]

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## 2 Kings 13:1-11

### Jehoahaz Reigns Poorly Over Israel

13:1 ¶ In the twenty-third [23<sup>rd</sup>] year of Joash the son of Ahaziah, king of Judah, Jehoahaz [“seized by Y<sup>HWH</sup>”] the son of Jehu became king over Israel in Samaria, and reigned seventeen [17] years. 2 [JudahYear:119-135, (857-841 BC:) so 3148-3164 AB: 2Ki 12:1]

And he did evil in the sight of Y<sup>HWH</sup>, and followed the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who had made Israel sin. He did not depart from them. 3 Then the anger of Y<sup>HWH</sup> was aroused against Israel, and He delivered them into the hand of Hazael king of Syria, and into the hand of Ben-Hadad [II] the son of Hazael, all their days. 4 So Jehoahaz pleaded with Y<sup>HWH</sup>, and Y<sup>HWH</sup> listened to him; for He saw the oppression of Israel, because the king of Syria oppressed them. 5 Then Y<sup>HWH</sup> gave Israel a deliverer, so that they escaped from under the hand of the Syrians; and the children of Israel dwelt in their tents as before. 6 Nevertheless they did not depart from the sins of the house of Jeroboam, who had made Israel sin, but walked in them; and the wooden image also remained in Samaria. 7 For He [or he, Hazael] left of the army of Jehoahaz only

fifty [50] horsemen, ten [10] chariots, and ten thousand [10,000] foot soldiers; for the king of Syria had destroyed them and made them like the dust at threshing.

### Jehoahaz King of Israel Dies

8 Now the rest of the acts of Jehoahaz, all that he did, and his might, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Israel? 9 So Jehoahaz rested with his fathers, and they buried him in Samaria. Then Joash [“given by Y<sup>HWH</sup>”] his son reigned in his place.

### Joash Reigns Poorly Over Israel

10 ¶ In the thirty-seventh [37<sup>th</sup>] year of Joash king of Judah, Jehoash the son of Jehoahaz became [co-]king over Israel in Samaria, and [after Jehoahaz's death: v9 above] reigned sixteen [16] years. 11 [JudahYear:136-151, (840-825 BC:) so 3165-3180 AB: 2Ki 13:1]

[Cf. Judah Kings // Israel Kings]

And he did evil in the sight of Y<sup>HWH</sup>. He did not depart from all the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel sin, but walked in them.

[13:12-13 parallels 14:15-16 below]

## 2 Chronicles 24:15-24

### J\_oash Strays After Jehoiada Dies

15 ¶ But Jehoiada grew old and was full of days, and he died; he was one hundred and thirty [130] years old when he died [probably a few years before Jehoahaz king of Israel died]. 16 And they buried him in the City of David among the kings, because he had done good in Israel, both toward God and His house.

17 Now after the death of Jehoiada the leaders of Judah came and bowed down to the king. And the king listened to them. 18 Therefore they left the house of Y<sup>HWH</sup>, God of their fathers, and served wooden images and idols; and wrath came upon Judah and Jerusalem because of their trespass. 19 Yet He sent prophets to them, to bring them back to Y<sup>HWH</sup>; and they testified against them, but they would not listen. 20 Then the Spirit of God came upon Zechariah [“Y<sup>HWH</sup> remembers”] the son of Jehoiada the priest, who stood above the people, and said to them,

“Thus says God:

‘Why do you transgress the commandments of Y<sup>HWH</sup>, so that you cannot prosper? Because you have forsaken Y<sup>HWH</sup>, He also has forsaken you.’” 21

So they conspired against him, and at the command of the king they stoned him with stones in the court of the house of Y<sup>HWH</sup>. 22 Thus J\_oash the king did not remember the kindness that Jehoiada his father had done to him, but killed his son; and as he died, he said, “Y<sup>HWH</sup> look on it, and repay!”

23 So it happened in the spring of the year that the army of Syria came up against him [J\_oash]; and they came to Judah and Jerusalem, and destroyed all the leaders of the people from among the people, and sent all their spoil to the king of Damascus. 24 For the army of the Syrians came with a small company of men; but Y<sup>HWH</sup> delivered a very great army into their hand, because they had forsaken Y<sup>HWH</sup> God of their fathers. So they executed judgment against J\_oash.

[This column parallels the next:]

2 Kings 12:19-21 ||

[12:19 moved to match 2 Ch 24:27]

20 And

his \_\_\_ servants arose and formed a conspiracy,

and killed Joash in the house of the Millo [*“rampart” or “mound”*], which goes down to Silla [*“a highway”*].

21a For

Jozachar [*“YHWH remembers”*]  
the son of Shimeath [*“report”*]  
and  
Jehozabad [*“endowed by YHWH”*]  
the son of Shomer [*“keeper”*].

his servants, struck him.  
So he died, and they buried him  
with his fathers in the City of David.

19 Now the rest of the acts of Joash,  
and all that he did,

are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Judah?

21b Then Amaziah [*“YHWH is mighty”*]  
his son reigned in his place.

2 Chronicles 24:25-27

*J(eh)osh King of Judah Dies*

25 And when they had withdrawn  
from him (for they left him severely  
wounded), his own servants conspired  
against him because of the blood of  
the sons of Jehoiada the priest,  
and killed him on his bed.

[24:25b moved to match 2 Ki 12:21b]

26 These are the ones who conspired  
against him:

Zabad [*“he endows”*]  
the son of Shimeath [*“report”*]  
the Ammonitess, and  
Jehozabad [*“endowed by YHWH”*]  
the son of Shimrith [*“vigilant”*]  
the Moabitess.

25b So he died. And they buried him  
in the City of David,  
but they did not bury him in  
the tombs of the kings.

27 Now \_\_\_\_\_  
concerning his sons,  
and the many oracles about him, and  
the repairing of the house of God,  
indeed they are written in the Annals of  
the Book of the Kings \_\_\_\_\_.  
Then Amaziah [*“YHWH is mighty”*]  
his son reigned in his place.

[2Ch 25:1-27 parallels 2Ki 14 below]

[These two columns NOT parallel:]

2 Kings 13:14-25 (M22)

[moved up for chronology]

*Elisha Prophecies Israel Over Syria*

14 Elisha had become sick with the  
illness of which he would die. Then  
Joash the king of Israel came down to  
him, and wept over his face, and said,  
“O my father, my father, the chariots  
of Israel and their horsemen!”

[Cf. 2:12 re Elijah.] 15

And Elisha said to him,

“Take a bow and some arrows.”

So he took himself a bow and some  
arrows. 16 Then he said to the king of  
Israel,

“Put your hand on the bow.”

So he put his hand on it, and Elisha  
put his hands on the king’s hands. 17  
And he said,

“Open the east window”;

and he opened it. Then Elisha said,

“Shoot”;

and he shot. And he said,

“The arrow of YHWH’s deliverance and  
the arrow of deliverance from Syria;  
for you must strike the Syrians at  
Aphak [*“enclosure”*] til you have  
destroyed them.” 18

Then he said,

“Take the arrows”;

so he took them. And he said to the  
king of Israel,

“Strike the ground [*Hebrew: erets”*];

so he struck three [3] times, and stopped.

19 And the man of God was angry with  
him, and said,

“You should have struck five or six  
[5 or 6] times; then you would have  
struck Syria til you had destroyed it!  
But now you will strike Syria only  
three [3] times.”

*Elisha Dies; Dead Man Revived* (M23)

20 ¶ Then Elisha died, and they buried  
him. And the raiding bands from Moab  
invaded the land in the spring of the year.

21 So it was, as they were burying a man,  
that suddenly they spied a band of raiders;  
and they put the man in the tomb of  
Elisha; and when the man was let down  
and touched the bones of Elisha, he  
revived and stood on his feet [M23].

*Summary: Hazael’s Reign in Syria*

22 And Hazael king of Syria [*had*] op-  
pressed Israel all the days of Jehoahaz.

23 But YHWH  
was gracious to them,  
had compassion on them, and  
regarded them,  
because of His covenant with  
Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob,  
and would not yet  
destroy them or  
cast them from His presence.

*Hazael King of Syria Dies*

24 Now Hazael king of Syria died. Then  
Ben-Hadad his son reigned in his place.

25 And Jehoash the son of Jehoahaz  
recaptured from the hand of Ben-Hadad  
[II], the son of Hazael, the cities that he  
had taken out of the hand of Jehoahaz  
his father by war. Three [3] times  
J\_oash defeated him and recaptured  
the cities of Israel [3 victories: v18b].

## 2 Kings 14:1-6 ||

[This column parallels the next:]

14:1 ¶ In the second [2<sup>nd</sup>] year of Joash the son of Jehoahaz, king of Israel, Amaziah [“YHWH is mighty”] the son of Joash, king of Judah, became king.

2 He was twenty-five [25] years old when he became king, and he reigned twenty-nine [29] years in Jerusalem.

[JudahYear: 137-165, (839-811 BC:) so 3166-3194 AB: 2Ki 12:1]

His mother’s name was Jehoaddan [“delights YHWH”] of Jerusalem. 3 And he did what was right in the sight of YHWH, yet not like his father David; he did everything as his father Joash had done. 4 However the high places were not taken away, and the people still sacrificed and burned incense on the high places.

5 Now it happened, as soon as the kingdom was established in his hand, that he executed his servants who had murdered his father the king. 6 But the children of the murderers

he did not execute, according to what is written in the Book of the Law of Moses, in which YHWH commanded, saying,

“\_\_\_ Fathers shall not be put to death for their children, nor shall \_\_\_ children be put to death for their fathers; but a person shall be put to death for his own sin.”

[<sup>^</sup> translator difference <sup>^</sup>]

### Deuteronomy 24:16

The fathers shall not be put to death for the\_ children,

## 2 Chronicles 25:1-4

Amaziah Reigns in Judah

[Cf. Judah Kings // Israel Kings]

25:1 ¶ Amaziah [“YHWH is mighty”]

was twenty-five [25] years old when he became king, and he reigned twenty-nine [29] years in Jerusalem.

[JudahYear: 137-165, (839-811BC:) so 3166-3194 AB: 2Ch 24:1]

His mother’s name was Jehoaddan [“delights YHWH”] of Jerusalem. 2 And he did what was right in the sight of YHWH, but not with a loyal heart.

3 Now it happened, as soon as the kingdom was established for him, that he executed his servants who had murdered his father the king. 4 However

he did not execute their children, but did as it is written in the Law in the Book of Moses, where YHWH commanded, saying,

“The fathers shall not be put to death for their children, nor shall the children be put to death for their fathers; but a person shall die \_\_\_\_\_ for his own sin.”

neither shall the children be put to death for the\_ fathers: \_\_\_ every man shall be put to death for his own sin.

[Not parallel except inside the box:]

## 2 Chronicles 25:5-10

5 Moreover Amaziah gathered Judah together and set over them

captains of thousands [1000s] and captains of hundreds [100s], according to their fathers’ houses, throughout all Judah and Benjamin; and he numbered them from

twenty [20] years old and above, and found them to be three hundred thousand [300,000] choice men, able to go to war, who could handle spear and shield. 6 He also hired one hundred thousand [100,000] mighty men of valor from Israel for one hundred [100] talents of silver<sup>6</sup>. 7 But a man of God came to him, saying,

“O king, do not let the army of Israel go with you, for YHWH is not with Israel — not with any of the children of Ephraim. 8 But if you go, be gone! Be strong in battle! Even so, God shall make you fall before the enemy; for God has power to help and to overthrow.” 9

Then Amaziah said to the man of God, “But what shall we do about the hundred [100] talents that I have given to the troops of Israel?”

And the man of God answered, “YHWH is able to give you much more than this.” 10

So Amaziah discharged the troops that had come to him from Ephraim, to go back home. Therefore their anger was greatly aroused against Judah, and they returned home in great anger.

<sup>6</sup> 100 x 60 lb x 16/oz/lb x ~\$10.80 = ~\$1,036,800 in 2008 dollars.

## 2 Kings 14:7 ~||

7 He killed ten thousand [10,000] Edomites in the Valley of Salt, and took Sela [“the rock”; an early name for modern Petra] by war, and called its name Joktheel [“God’s blessedness”] [as it is called] to this day.

## 2 Chronicles 25:11

11 Then Amaziah strengthened himself, and leading his people, he went to the Valley of Salt and killed ten thousand [10,000] of the people of Seir [Edomites].

## 2 Chronicles 25:12-16

12 Also the children of Judah took captive ten thousand [10,000] alive, brought them to the top of the rock, and cast them down from the top of the rock, so that they all were dashed in pieces.

13 But as for the soldiers of the army that Amaziah had discharged, so that they would not go with him to battle, they raided the cities of Judah from Samaria to Beth Horon [“house of hollowness”], killed three thousand [3,000] in them, and took much spoil.

14 ¶ Now it was so, after Amaziah came from the slaughter of the Edomites, that he brought the gods of the people of Seir, set them up to be his gods, and bowed down before them and burned incense to them. 15 Therefore the anger of YHWH was aroused against Amaziah, and He sent him a prophet who said to him,

“Why have you sought the gods of the people that could not rescue their own people from your hand?” 16

## 2 Chronicles 25

So it was, **as** he talked with him, that *the king* said to him,

“Have we made you  
the king’s counselor?  
Cease! Why should you be killed?”

**Then** the prophet ceased, and said,  
“I know that **God** has determined to  
destroy you, because you have done  
this and have not heeded my advice.”

## 2 Kings 14:8-14 ||

*[This column parallels the next:]*

8 ¶ **Then** Amaziah sent messengers  
to Jehoash  
the son of Jehoahaz, the son of Jehu,  
king of Israel, saying,  
“Come, let us face one another  
in battle.” 9

And Jehoash 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 your daughter to my son  
as wife’;

and a wild beast that was in Lebanon  
passed by and trampled the thistle —  
10 You have indeed

defeated Edom,  
and your heart has lifted you up.  
Glory in that, and stay at home \_\_\_;  
for why should you meddle with  
trouble so that you \_\_\_ fall —  
you and Judah with you?” 11

But Amaziah would not heed.

## 2 Chronicles 25:17-24

*Amaziah Challenges J(eh)oash*

17 ¶ **Now** Amaziah king of Judah  
asked advice and sent to J\_oash  
the son of Jehoahaz, the son of Jehu,  
king of Israel, saying,

“Come, let us face one another  
in battle.” 18

And J\_oash 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 your daughter to my son  
as wife’;

and a wild beast that was in Lebanon  
passed by and trampled the thistle —

19 Indeed you say that you have  
defeated the Edomites,  
and your heart is lifted up to boast.

Stay at home now;  
\_\_\_ why should you meddle with  
trouble, \_ that you should fall —  
you and Judah with you?” 20

But Amaziah would not heed, for it  
came from God, that He might give  
them into the hand of their enemies,  
because they sought the gods of Edom.

*[This column parallels the next:]*

## 2 Kings 14

11b Therefore Jehoash king of Israel  
went out; so he and Amaziah king  
of Judah faced one another at Beth  
Shemesh [*“house of the sun” / “sun  
temple”*], which belongs to Judah. 12

And Judah was defeated by Israel, and  
every man fled to his tent. 13 **Then**  
Jehoash \_\_\_ king of Israel captured  
Amaziah king of Judah, the son of  
Jehoash, the son of Ahaziah [*aka  
Jehoahaz: 2Ki 8:24b*], at Beth Shem-  
esh; and he went \_\_\_ to Jerusalem,  
and broke down the wall of Jerusalem  
from the Gate of Ephraim to the Corner  
Gate — four hundred [400] cubits. 14  
And he took all the gold and silver,  
all the articles that were found in  
the house of YHWH and in  
the treasuries of the king’s house, and  
hostages, and returned to Samaria.

## 2 Kings 14:15-16 ||

*[This column parallels the next:]*

15 ¶ **Now** the rest of the acts of  
Jehoash \_\_\_ that he did — 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? 16 So Jehoash rested  
with his fathers,

*[clauses reversed to match 13:13]*

**Then** Jeroboam [II]

his son reigned in his place.

and \_\_\_ was buried in Samaria  
with the kings of Israel.

## 2 Chronicles 25

21 So \_\_\_ J\_oash king of Israel  
went out; and he and Amaziah king  
of Judah faced one another at Beth  
Shemesh [*“house of the sun” / “sun  
temple”*], which belongs to Judah. 22

And Judah was defeated by Israel, and  
every man fled to his tent. 23 **Then**  
J\_oash the king of Israel captured  
Amaziah king of Judah, the son of  
J\_oash, the son of Jehoahaz [*aka  
Ahaziah: 2Ch 21:17b*], at Beth Shem-  
esh; and he brought him to Jerusalem,  
and broke down the wall of Jerusalem  
from the Gate of Ephraim to the Corner  
Gate — four hundred [400] cubits. 24  
And he took all the gold and silver,  
all the articles that were found in  
the house of God with Obed-Edom,  
the treasuries of the king’s house, and  
hostages, and returned to Samaria.

*[25:25-26:15 follows Jonah below]*

*[moved here for chronology]*

## 2 Kings 13:12-13

*J(eh)oash King of Israel Dies*

12 **Now** the rest of the acts of  
J\_oash, all that he did, and his might  
with which he fought against Amaziah  
king of Judah, are they not written  
in the Book of the Chronicles of the  
Kings of Israel? 13 So J\_oash rested  
with his fathers.

**Then** Jeroboam [II]

sat on his throne.

And J\_oash was buried in Samaria  
with the kings of Israel.

*[13:14-25 follows 12:21 above]*

# June 22

[14:17-22 follow Jonah]

[Audio: Steve Gregg 2Ki 13-14]

2 Kings 14:23-27

[moved up for chronology]

## Jeroboam (II) Reigns in Israel

23 ¶ In the fifteenth [15<sup>th</sup>] year of Amaziah the son of Joash, king of Judah, Jeroboam [“the people will contend”] the son of Joash, king of Israel, became king in Samaria, and reigned forty-one [41] years.

[Judah Year: 151-191, (825-785BC:) so 3180-3220AB: 2Ki 14:2||2Ch 25:1]

[Cf. Judah Kings || Israel Kings]

24 And he did evil in the sight of YHWH; he did not depart from all the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who had made Israel sin. 25

He restored the territory of Israel from the entrance of Hamath [“fortress”] to the Sea of the Arabah [the Dead Sea], according to the word of YHWH God of Israel [not recorded in Scripture], which He had spoken through His servant Jonah [“dove”] the son of Amittai [“my truth”], the prophet who was from Gath Hopher [“the winepress of digging”]; the minor prophet sent to Nineveh]. 26 For YHWH saw that the affliction of Israel was very bitter; and whether bond or free, there was no helper for Israel. 27 And YHWH did not say that He would blot out the name of Israel from under heaven; but [instead] He saved them by the hand of Jeroboam the son of Joash.

# Jonah

[Audio: Steve Gregg Jonah]

## Jonah 1

### YHWH Directs Jonah to Nineveh

1:1 ¶ Now the word of YHWH came to Jonah [“dove”] the son of Amittai [“my truth”], saying, 2

“Arise, go to Nineveh [“abode of ninus”], that great city, and cry out against it; for their wickedness has come up before Me.” 3

But Jonah arose to flee to Tarshish<sup>7</sup> [“yellow jasper”] from the presence of YHWH. He went down to Joppa [“beautiful”], and found a ship going to Tarshish; so he paid the fare, and went down into it, to go with them to Tarshish from the presence of YHWH.

### YHWH Sends a Great Wind

4 ¶ But YHWH sent out a great wind on the sea, and there was a mighty tempest on the sea, so that the ship was about to be broken up. 5 Then the mariners were afraid; and every man cried out to his god, and threw the cargo that was in the ship into the sea, to lighten the load. But Jonah had gone down into the lowest parts of the ship, had lain down, and was fast asleep. 6 So the captain came to him, and said to him, “What do you mean, sleeper?

Arise, call on your God; perhaps your God will consider us, so that we may not perish.” 7

And they said to one another,

<sup>7</sup> A city of the Phoenicians in a distant part of the Mediterranean Sea; site unknown but perhaps in Cyprus or Spain.

“Come, let us cast lots, that we may know for whose cause this trouble has come upon us.”

So they cast lots, and the lot fell on Jonah. 8 Then they said to him, “Please tell us!

For whose cause is this trouble upon us? What is your occupation? And where do you come from? What is your country? And of what people are you?” 9

So he said to them,

“I am a Hebrew; and

I fear YHWH,

the God of heaven,

who made the sea and the dry land

[Day 3: Ge 1:9].” 10

Then the men were exceedingly afraid, and said to him,

“Why have you done this?”

For the men knew that he fled from the presence of YHWH, because he had told them.

11 ¶ Then they said to him,

“What shall we do to you that the sea may be calm for us?”

— for the sea was growing more tempestuous. 12 And he said to them,

“Pick me up and throw me into the sea; then the sea will become calm for you.

For I know that this great tempest is because of me.” 13

Nevertheless the men rowed hard to return to land, but they could not, for the sea continued to grow more tempestuous against them. 14 Therefore they cried out to YHWH and said,

“We pray, O YHWH, please do not let us perish for this man’s life, and do not charge us with innocent blood; for You, O YHWH, have done as it pleased You.” 15

So they picked up Jonah and threw him into the sea, and the sea ceased from its raging. 16 Then the men feared YHWH exceedingly, and offered a sacrifice to YHWH and took vows. 17 Now YHWH had prepared a great fish to swallow Jonah. And Jonah was in the belly of the fish three [3] days and three [3] nights.

[Cf. Mt 12:38-42 || Lu 11:29-32]

## Jonah 2

### Jonah Reports Prayer from the Fish

2:1 ¶ Then Jonah prayed to YHWH his God from the fish’s belly. 2 And [later] he said:

“I cried out to YHWH

because of my affliction,

And He answered me.

Out of the belly of Sheol [the grave]

I cried, And [^ as good as dead]

You heard my voice. 3

For You cast me into the deep,

Into the heart of the seas,

And the floods surrounded me;

All Your billows and

Your waves

passed over me. 4

Then I said,

‘I have been cast out of Your sight;

Yet I will look again

toward Your holy temple.’ 5

The waters surrounded me,  
 even to my soul;  
 The deep closed around me;  
 Weeds were  
 wrapped around my head. 6  
 I went down to the moorings  
 of the mountains;  
 The land [earth] with its bars  
 closed behind me forever;  
 Yet You have brought up my life  
 from the pit, O YHWH, my God. 7  
 When my soul fainted within me,  
 I remembered YHWH;  
 And my prayer went up to You,  
 Into Your holy temple. 8  
 Those who regard worthless idols  
 Forsake their own Mercy. 9  
 But I will sacrifice to You  
 With the voice of thanksgiving;  
 I will pay what I have vowed.  
 Salvation is of YHWH.”

10 ¶ So YHWH spoke to the fish, and it vomited Jonah onto dry land.

### Jonah 3 Jonah Delivers the Message

3:1 ¶ Now the word of YHWH came to Jonah the second time, saying, 2  
 “Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and preach to it the message that I tell you.” 3

So Jonah arose and went to Nineveh, according to the word of YHWH. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly great city, a three-day journey in extent [exact meaning unknown; probably around?]. 4 And Jonah began to enter the city on the first day’s walk. Then he cried out and said,  
 “Yet forty [40] days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!”

5 ¶ So the people of Nineveh believed God, proclaimed a fast, and put on sackcloth, from the greatest to the least of them. 6 Then word came to the king of Nineveh; and he arose from his throne and laid aside his robe, covered himself with sackcloth and sat in ashes. 7 And he caused it to be proclaimed and published throughout Nineveh by the decree of the king and his nobles, saying,  
 “Let neither man nor beast, herd nor flock, taste anything; do not let them eat, or drink water. 8 But let man and beast be covered with sackcloth, and cry mightily to God; yes, let everyone turn from his evil way and from the violence that is in his hands. 9 Who can tell if God will turn and relent, and turn away from His fierce anger, so that we may not perish?” 10

Then God saw their works, that they turned from their evil way; and God relented from the disaster that He had said He would bring upon them, and He did not do it.

### Jonah 4 Jonah Unhappy That God Relented

4:1 ¶ But it displeased Jonah exceedingly, and he became angry. 2 So he prayed to YHWH, and said,  
 “Ah, YHWH, was not this what I said when I was still in my country? Therefore I fled previously to Tarshish; for I know that You are a gracious and merciful God, slow to anger and abundant in lovingkindness, One who relents from doing harm. 3 Therefore now, O YHWH, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live!” 4  
 Then YHWH said,  
 “Is it right for you to be angry?”

5 ¶ So Jonah went out of the city and sat on the east side of the city. There he made himself a shelter and sat under it in the shade, till he might see what would become of the city. 6 And

YHWH God prepared a plant [Hebrew kikayon: exact identity unknown] and made it come up over Jonah, that it might be shade for his head to deliver him from his misery. So Jonah was very grateful for the plant. 7 But as morning dawned the next day God prepared a worm, and it so damaged the plant that it withered. 8 And it happened, when the sun arose, that God prepared a vehement east wind; and the sun beat on Jonah’s head, so that he grew faint. Then he wished death for himself, and said [again],  
 “It is better for me to die than to live.” 9  
 Then God said to Jonah,  
 “Is it right for you to be angry about the plant?”

And he said,  
 “It is right for me to be angry, even to death!” 10  
 But YHWH said,  
 “You have had pity on the plant for which you have not labored, nor made it grow, which came up in a night and perished in a night. 11 And should I not pity Nineveh, that great city, in which are more than one hundred and twenty thousand [ >120,000 ] persons who cannot discern between their right hand and their left — and much livestock?”



[Audio: Steve Gregg 2Ki 13-14]

## 2 Kings 14:17-22 ||

[This column parallels the next:]

17 Amaziah the son of Joash, king of Judah, lived fifteen [15] years after the death of Jehoash the son of Jehoahaz, king of Israel. 18

[JudahYear:165 = so 3194 AB]

Now the rest of the acts of Amaziah, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Judah \_\_\_\_\_? 19 And

they formed a conspiracy against him in Jerusalem, and he fled to Lachish ["invincible"]; but they sent after him to Lachish and killed him there. 20 Then they brought him on horses and he was buried at Jerusalem with his fathers in the City of David.

21 And all the people of Judah took Azariah ["YHWH has helped"], who was sixteen [16] years old, and made him king instead of his father Amaziah.

22 He built Elath ["grove of lofty trees"] and restored it to Judah, after the king rested with his fathers.

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## 2 Chronicles 25:25-26:2

### Amaziah King of Judah Dies

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[JudahYear:165 = so 3194 AB]

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After the time that Amaziah turned away from following YHWH, they made a conspiracy against him in Jerusalem, and he fled to Lachish ["invincible"]; but they sent after him to Lachish and killed him there. 28 Then they brought him on horses and \_\_\_\_\_ buried him \_\_\_\_\_ with his fathers in the City of Judah.

26:1 ¶ Now all the people of Judah took Uzziah ["YHWH is my strength"], who was sixteen [16] years old, and made him king instead of his father Amaziah.

2 He built Elath ["grove of lofty trees"] and restored it to Judah, after the king rested with his fathers.

[14:28-29 precede 15:8 after Amos]

[Audio: Steve Gregg 2Ki 15-16 ^]

## 2 Kings 15:1-4 ||

[This column parallels the next:]

15:1 ¶ In the twenty-seventh [27<sup>th</sup>] year of Jeroboam king of Israel, Azariah ["YHWH has helped"] the son of Amaziah, king of Judah, became king. 2 He was sixteen [16] years old when he became king, and he reigned fifty-two [52] years in Jerusalem. [810 – 759 BC]

[JudahYear:166-217:

3195-3246AB: 2Ki 14:2||2Ch 25:1]

His mother's name was Jecholiah ["YHWH is able"] of Jerusalem. 3 And he did what was right in the sight of YHWH, according to all that his father Amaziah had done, 4 except that the high places were not removed; the people still sacrificed and burned incense on the high places. →

[Not the minor prophet Zechariah:]

## 2 Chronicles 26:3-4

[Azariah] Uzziah Reigns in Judah

[← 15<sup>th</sup> ???]

[Cf. Judah Kings // Israel Kings]

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[2Ki 15:5-7 follow 15:28 below]

## 2 Chronicles 26:5-15

5 He sought God in the days of Zechariah ["YHWH remembers"], who had understanding in the visions of God; and as long as he sought YHWH, God made him prosper.

6 Now he went out and made war against the Philistines, and broke down the wall of Gath ["winepress"], the wall of Jabneh ["building of God"], and the wall of Ashdod ["powerful"]; and he built cities around Ashdod and among the Philistines. 7 God helped him against the Philistines, against the Arabians who lived in Gur Baal ["Baal's dwelling"], and against the Meunites ["habitations"]. 8 Also the Ammonites brought tribute to Uzziah.

His fame spread as far as the entrance of Egypt, for he became exceedingly strong. 9 And Uzziah built towers in Jerusalem at the Corner Gate, at the Valley Gate, and at the corner buttress of the wall; then he fortified them. 10 Also he built towers in the desert. He dug many wells, for he had much livestock, both in the lowlands and in the plains; he also had farmers and vinedressers in the mountains and in Carmel, for he loved the soil [adamah].

[^ Hebrew]

11 Moreover Uzziah had an army of fighting men who went out to war by companies, according to the number on their roll as prepared by Jeiel ["God sweeps away"] the scribe and Maaseiah ["work of YHWH"] the officer, under the hand of Hananiah ["YHWH has favored"], one of the king's captains.

12 The total number of chief officers of the mighty men of valor was two thousand six hundred [2,600]. 13 And under their authority was an army of three hundred and seven thousand five hundred [307,500], that made war with mighty power, to help the king against the enemy. 14 Then Uzziah prepared for them, for the entire army, shields, spears, helmets, body armor, bows, and slings to cast stones. 15 And he made devices in Jerusalem,

invented by skillful men,

to be on the towers and the corners, to shoot arrows and large stones.

So his fame spread far and wide, for he was marvelously helped till he became strong.

[26:16-23 follows 2Ki 15:26 below]

## June 23

### Amos [Audio: S. G. Am 1-2]

**Amos 1** [prophesying at Bethel: 7:13] **The Prophecy of Amos**

1:1 ¶ The words of Amos ["burden"], who was among the sheepbreeders of Tekoa ["a stockade"], which he saw concerning Israel

in the days of Uzziah

king of Judah, and [↓ Jero. II]

in the days of Jeroboam the son of Joash,

king of Israel,

two [2] years before the earthquake.

[Cf. 7:11???, Zec 14:5:

~JudahYear:190, so ~3219 AB] 2

And he said: [^ ~786 BC]

"YHWH roars from Zion, And utters His voice from Jerusalem; The pastures of the shepherds mourn, And the top of Carmel withers."

#### Judgment on Israel's Neighbors

3 ¶ Thus says YHWH:

"For three transgressions of Damascus, and for four [3, even 4],

I will not turn away its punishment, Because they have threshed Gilead with implements of iron. 4 But I will send a fire into the house of Hazael,

Which shall devour the palaces of Ben-Hadad. 5 I will also break the gate bar of Damascus, And cut off the inhabitant from the Valley of Aven

["vanity"], And the one who holds the scepter from Beth Eden ["house of pleasure"]. The people of Syria shall go captive to Kir ["wall"; in Moab"],

Says YHWH. 6

Thus says YHWH:

"For three transgressions of the people of Ammon

["tribal"], and for four [3, 4],

I will not turn away its punishment, Because they ripped open the women

with child in Gilead ["rocky region"], That they might enlarge their territory. 14 But I will kindle a fire in the wall of Rabbah ["great"],

And it shall devour its palaces, Amid shouting in the day of battle, and A tempest in the day of the whirlwind. 15 Their king shall go into captivity, He and his princes together", Says YHWH.

7 But I will send a fire upon the wall of Gaza, Which shall devour its palaces. 8 I will cut off the inhabitant from Ashdod ["powerful"], And the one who holds the scepter from Ashkelon

["the fire of infamy: I shall be weighed"]; I will turn My hand against Ekron ["emigration" or "torn up by the roots"],

And the remnant of the Philistines shall perish", Says the Lord YHWH [Adonai YHWH]. 9

Thus says YHWH:

"For three transgressions of Tyre ["a rock"], and for four [3, no 4], I will not turn away its punishment,

Because they delivered up the whole captivity to Edom, And did not remember the covenant of brotherhood. 10 But I will send a fire upon the wall of Tyre,

Which shall devour its palaces." 11 Thus says YHWH:

"For three transgressions of Edom, and for four [3, even 4], I will not turn away its punishment,

Because he pursued his brother with the sword, And cast off all pity; His anger tore perpetually,

And he kept his wrath forever. 12 But I will send a fire upon Teman ["south"], Which shall devour the palaces of Bozrah ["sheepfold" / "fortress"]. 13

Thus says YHWH:

"For three transgressions of the people of Ammon

["tribal"], and for four [3, 4], I will not turn away its punishment, Because they ripped open the women

with child in Gilead ["rocky region"], That they might enlarge their territory. 14 But I will kindle a fire in the wall of Rabbah ["great"],

And it shall devour its palaces, Amid shouting in the day of battle, and A tempest in the day of the whirlwind. 15 Their king shall go into captivity,

He and his princes together", Says YHWH.

2:1 ¶ Thus says YHWH:

"For three transgressions of Moab, and for four [3, even 4], I will not turn away its punishment,

Because he burned the bones of the king of Edom to lime. 2 But I will send a fire upon Moab, And it shall devour the palaces of Kerioth ["cities"];

Moab shall die with tumult, With shouting and trumpet sound. 3

And I will cut off the judge from its midst,

And slay all its princes with him", Says YHWH.

#### Judgment on Judah and Israel

4 Thus says YHWH:

"For three transgressions of Judah, and for four [3, even 4], I will not turn away its punishment,

Because they have despised the law of YHWH, And have not kept His commandments.

Their lies lead them astray, Lies that their fathers followed. 5 But I will send a fire upon Judah,

And it shall devour the palaces of Jerusalem." 6

**Thus says YHWH:**  
 “For three transgressions of Israel,  
 and for four [3, even 4],  
 I will not turn away its punishment,  
 Because they sell the righteous for silver,  
 And the poor for a pair of sandals. 7  
 They pant after the dust of the land  
 [earth] that is on the head of the poor,  
 And pervert the way of the humble.  
 A man and his father go in to the same  
 girl, To defile My holy name. 8  
 They lie down by every altar  
 on clothes taken in pledge,  
 And drink the wine of the condemned  
 in the house of their god. 9¶  
 Yet it was I who destroyed the Amo-  
 rite before them, Whose height  
 was like the height of the cedars,  
 And he was as strong as the oaks;  
 Yet I destroyed his fruit above  
 And his roots beneath. 10  
 Also it was I who brought you up  
 from the land of Egypt,  
 And led you forty [40] years  
 through the wilderness,  
 To possess the land of the Amorite. 11  
 I raised up some of your sons  
 as prophets,  
 And some of your young men  
 as Nazirites  
 [“consecrated, devoted one”].  
 Is it not so, O you children of Israel?”  
 Says YHWH. 12  
 “But you gave the Nazirites wine to drink,  
 And commanded the prophets saying,  
 ‘Do not prophesy!’ 13  
 Behold, I am weighed down by you,  
 As a cart full of sheaves is  
 weighed down. 14 Therefore  
 Flight shall perish from the swift,  
 The strong shall not strengthen his power,

Nor shall the mighty  
 deliver himself; 15  
 He shall not stand  
 who handles the bow,  
 The swift of foot shall not escape,  
 Nor shall he who rides a horse  
 deliver himself. 16  
 The most courageous men of might  
 shall flee naked  
 in that day”,  
 Says YHWH.  
 3:1 ¶  
**Amos 3** [Audio: S. Gregg Am 3-9]  
 Hear this word that YHWH has spoken  
 against you, O children of Israel,  
 against the whole family  
 that I brought up  
 from the land of Egypt,  
 saying: 2  
 “You only have I known of  
 all the families of the lands [earth];  
 Therefore I will punish you for  
 all your iniquities.” 3  
**Witnesses Against All Guilty Israel**  
 Can two walk together,  
 unless they are agreed? 4  
 Will a lion roar in the forest,  
 when he has no prey?  
 Will a young lion cry out of his den,  
 if he has caught nothing? 5  
 Will a bird fall into a snare on the land  
 [earth], where there is no trap for it?  
 [better, both cases: the ground ↑]  
 Will a snare spring up from the land [earth],  
 if it has caught nothing at all? 6  
 If a trumpet is blown in a city,  
 will not the people be afraid?  
 If there is calamity in a city,  
 will not YHWH have done it? 7  
 Surely the Lord YHWH [Adonai YHWH]  
 does nothing, Unless He reveals His  
 secret to His servants the prophets. 8

A lion has roared!  
 Who will not fear?  
 The Lord YHWH [Adonai YHWH]  
 has spoken!  
 Who can but prophesy?  
 9 ¶  
 Proclaim in the palaces at Ashdod,  
 And in the palaces in the land of Egypt,  
 and say:  
 “Assemble on the mountains of Samaria;  
 See great tumults in her midst,  
 And the oppressed within her.” 10  
 “For they do not know to do right,”  
 Says YHWH,  
 “Who store up violence and robbery  
 in their palaces.” 11  
 Therefore thus says the Lord YHWH  
 [Adonai YHWH]:  
 “An adversary shall be all around the land;  
 He shall sap your strength from you,  
 And your palaces shall be plundered.” 12  
**Thus says YHWH:**  
 “As a shepherd takes  
 from the mouth of a lion  
 Two legs or a piece of an ear,  
 So shall the children of Israel  
 be taken out  
 Who dwell in Samaria —  
 In the corner of a bed and  
 on the edge of a couch! 13  
 Hear and testify  
 against the house of Jacob”,  
 Says the Lord YHWH [Adonai YHWH],  
 the God of hosts, 14  
 “That in the day I punish Israel  
 for their transgressions,  
 I will also visit destruction on  
 the altars of Bethel; And  
 The horns of the altar shall be cut off  
 And fall to the ground. 15  
 I will destroy  
 the winter house along with

the summer house;  
 The houses of ivory shall perish, and  
 The great houses shall have an end”,  
 Says YHWH.  
 4:1 ¶  
**Amos 4**  
**Israel's Failure to Learn**  
 Hear this word, you cows of Bashan,  
 Who are on the mountain of Samaria,  
 Who oppress the poor,  
 Who crush the needy,  
 Who say to your husbands,  
 “Bring wine, let us drink!” 2  
 The Lord YHWH [Adonai YHWH]  
 has sworn by His holiness:  
 “Behold, the days shall come upon you  
 When He will take  
 you away with fishhooks, and  
 your posterity with fishhooks. 3  
 You will go out through broken walls,  
 Each one straight ahead of her, and  
 You will be cast into Harmon  
 [“high fortress”],  
 Says YHWH. 4  
 “Come to Bethel and transgress,  
 At Gilgal multiply transgression;  
 Bring your sacrifices every morning,  
 Your tithes every three [3] days. 5  
 Offer a sacrifice  
 of thanksgiving with leaven,  
 Proclaim and announce  
 the freewill offerings;  
 For this you love,  
 you children of Israel!”  
 Says the Lord YHWH [Adonai YHWH].  
 6 ¶  
 “Also I gave you cleanness of teeth  
 in all your cities.  
 And lack of bread in all your places;  
 Yet you have not returned to Me”,  
 Says YHWH. 7

“I also withheld rain from you,  
 When *there were still*  
 three [3] months to the harvest.  
 I made it rain on one city,  
 I withheld rain from another city.  
 One part was rained upon, And where  
 it did not rain the part withered. 8  
 So two or three cities wandered to  
 another city to drink water,  
 But they were not satisfied;  
 Yet you have not returned to Me”,  
 Says YHWH. 9

“I blasted you with blight and mildew.  
 When your gardens increased —  
 Your vineyards,  
 Your fig trees, and  
 Your olive trees —  
 The locust devoured them;  
 Yet you have not returned to Me”,  
 Says YHWH. 10

“I sent among you a plague  
 after the manner of Egypt;  
 Your young men I killed with a sword,  
 Along with your captive horses;  
 I made the stench of your camps come  
 up into your nostrils;  
 Yet you have not returned to Me”,  
 Says YHWH. 11

“I overthrew some of you, As God  
 overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah,  
 And you were like a firebrand  
 plucked from the burning;  
 Yet you have not returned to Me”,  
 Says YHWH. 12

“Therefore thus will I do to you,  
 O Israel;  
 Because I will do this to you,  
 Prepare to meet your God,  
 O Israel!” 13

For behold, He  
 Who forms mountains, and  
 creates the wind [breath/spirit],  
 Who declares to man  
 what his thought is, and  
 makes the morning darkness,  
 Who treads the high places  
 of the land [earth] —  
 YHWH, God of hosts, is His name.  
 5:1 ¶  
**Amos 5**  
**A Call to Repentance**  
 Hear this word  
 that I take up against you,  
 a lamentation,  
 O house of Israel: 2  
 The virgin of Israel has fallen;  
 She will rise no more.  
 She lies forsaken on her land;  
 There is no one to raise her up. 3  
 For thus says the Lord YHWH  
 [Adonai YHWH]:

“The city that goes out by a thousand  
 Shall have a hundred left, and  
 That which goes out by a hundred  
 Shall have ten left  
 To the house of Israel.”  
 4 ¶  
 For thus says YHWH  
 To the house of Israel:  
 “Seek Me and live; 5 but  
 Do not seek Bethel,  
 Nor enter Gilgal,  
 Nor pass over to Beersheba;  
 For Gilgal shall surely  
 go into captivity,  
 And Bethel shall  
 come to nothing. 6  
 Seek YHWH and live,

Lest He  
 break out like fire  
 in the house of Joseph, and  
 devour it,  
 With no one to quench it in Bethel —7  
 You who [↓ bitterness]  
 turn justice to wormwood, and  
 lay righteousness to rest in the land  
 [earth] [the land of Israel]!” 8

He made the Pleiades and Orion;  
 He turns the shadow of death  
 into morning, and  
 makes the day dark as night;  
 He calls for [cf. 9:6b]  
 the waters of the sea, and  
 pours them out on  
 the face of the land [earth];  
 YHWH is His name. 9  
 He rains ruin upon the strong, So that  
 fury comes upon the fortress. 10  
 They hate the one  
 who rebukes in the gate, and  
 They abhor the one  
 who speaks uprightly. 11  
 Therefore, because you  
 tread down the poor and  
 take grain taxes from him,  
 Though you have built  
 houses of hewn stone, yet  
 You shall not dwell in them;  
 You have planted pleasant vineyards,  
 but  
 You shall not drink wine from them.12  
 For I know  
 your manifold transgressions and  
 your mighty sins:  
 Afflicting the just and taking bribes;  
 Diverting the poor from justice  
 at the gate. 13

Therefore  
 the prudent keep silent at that time.  
 For it is an evil time. 14  
 Seek good and not evil,  
 That you may live;  
 So YHWH God of hosts will be with you,  
 As you have spoken. 15  
 Hate evil, love good;  
 Establish justice in the gate.  
 It may be that YHWH God of hosts  
 Will be gracious  
 to the remnant of Joseph.  
 16 ¶  
 Therefore YHWH God of hosts,  
 the Lord, says this:  
 “There shall be wailing  
 in all streets, and  
 They shall say  
 in all the highways,  
 ‘Alas! Alas!’  
 They shall call  
 the farmer to mourning, and  
 skillful lamenters to wailing. 17  
 In all vineyards  
 There shall be wailing,  
 For I will pass through you”,  
 Says YHWH.  
 18  
**Warning of Coming Woes**  
 Woe to you who desire  
 the day of YHWH!  
 For what good is  
 the day of YHWH to you?  
 It will be darkness and not light. 19  
 It will be as though  
 a man fled from a lion, and  
 a bear met him!  
 Or as though  
 he went into the house,  
 leaned his hand on the wall, and  
 a serpent bit him! 20

Is not the day of Y<sup>HWH</sup>  
darkness  
and not light?  
Is it not very dark,  
with no brightness in it?

21 ¶  
“I hate, I despise your feast days, And  
I do not savor your sacred assemblies. 22

Though you offer Me  
burnt offerings and  
your grain offerings,  
I will not accept them,  
Nor will I regard  
your fattened peace offerings. 23

Take away from Me  
the noise of your songs,  
For I will not hear the melody of  
your stringed instruments. 24  
But let

Justice run down like water, and  
Righteousness like a mighty stream. 25  
[Quoted by Stephen in Ac7:42-43 ]

Did you offer Me sacrifices and offerings  
In the wilderness forty [40] years,  
O house of Israel? 26

You also carried  
Sikkuth<sup>8</sup> your king and  
Chiun<sup>9</sup>, [ESV, RSV: your star-god,]  
your idols, [^ reordered phrases]  
The star of your gods,  
Which you made for yourselves. 27

Therefore  
I will send you into captivity  
beyond Damascus”,

Says Y<sup>HWH</sup>,  
whose name is the God of hosts.

<sup>8</sup> “tent”; a Babylonian deity

<sup>9</sup> “an image” or “pillar”; probably a statue  
of the Assyrian-Babylonian god of the plan-  
et Saturn and used to symbolize Israelite  
apostasy

6:1 ¶

## Amos 6

Woe to you *who are* at ease in Zion  
[“parched place”, i.e. Jerusalem],  
And trust in Mount Samaria  
[“watch mountain”],

Notable persons in the chief nation,  
To whom the house of Israel comes! 2  
Go over to

Calneh [“fortress of Anu”]  
[Assyria] and see;

And from there go to  
Hamath [“fortress”] the great  
[Syria];

Then go down to  
Gath [“winepress”] of the Philistines  
[Philistia].

Are you better than these kingdoms?  
Or is their territory greater than  
your territory? 3

Woe to you  
Who put far off the day of doom,  
Who cause the seat of violence to  
come near; 4

Who lie on beds of ivory,  
Stretch out on your couches,  
Eat lambs from the flock And  
calves from the midst of the stall; 5

Who sing idly to the sound of  
stringed instruments,  
And invent for yourselves  
musical instruments like David; 6

Who drink wine from bowls, And  
anoint yourselves with the best  
ointments, But are not grieved for  
the affliction of Joseph. 7

Therefore  
they shall now go captive  
as the first of the captives, And  
those who recline at banquets  
shall be removed.

8 ¶

The Lord Y<sup>HWH</sup> [Adonai Y<sup>HWH</sup>]  
has sworn by Himself,  
Y<sup>HWH</sup>, God of hosts, says:

“I abhor the pride of Jacob, and  
hate his palaces;

Therefore  
I will deliver up  
the city and  
all that is in it.” 9

Then it shall come to pass,  
that if ten men remain in one house,  
they shall die. 10

And when a relative of the dead,  
with one who will burn the bodies,  
picks up the bodies

to take them out of the house,  
he will say to one inside the house,  
“Are there any more with you?”

Then someone will say,  
“None.”

And he will say,  
“Hold your tongue!  
For we dare not mention  
the name of Y<sup>HWH</sup>.” 11

For behold,  
Y<sup>HWH</sup> gives a command:  
He will break  
the great house into bits, and  
the little house into pieces. 12

Do horses run on rocks?  
Does one plow there with oxen?  
Yet you have turned

justice  
into gall, and  
the fruit of righteousness  
into wormwood, 13

You who rejoice over  
Lo Debar [“no word”],

Who say,

“Have we not taken Karnaim  
[“horns”, as “of strength”,  
thus strongholds]  
for ourselves  
By our own strength?” 14

“But, behold, I will raise up a nation  
against you, O house of Israel”,  
Says Y<sup>HWH</sup>, God of hosts,  
“And they will afflict you  
From the entrance of Hamath  
[“fortress”, north]  
To the Valley of the Arabah  
[“desert plain”, south].”

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7:1 ¶ [Audio: S. Gregg [Am 3-9](#)]

### Amos 7

#### Vision of Locusts

Thus the Lord Y<sup>HWH</sup> [Adonai Y<sup>HWH</sup>]  
showed me:

Behold, He formed locust swarms at  
the beginning of the late crop;  
indeed it was

the late crop after the king’s mowings. 2  
And so it was,

when they had finished  
eating the grass of the land,  
that I said:

“O Lord Y<sup>HWH</sup> [Adonai Y<sup>HWH</sup>],  
forgive, I pray!  
Oh, that Jacob may stand,  
For he is small!” 3

So Y<sup>HWH</sup> relented concerning this.  
“It shall not be”,  
said Y<sup>HWH</sup>. 4

### Vision of Fire

Thus the Lord Y<sup>HWH</sup> [Adonai Y<sup>HWH</sup>] showed me:

Behold, the Lord Y<sup>HWH</sup> [Adonai Y<sup>HWH</sup>] called for conflict by fire, and it consumed the great deep and devoured the territory. 5 Then I said:

“O Lord Y<sup>HWH</sup> [Adonai Y<sup>HWH</sup>], cease, I pray! Oh, that Jacob may stand, For he is small!” 6

So Y<sup>HWH</sup> relented concerning this.

“This also shall not be”, said the Lord Y<sup>HWH</sup> [Adonai Y<sup>HWH</sup>].

7

### Vision of a Plumb Line

Thus He showed me:

Behold, the Lord stood on a wall made with a plumb line, with a plumb line in His hand. 8

And Y<sup>HWH</sup> said to me,

“Amos, what do you see?”

And I said,

“A plumb line.”

Then the Lord said:

“Behold, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of My people Israel; I will not pass by them anymore. 9

The high places of Isaac

shall be desolate, and

The sanctuaries of Israel

shall be laid waste.

I will rise with the sword

against the house of Jeroboam

[“the people will contend”].”

10 ¶

### Amaziah the Priest Rebukes Amos

Then Amaziah [“Y<sup>HWH</sup> is mighty”] the priest of Bethel

sent to Jeroboam king of Israel, saying,

“Amos has conspired against you in the midst of the house of Israel. The land is not able to bear all his words. 11

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For thus Amos has said:

‘Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel shall surely be led away captive

From their own land.’” 12

Then Amaziah said to Amos:

“Go, you seer!

Flee to the land of Judah.

There eat bread, and

There prophesy. 13 But

Never again prophesy at Bethel,

For it is the king’s sanctuary,

And it is the royal residence.” 14

Then Amos answered,

and said to Amaziah:

“I was no prophet, Nor was I a son of a prophet, But

I was a sheepbreeder and a tender of sycamore fruit. 15

Then Y<sup>HWH</sup> took me

as I followed the flock,

And Y<sup>HWH</sup> said to me,

‘Go, prophesy to My people Israel.’ 16

Now therefore,

hear the word of Y<sup>HWH</sup>:

You say,

‘Do not prophesy

against Israel, and

Do not spout

against the house of Isaac.’ 17

Therefore thus says Y<sup>HWH</sup>:

‘Your wife

shall be a harlot in the city;

Your sons and daughters

shall fall by the sword;

Your land

shall be divided by survey line;

You

shall die in a defiled land; and

Israel [Done by Assyria: 2Ki 18:10-12]

shall surely be led away captive

from his own land.’”

8:1 ¶

### Amos 8

#### Vision of Ripe Fruit

Thus the Lord Y<sup>HWH</sup> [Adonai Y<sup>HWH</sup>] showed me:

Behold, a basket of summer fruit. 2

And He said,

“Amos, what do you see?”

So I said,

“A basket of summer fruit.”

Then Y<sup>HWH</sup> said to me:

“The end has come

upon My people Israel;

I will not pass by them anymore. 3

And the songs of the temple

shall be wailing in that day”,

Says the Lord Y<sup>HWH</sup> [Adonai Y<sup>HWH</sup>] —

“Many dead bodies everywhere,

They shall be thrown out in silence.”

4 ¶

Hear this, you who

swallow up the needy, and

make the poor of the land fail, 5

Saying:

“When will the New Moon be past,

That we may sell grain?

And the Sabbath,

That we may trade wheat?

Making

the ephah small and

the shekel large,

Falsifying the scales by deceit, 6

That we may buy

the poor for silver, and

the needy for a pair of sandals —

Even sell the bad wheat?” 7

Y<sup>HWH</sup> has sworn

by the pride of Jacob:

“Surely

I will never forget any of their works. 8

Shall the land not tremble for this, and

everyone mourn who dwells in it?

All of it shall swell

Like the River,

Heave and subside

Like the River of Egypt. 9

And it shall come to pass in that day”,

says the Lord Y<sup>HWH</sup> [Adonai Y<sup>HWH</sup>],

“That

I will make the sun go down

at noon, and

I will darken the land [earth]

in broad daylight; 10

I will turn

your feasts into mourning, and all

your songs into lamentation;

I will bring

sackcloth on every waist, and

baldness on every head;

I will make it

like mourning for an only son,

and its end

like a bitter day.

11 ¶

“Behold, the days are coming”,

says the Lord Y<sup>HWH</sup> [Adonai Y<sup>HWH</sup>],

“That I will send

a famine on the land, Not

a famine of bread, Nor

a thirst for water, But

[a famine] of hearing

the words of Y<sup>HWH</sup>. 12

They shall wander

from sea to sea, and

from north to east;

They shall run to and fro,

seeking the word of Y<sup>HWH</sup>, but

shall not find it. 13

In that day

the fair virgins and strong young men

shall faint from thirst. 14

Those who swear by the sin of Samaria,

Who say,

‘As your god lives, O Dan!’ and,

‘As the way of Beersheba lives!’

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They shall fall and never rise again.”

9:1 ¶

## Amos 9

### Vision of God at the Altar

I saw the Lord standing by the altar,  
and He said:

“Strike the doorposts,  
that the thresholds may shake, and  
Break them on the heads of them all.  
I will slay the last of them with the sword.  
He who flees from them

shall not get away, and  
He who escapes from them  
shall not be delivered. 2

Though they dig into hell  
[Sheol: the grave, the pit],

From there my hand shall take them;

Though they climb up to heaven,

From there

I will bring them down; 3 and

Though they hide themselves  
on top of Carmel,

From there

I will search and take them;

Though they hide from My sight  
at the bottom of the sea,

From there

I will command the serpent,

And it shall bite them; 4

Though they go into captivity  
before their enemies,

From there

I will command the sword,

And it shall slay them.

I will set My eyes on them  
for harm and not for good.” 5

The Lord YHWH [Adonai YHWH]

of hosts,

He who touches the land [earth] and  
it melts, and

all who dwell there mourn;

all of it shall swell

like the River, and subside

like the River of Egypt. 6

He who

builds His layers in the sky, and  
has founded His strata in the land

[earth];

Who calls for [cf. 5:8b]

the waters of the sea, and

pours them out on

the face of the land [earth] —

YHWH is His name. 7

“Are you not like [special?]

the people of Ethiopia to Me,

O children of Israel?”

says YHWH.

“Did I not bring up

Israel from the land of Egypt,

The Philistines from Caphtor, and

The Syrians from Kir? 8

Behold, the eyes of the Lord YHWH

[Adonai YHWH]

are on the sinful kingdom, and

I will destroy it

from the face of the land [earth];

Yet I will not

utterly destroy the house of Jacob”;

Says YHWH. 9

“For surely I

will command, and

will sift the house of Israel

among all nations,

as grain is sifted in a sieve;

Yet not the smallest grain

shall fall to the ground. 10

All the sinners of My people

shall die by the sword,

Who say,

“The calamity shall

not overtake

nor confront us.’

11 ¶

## Promise of Restoration

[vv11-12 Quoted by James: Ac 15:16-17]

On that day

I will [i.e., kingdom]

raise up the tabernacle of David,

which has fallen down, and

repair its damages;

I will

raise up its ruins, and

rebuild it as in the days of old; 12

That they may possess

the remnant of Edom and

all the Gentiles

who are called by My name”;

Says YHWH who does this thing. 13

“Behold, the days are coming”;

says YHWH,

“When

the plowman shall overtake the reaper,

And

the trader of grapes him who sows seed;

the mountains shall drip with sweet wine,

And

all the hills shall flow with it. 14

I will bring back

the captives of My people Israel;

They shall

build the waste cities and

[re-]inhabit them;

They shall

plant vineyards and

drink wine from them;

They shall also

make gardens and

eat fruit from them. 15

I will plant them in their land, and

No longer shall they be pulled up

From the land I have given them”;

Says YHWH your God.

[Audio: Steve Gregg 2Ki 13-14]

## 2 Kings 14:28-29

[moved from above]

### Jeroboam [II] King of Israel Dies

28 Now the rest of the acts of Jeroboam,  
and all that he did —

his might,

how he made war, and

how he recaptured for Israel,

from Damascus and Hamath

[“fortress”],

what had belonged to Judah —

are they not written in the Book of the  
Chronicles of the Kings of Israel? 29

So Jeroboam rested with his fathers,  
the kings of Israel. Then Zechariah  
his son reigned in his place.

[2Ki 15:1-4 follow 14:22 above]

[2Ki 15:5-7 follow 15:28 below]

[Audio: Steve Gregg 2Ki 15-16]

## 2 Kings 15:8-26

### Zechariah Reigns in Israel

8 ¶ In the thirty-eighth [38<sup>th</sup>] year of  
Azariah king of Judah, Zechariah  
[“YHWH remembers”] the son of

Jeroboam [II] reigned over Israel  
in Samaria six [6] months. 9

[JudahYear:203: (773 BC.)

3232 AB: 2Ki 15:2 || 2Ch 26:3]

[Cf. Judah Kings || Israel Kings]

And he did evil in the sight of YHWH, as  
his fathers had done; he did not depart  
from the sins of Jeroboam the son of  
Nebat, who had made Israel sin. 10 Then  
Shallum the son of Jabesh conspired  
against him, and struck and killed him  
in front of the people [i.e., publically  
(so Zechariah must have been very un-  
popular)]; and he reigned in his place.

<sup>11</sup> Now the rest of the acts of Zechariah, indeed they are written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Israel. <sup>12</sup> This was the word of YHWH that He spoke to Jehu [10:30], saying, “Your sons shall sit on the throne of Israel to the fourth [4<sup>th</sup>] generation.” [Jehu → Jehoahaz → J(eh)oash → Jeroboam (II) → Zechariah] And so it was.

### Shallum Reigns in Israel

<sup>13</sup> Shallum [“retribution”] the son of Jabesh [“dry”] became king in the thirty-ninth [39<sup>th</sup>] year of Uzziah [“my strength is YHWH”; aka Azariah: v17] king of Judah; and he reigned a full month [1 mo.] in Samaria. <sup>14</sup> [JudahYear:204: (772 BC:) 3233 AB: 2Ki 15:2 || 2Ch 26:3] For Menahem [“comforter”] the son of Gadi [“my fortune”] went up from Tirzah [“favorable”], came to Samaria, and struck Shallum the son of Jabesh in Samaria and killed him; and he reigned in his place. <sup>15</sup> Now the rest of the acts of Shallum, and the conspiracy that he led, indeed they are written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Israel.

### Menahem Reigns in Israel

<sup>16</sup> Then from Tirzah, Menahem attacked Tiphshah [“crossover”; perhaps on the Euphrates River; no map], all who were there, and its territory. Because they did not surrender, therefore he attacked it. All the women there who were with child he ripped open. <sup>17</sup> In the thirty-ninth [39<sup>th</sup>] year of Azariah king of Judah, Menahem the son of Gadi became king over Israel, and reigned ten [10] years in Samaria. <sup>18</sup> [JudahYear: 204-213: (772-763BC:) 3233-3242AB: 2Ki 15:2 || 2Ch 26:3] And he did evil in the sight of YHWH; he did not depart all his days from the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who had made Israel sin.

<sup>19</sup> Pul [“distinguishing”; aka Ashur-Dan III in Assyrian records] king of Assyria came against the land; and Menahem gave Pul a thousand [1,000] talents of silver<sup>10</sup>, that his hand might be with him to strengthen the kingdom under his control. <sup>20</sup> And Menahem exacted the money from Israel, from all the very wealthy, from each man fifty [50] shekels of silver<sup>11</sup>, to give to the king of Assyria. So the king of Assyria turned back, and did not stay there in the land.

[Cf. [Judah Kings](#) || [Israel Kings](#)]

<sup>10</sup> 1,000 x 60 lb x 16/oz/lb x ~\$10.80 = ~\$10,368,000 in 2008 dollars.

<sup>11</sup> A silver shekel may have been ~1/60<sup>th</sup> of a pound, so 16/60 x ~\$10.80 = \$2.88, so 50 shekels = ~\$144, in 2008 dollars, so 72,000 “very wealthy” men were taxed.

### Menahem King of Israel Dies

<sup>21</sup> Now the rest of the acts of Menahem, and all that he did, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Israel? <sup>22</sup> So Menahem rested with his fathers. Then Pekahiah his son reigned in his place.

### Pekahiah Reigns in Israel

<sup>23</sup> In the fiftieth [50<sup>th</sup>] year of Azariah king of Judah, Pekahiah [“YHWH sees”] the son of Menahem became king over Israel in Samaria, and reigned two [2] years. <sup>24</sup>

[JudahYear:215-216: (761-760BC:) 3244-3245AB: 2Ki 15:2 || 2Ch 26:3] And he did evil in the sight of YHWH; he did not depart from the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who had made Israel sin. <sup>25</sup> Then Pekah the son of Remaliah, an officer of his, conspired against him and killed him in Samaria, in the citadel of the king’s house, along with

Argob [“heap of clods”] and Arieah [“lion”]; and with him were fifty [50] men of Gilead. He killed him and reigned in his place. <sup>26</sup> Now the rest of the acts of Pekahiah, and all that he did, indeed they are written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Israel.

[Oops, 762 BC lost above?  
No king for that year?]

[Meanwhile, in Judah:]

### 2 Chronicles 26:16-20a Proud Uzziah Transgresses

<sup>16</sup> But when he [King Uzziah, aka Azariah] was strong his heart was lifted up, to his destruction, for he transgressed against YHWH his God by entering the temple of YHWH to burn incense on the altar of incense. <sup>17</sup> So Azariah the priest went in after him, and with him were eighty [80] priests of YHWH — valiant men. <sup>18</sup> And they withstood King Uzziah, and said to him, “It is not for you, Uzziah, to burn incense to YHWH, but for the priests, the sons of Aaron, who are consecrated to burn incense. Get out of the sanctuary, for you have trespassed! You shall have no honor from YHWH God.” <sup>19</sup> Then Uzziah became furious; and he had a censer in his hand to burn incense. And while he was angry with the priests, leprosy broke out on his forehead, before the priests in the house of YHWH, beside the incense altar. <sup>20a</sup> And Azariah the chief priest and all the priests looked at him, and there, on his forehead, he was leprous; so they thrust him out of that place.



[This column parallels the next:]

2 Kings 15:5-7 ||

5 Then YHWH struck the king, so that he \_\_\_\_\_ was a leper until the day of his death;

so he dwelt in an isolated house.

[A period of pro-/co-regency]

And Jotham ["perfect is YHWH"] the king's son was over the king's house, judging the people of the land.

6 Now the rest of the acts of Azariah, and all that he did, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Judah? 7

So Azariah rested with his fathers, and they buried him with his fathers in the City of David.

Then Jotham his son reigned in his place.

[2Ki 15:8-28 follow 14:29 above]

2 Chronicles 26:20b-23

20b Indeed he also hurried to get out, because YHWH had struck him. 21 King Uzziah was a leper until the day of his death.

He dwelt in an isolated house, because he was a leper; for he was cut off from the house of YHWH.

[A period of pro-/co-regency]

Then Jotham ["perfect is YHWH"] his son was over the king's house, judging the people of the land.

[Azariah] Uzziah Dies

22 Now the rest of the acts of Uzziah, from first to last, the prophet Isaiah the son of Amoz ["strong"] wrote. 23

So Uzziah rested with his fathers, and they buried him with his fathers in the field of burial

that belonged to the kings, for they said,

"He is a leper."

Then Jotham his son reigned in his place.

[27:1-6 follows 2Ki 15:32-35 below]

[Next two columns NOT parallel:]

[Audio: Steve Gregg Is 3-6]

Isaiah 6

[Isaiah 1-5]

Vision of YHWH: Commission of Isaiah

6:1 ¶ In the year that King Uzziah died, [JudahYear:217: (759 BC:)] so 3246AB: 2Ki 15:1||2Ch 26:3]

I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lifted up, and the train of His robe filled the temple. 2 Above it stood seraphim [ordinary meaning:

"(fiery, i.e., poisonous) serpents"; cf. Nu 21:6 – same word];

each one had six [6] wings:

with two [2] he covered his face,

with two [2] he covered his feet, and

with two [2] he flew. 3

And one cried to another and said:

"Holy, holy, holy is YHWH of hosts; The whole land [earth] is full of His glory!" 4 [Holy x3: emphasis.]

And the posts of the door were shaken by the voice of him who cried out, and the house was filled with smoke.

5 ¶ So I said:

"Woe is me, for I am undone!

Because I am a man of unclean lips,

And I dwell in the midst of

a people of unclean lips;

For my eyes have seen

the King, YHWH of hosts." 6

Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a live coal that he had taken with the tongs from the altar.

7 And he touched my mouth with it, and said:

"Behold, this has touched your lips;

Your iniquity is taken away, and

Your sin purged." 8

[Sin purged by the holy seed →]

Also I heard the voice of the Lord

["Adonai"], saying:

"Whom shall I send, and

Who will go for Us?"

Then I said,

"Here am I! Send me."

9 ¶ And He said,

[vv9-10 Quoted by Paul: Ac 28:26-27]

"Go, and tell this people:

'Keep on hearing,

but do not understand;

Keep on seeing,

but do not perceive.' 10

Make the heart of this people dull,

And their ears heavy,

And shut their eyes;

Lest they see with their eyes,

And hear with their ears,

And understand with their heart,

And return [to Me] and be healed." 11

John 12:41 [referring to v.10, ~quoted]

These things Isaiah said when he saw His glory and spoke of Him.

Then I said,

"Lord, how long [will they do so]?"

And He answered:

"Until the cities are

laid waste and without inhabitant,

The houses are without a man,

The land is utterly desolate, 12

YHWH has removed men far away,

And the forsaken places are many

in the midst of the land. 13

But yet a tenth [remnant] will be in it,

[↓ good grapes]

And will return and be for consuming,

As a terebinth tree or as an oak,

Whose stump remains

when it is cut down.

So the holy seed shall be its stump."

[Isaiah 7 follows 2Ch 28:15 below.]

[Audio: Steve Gregg [2Ki 15-16](#)]

## 2 Kings 15:27-29

### *Pekah Reigns in Israel*

27 In the fifty-second [52<sup>nd</sup>] year of Azariah king of Judah, Pekah [“opened”] the son of Remaliah [“Y<sup>HWH</sup>-protected”] became king over Israel in Samaria, and reigned twenty [20] years. 28

[JudahYear:217-236: (759-740 BC:) 3246-3265AB: [2Ki 15:2](#) | [2Ch 26:3](#)]

And he did evil in the sight of Y<sup>HWH</sup>; he did not depart from the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who had made Israel sin.

[Cf. [Judah Kings](#) // [Israel Kings](#)]

### *Tiglath-Pileser King of Assyria*

#### *Takes Some of Israel*

29 In the days of Pekah king of Israel, Tiglath-Pileser [“you who uncover the wonderful bond”]; his reign began near the end of Pekah’s reign] king of Assyria [possibly before he became king] came and took

[Ijon](#) [“a ruin”],

[Abel Beth Maachah](#) [“meadow of the house of Maachah”],

[Janoah](#) [“he rests”],

[Kedesh](#) [“holy place”],

[Hazor](#) [“castle”],

[Gilead](#) [“rocky region”], and

[Galilee](#) [“circuit, district”],

all the land of Naphtali; and he carried them captive to Assyria.

[15:30,31 precede 17:1 below]

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### 2 Kings 15:32-35 ||

32 ¶ In the second [2<sup>nd</sup>] year of Pekah the son of Remaliah, king of Israel, Jotham [“Y<sup>HWH</sup> is perfect”] the son of Uzziah, king of Judah, began to reign.

33 He was twenty-five [25] years old when he became king, and he reigned sixteen [16] years in Jerusalem.

[JudahYear:218-233: (758-743BC:) 3247-3262AB: [2Ki 15:27](#)]

His mother’s name was Jerusha [“dispossessor”] the daughter of Zadok [“righteous”]. 34 And he did what was right in the sight of Y<sup>HWH</sup>; he did according to all that his father Uzziah had done.

35 However the high places were not removed; the people still sacrificed and burned incense on the high places. He built the Upper Gate of the house of Y<sup>HWH</sup>.

[100 x 60 lb x 16/oz/lb x ~\$10.80 = ~\$1,036,800 in 2008 dollars. →  
kor: a dry measure, 6.25 bushels, →  
so 10,000 kors = 62,500 bushels]

[This column parallels the prior.]

### 2 Chronicles 27:1-6

#### *Jotham Reigns in Judah*

27:1 ¶ Jotham [“Y<sup>HWH</sup> is perfect”]

was twenty-five [25] years old when he became king, and he reigned sixteen [16] years in Jerusalem.

[JudahYear:218-233: (758-743BC:) 3247-3262AB: [2Ki 15:27](#)]

His mother’s name was Jerushah [“dispossessor”] the daughter of Zadok [“righteous”]. 2 And he did what was right in the sight of Y<sup>HWH</sup>, — according to all that his father Uzziah had done (although he did not enter the temple of Y<sup>HWH</sup>).

#### But

still the people acted corruptly. 3

He built the Upper Gate of the house of Y<sup>HWH</sup>, and he built extensively on the wall of Ophel [“hill”; in Jerusalem, fortified for defense]. 4 Moreover he built cities in the mountains of Judah, and in the forests he built fortresses and towers. 5 He also fought with the king of the Ammonites and defeated them. And the people of Ammon gave him in that year one hundred [100] talents of silver, ten thousand [10,000] kors of wheat, and ten thousand [10,000 kors] of barley. The people of Ammon paid this to him in the second and third years also. 6 So Jotham became mighty, because he prepared his ways before Y<sup>HWH</sup> his God.

## Micah 1

Micah 1 [Audio: Steve Gregg [Micah](#)]

### *The Prophecy of Micah*

1:1 ¶ The word of Y<sup>HWH</sup> that came to Micah [“who is like (God)”] of Moresheth [“possession”] in the days of Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah, which he saw concerning Samaria and Jerusalem:

2 Hear, all you peoples! [Land of Israel] Listen, O land [earth], and all that is in it!

Let the Lord Y<sup>HWH</sup> [Adonai Y<sup>HWH</sup>]

be a witness against you,

The Lord from His holy temple. 3

For behold,

Y<sup>HWH</sup> is coming out of His place;

He will come down And tread on the high places of the land [earth]. 4

The mountains will melt under Him,

And the valleys will split

Like wax before the fire,

Like waters poured down a steep place. 5

All this is for the transgression of Jacob And for the sins of the house of Israel.

What is the transgression of Jacob?

Is it not Samaria? And

What are the high places of Judah?

Are they not Jerusalem?

6

“Therefore I will make Samaria

a heap of ruins in the field,

Places for planting a vineyard;

I will pour down her stones

into the valley, and

I will uncover her foundations. 7

All her carved images

shall be beaten to pieces, and

All her pay as a harlot

shall be burned with the fire;

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[Micah 1 continues above the line:]

All her idols I will lay desolate,  
For she gathered it from  
the pay of a harlot,  
And they shall return to  
the pay of a harlot.”

8 ¶ Therefore  
I will wail and howl,  
I will go stripped and naked;  
I will make  
a wailing like the dragons  
[jackals] [dinosaurs] And  
a mourning like the ostriches, 9

For her wounds are incurable.  
For it has come to Judah;  
It has come  
to the gate of my people —  
To Jerusalem. 10  
Tell it not in Gath [“winepress”],  
Weep not at all; [↵no map]  
In Beth Aphrah [“house of dust”]  
Roll yourself in the dust. 11  
Pass by in naked shame,  
you inhabitant of Shaphir [“fair”];  
The inhabitant of Zaanan [“pointed”]  
does not go out.  
Beth Ezel [“house of narrowing”]  
mourns;

Its place to stand  
is taken away from you. 12  
For the inhabitant of Maroth  
[“bitterness”] pined for good,  
But disaster came down from YHWH  
To the gate of Jerusalem. 13  
O inhabitant of Lachish [“invincible”],  
Harness the chariot to the swift steeds  
(She was the beginning of sin to the  
daughter of Zion [“parched place”]),  
For the transgressions of Israel  
were found in you. 14  
Therefore you shall give presents  
to Moresheth Gath  
[“possession of Gath”];

The houses of Achzib [“deceit”]  
shall be a lie to the kings of Israel. 15  
I will yet bring an heir to you,  
O inhabitant of Mareshah  
[“crest of a hill”];  
The glory of Israel  
shall come to Adullam  
[“justice of the people”]. 16  
Make yourself bald and  
cut off your hair,  
Because of your precious children;  
Enlarge your baldness like an eagle,  
For they shall go from you  
into captivity.  
[Micah 2:1-7:20 follow Is 35:10]

## 2 Kings 15:36-38 ||

[This column is parallel to the next:]  
36 Now the rest of the acts of Jotham,  
and all that he did, are  
they not written in the Book of the  
Chronicles of the Kings of  
Judah? 37

In those days YHWH began to send  
Rezin [“firm”] king of Syria and  
Pekah the son of Remaliah  
against Judah [2Ki 16:5 // Is 7:1]. 38  
So Jotham rested with his fathers, and  
was buried \_\_\_ with his fathers  
in the City of David his [g...g.] father.

Then Ahaz his son reigned in his place.

[Cf. [Judah Kings](#) // [Israel Kings](#)]

## 2 Chronicles 27:7-9

Jotham Dies  
7 Now the rest of the acts of Jotham,  
and all his wars and his ways, indeed  
they are written in the Book of the  
Kings of Israel and  
Judah.  
8 He was twenty-five [25] years old  
when he became king, and he reigned  
sixteen [16] years in Jerusalem. 9

So Jotham rested with his fathers, and  
they buried him  
in the City of David.

Then Ahaz his son reigned in his place.

[Audio: Steve Gregg [2Ki 15-16](#)]

## 2 Kings 16:1-4 ||

[This column is parallel to the next:]  
16:1 ¶ In the seventeenth [17<sup>th</sup>] year  
of Pekah the son of Remaliah,  
Ahaz [“he has grasped”] the son of  
Jotham, king of Judah, began to reign.  
2 Ahaz was twenty [20] years old  
when he became king, and he reigned  
sixteen [16] years in Jerusalem; and he  
did not do what was right in the sight  
of YHWH his God, as his father David  
had done. 3 But he walked in the  
way\_ of the kings of Israel;

[NT: [Ge Henna](#) or [gehenna](#) →]  
indeed he made his son pass through  
the fire, according to the abominations  
of the nations whom YHWH had cast  
out from before the children of Israel. 4  
And he sacrificed and burned incense  
on the high places,  
on the hills, and  
under every green tree.

## 2 Chronicles 28:1-4

Ahaz Reigns in Judah  
[JudahYear:234-249;  
3263-3278 AB: 2Ki 15:27]  
[742- 727 BC]

28:1 ¶ Ahaz was twenty [20] years old  
when he became king, and he reigned  
sixteen [16] years in Jerusalem; and he  
did not do what was right in the sight  
of YHWH \_\_\_\_, as his father David  
had done. 2 For he walked in the  
ways of the kings of Israel, and made  
molded images for the Baals [“lords”].  
3 He burned incense in the Valley of  
the Son of Hinnom [“lamentation”],  
and burned his children in  
the fire, according to the abominations  
of the nations whom YHWH had cast  
out \_\_\_ before the children of Israel. 4  
And he sacrificed and burned incense  
on the high places,  
on the hills, and  
under every green tree.

## 2 Chronicles 28:5-15

5 Therefore **YHWH** his **God** delivered him into the hand of the king of Syria. They defeated him, and carried away a great multitude of them as captives, and took [brought] them to Damascus.

**Then** he was also delivered into the hand of the king of Israel, who defeated him with a great slaughter. 6 ¶ For Pekah the son of Remaliah killed one hundred and twenty thousand [120,000] in Judah in one day, all valiant men, because they had forsaken **YHWH** **God** of their fathers. 7

Zichri [“memorable”],  
a mighty man of Ephraim,  
killed:

Maaseiah [“**YHWH**’s work”]  
the king’s son,  
Azrikam [“help against the enemy”]  
the officer over the house, and  
Elkanah [“possessed/created by **God**”]  
who was second to the king. 8

And the children of Israel carried away captive of their brethren two hundred thousand [200,000] women, sons, and daughters; and they also took away much spoil from them, and took [brought] the spoil to Samaria. 9 But a prophet of **YHWH** was there, whose name was Oded [“restorer”]; and he went out before the army that came to Samaria, and said to them:

“Look, because **YHWH**, **God** of your fathers, was angry with Judah, **He** has delivered them into your hand; but you have killed them in a rage that reaches up to heaven. 10 And now you propose to force the children of Judah and Jerusalem to be your male and female

slaves; but are you not also guilty before **YHWH** your **God**? 11

**Now** hear me, therefore, and return the captives, whom you have taken captive from your brethren, for the fierce wrath of **YHWH** is upon you.” 12

**Then** some of the heads of the children of Ephraim —

Azariah [“**YHWH** has helped”] the son of Johanan [“graced by **YHWH**”],  
Berechiah [“**YHWH** blesses”] the son of Meshillemoth [“recompense”],  
Jehizkiah [“**YHWH** has made strong”] the son of Shallum [“retribution”],  
and

Amasa [“burden”] the son of Hadlai [“rest of **God**”] — stood up against those who came from the war, 13 and said to them, “You shall not bring the captives here, for we already have offended **YHWH**. You intend to add to our sins and to our guilt; for our guilt is great, and there is fierce wrath against Israel.” 14

So the armed men left the captives and the spoil before the leaders and all the assembly. 15 **Then** the men who were designated by name rose up and took the captives, and from the spoil they:

clothed all who were naked  
among them,  
dressed them and  
gave them sandals,  
gave them food and drink, and  
anointed them; and they  
let all the feeble ones  
ride on donkeys.

So they took them to their brethren at Jericho, the city of palm trees.

**Then** they returned to Samaria.

[28:16-25 follows 2Ki 16:18 below]

## 2 Kings 16:5 ||

[This column is parallel to the next:]

5 ¶ **Then** [In his first three years →]  
[Cf. Judah Kings // Israel Kings]  
[cf. 2Ki 15:37 prior page]

Rezin king of Syria and  
Pekah the son of Remaliah,  
king of Israel,  
came up to Jerusalem to make war;  
and they besieged Ahaz  
but could not overcome him.

## Notes:

Is 7:8b The 65-year period below (~3265-3329 AB) ended in ~675 BC. After the defeat by Assyria in 721BC, the northern kingdom was so merged into other nations that they ceased to exist as a people.

Is 7:14-15 Fulfilled in Is 8, then again in Jesus, per Mt 1:23.

8:20-22 “They” might be Assyria???

## Isaiah 7-12,17

[Audio: Steve Gregg Is 7-8]

## Isaiah 7:1

Isaiah’s Message for Ahaz

7:1 ¶ **Now** it came to pass in the days of Ahaz the son of Jotham, the son of Uzziah, king of Judah, that

Rezin king of Syria and  
Pekah the son of Remaliah,  
king of Israel,  
went up to Jerusalem to make war  
against it,  
but could not prevail against it.

## Isaiah 7:2ff

2 And it was told to the house of David [i.e., Ahaz], saying,

“Syria’s forces are deployed in Ephraim.” So his [Ahaz’s] heart and the heart of his people were moved as the trees of the woods are moved with the wind. 3

**Then** **YHWH** said to Isaiah,

“Go out now to meet Ahaz, you and Shear-Jashub [“a remnant shall return”] your son, at the end of the aqueduct from the upper pool, on the highway to the Fuller’s Field, 4 and say to him:

“Take heed, and be quiet; do not fear or be fainthearted for these two stubs of smoking firebrands, for the fierce anger of Rezin and Syria, and the son of Remaliah. 5 Because Syria, Ephraim, and the son of Remaliah have plotted evil against you, saying, 6

“Let us go up against Judah and trouble it, and let us make a gap in its wall for ourselves, and set a king over them, the son of Tabel [“**God** is good”]” — 7

thus says the Lord **YHWH**

[Adonai **YHWH**]:

“It shall not stand,  
Nor shall it come to pass. 8 For  
The head of Syria is Damascus, and  
The head of Damascus is Rezin.  
Within sixty-five [65] years  
Ephraim will be broken,  
So that it will not be a people. 9  
The head of Ephraim is Samaria, and  
The head of Samaria is Remaliah’s son.  
If you will not believe [trust in God],  
Surely you shall not be established.”

### The Sign of Immanuel [cf. Mt 1:22]

10 ¶ Moreover YHWH spoke again to  
Ahaz [through Isaiah], saying, 11  
“Ask a sign for yourself from YHWH  
your God; ask it either in the depth  
or in the height above.” 12  
But Ahaz said [in false piety],  
“I will not ask [i.e., obey YHWH],  
nor will I test YHWH!” 13  
Then he [Isaiah, for YHWH] said,  
“Hear now, O house of David!  
Is it a small thing for you to weary men,  
but will you weary my God also? 14  
Therefore the Lord Himself will give  
you a sign: [↓ Jerusalem: 37:22]  
Behold, the virgin shall conceive and  
bear a Son, and shall call His name  
Immanuel [“God with us”]. 15 Curds  
and honey He shall eat, that He may  
know to refuse the evil and choose the  
good. 16 For before the Child shall  
know to refuse the evil and choose the  
good, the land that you dread will be  
forsaken by both her kings.’ 17 ¶  
[Within 3 years Syria fell to Assyria,  
Rezin killed, ... Then KoA will come:]  
YHWH will bring the king of Assyria  
upon you and your people and your  
father’s house — days that have not  
come since the day that Ephraim

departed from Judah [JudahYear:1]. 18  
And it shall come to pass in that day  
That YHWH will whistle for  
the fly That is in the farthest part of  
the rivers of Egypt, And for  
the bee that is in the land of Assyria. 19  
They will come, and all of them will rest  
In the desolate valleys and  
in the clefts of the rocks, And  
on all thorns and  
in all pastures. 20

In the same day  
the Lord will shave with a hired razor,  
With those from beyond the [Euphra-  
tes] River, with the king of Assyria,  
The head and the hair of the legs,  
And will also remove the beard. 21  
It shall be in that day  
That a man will keep alive  
a young cow and two sheep; 22  
So it shall be,  
from the abundance of milk they give,  
That he will eat curds;  
For curds and honey everyone will eat  
who is left in the land. 23  
It shall happen in that day,  
That wherever there could be  
a thousand [1,000] vines Worth  
a thousand [1,000] shekels of silver,  
It will be for briers and thorns. 24  
With arrows and bows  
men will come there,  
Because all the land will  
become briers and thorns. 25  
And to any hill that could be dug  
with the hoe,  
You will not go there  
for fear of briers and thorns;  
But it will become  
a range for oxen And  
a place for sheep to roam.”

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### Isaiah 8

#### Coming Assyrian Invasion

8:1 ¶ Moreover YHWH said to me,  
“Take a large scroll, and write on it  
with a man’s pen concerning  
Maher-Shalal-Hash-Baz [“swift  
is booty, speedy is prey”]. 2  
And I will take for Myself  
faithful witnesses to record,  
Uriah [“YHWH is my light (flame)”]  
the priest and  
Zechariah [“YHWH remembers”]  
the son of Jeberechiah  
[“YHWH blesses”].” 3  
Then I went to the prophetess,  
and she conceived and bore a son.  
Then YHWH said to me,  
“Call his name Maher-Shalal-Hash-Baz;  
4 for before the child shall have  
knowledge to cry  
‘My father’ and  
‘My mother’,  
the riches of Damascus and  
the spoil of Samaria  
will be taken away  
before the king of Assyria.” 5  
YHWH also spoke to me again,  
saying: 6  
“Inasmuch as these people refused  
The waters of Shiloah that flow softly,  
[↑ “sent”; a fountain just  
southeast of Jerusalem]  
And rejoice in Rezin [↓ Pekah]  
And in Remaliah’s son; 7  
Now therefore, behold,  
the Lord brings up over them  
The waters of the [Euphrates] River,  
strong and mighty —  
The king of Assyria and all his glory;

He will go up over all his channels  
And go \_\_ over all his banks. 8  
He will pass through Judah, [2Ki 19:29]  
He will overflow and pass over,  
He will reach up to the neck;  
And the stretching out of his wings  
Will fill the breadth of Your land,  
O Immanuel [“God with us”; 7:14].  
9 ¶  
Be shattered, O you peoples,  
and be broken in pieces!  
Give ear, all you from far countries.  
Gird yourselves,  
but be broken in pieces;  
Gird yourselves,  
but be broken in pieces. 10  
Take counsel together,  
but it will come to nothing;  
Speak the word, but it will not stand,  
For God is with us [Immanuel].”

### Call to Trust YHWH

11 For YHWH spoke thus to me with a  
strong hand, and instructed me that I  
should not walk in the way of this people,  
saying: 12 [Quoted in 1Pe 3:14]  
“Do not say, ‘A conspiracy’,  
Concerning all that this people  
call a conspiracy,  
Nor be afraid of their threats,  
Nor be troubled. 13  
YHWH of hosts, [↓ set apart]  
Him you shall hallow;  
Let Him be your fear, and  
Let Him be your dread. 14  
[~Quoted in Ro 9:33; 1Pe 2:8a]  
He will be as a sanctuary, but  
A stone of stumbling and  
A rock of offense  
To both the houses of Israel,  
As a trap and a snare  
To the inhabitants of Jerusalem. 15

And many among them shall stumble;  
They shall fall and be broken,  
Be snared and taken.”

16 ¶  
Bind up the testimony,  
Seal the law among my disciples. 17  
And I will wait on YHWH,  
Who hides His face  
from the house of Jacob;

[Quoted in He 2:13 by Jesus:]  
And I will hope [trust] in Him. 18  
Here am I and the children [remnant]  
whom YHWH has given me!

We are for signs and wonders in Israel  
From YHWH of hosts,  
Who dwells in Mount Zion. 19  
And when they say to you,

“Seek those who are mediums and  
wizards, who whisper and mutter”,  
should not a people seek their God?  
Should they seek the dead

on behalf of the living? 20  
To the Law and to the Testimony!  
If they do not speak according to this word,  
it is because there is no light in them. 21

They will pass through it hard pressed  
and hungry; and it shall happen, when  
they are hungry, that they will be enraged  
and curse their king and their God,  
and look upward. 22 Then they will  
look to the land [earth], and see trouble  
and darkness, gloom of anguish; and  
they will be driven into darkness.

9:1 ¶ [Audio: Steve Gregg Is 9-10]

## Isaiah 9

### Hope in the Messiah

Nevertheless the gloom will not be  
upon her who is [was?] distressed,  
As when at first He lightly esteemed

[Quoted in Mt 4:15-16]  
The land of Zebulun and  
The land of Naphtali, and

Afterward more heavily oppressed her,  
By the way of the sea [of Galilee],  
beyond the Jordan,  
In Galilee of the Gentiles. 2

The people who walked in darkness  
Have seen a great light;  
Those who dwelt in  
the land of the shadow of death,  
Upon them a light has shined. 3

You have multiplied the nation And  
increased its joy [thus, new Israel];  
They rejoice before You  
According to the joy of harvest,  
As men rejoice  
when they divide the spoil. 4

For You have broken  
the yoke of his burden And  
the staff of his shoulder,  
The rod of his oppressor,  
As in the day of Midian [re Gideon]. 5

For every warrior's  
sandal from the noisy battle, And  
garments rolled in blood,  
Will be used for  
burning and fuel of fire. 6  
[The (spiritual) war is over.]

For unto us a Child is born,  
Unto us a Son is given; and

The government will be upon  
His shoulder. And  
His name will be called  
Wonderful, [cf. Judg 13:18]  
Counselor,  
Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father,  
Prince of Peace. 7

Of the increase [abundance] of  
His government and peace  
There will be no end,  
Upon the throne of David and  
over His kingdom,

To order it and establish it  
with judgment and justice  
From that time forward,  
even forever.

The zeal of YHWH of hosts  
will perform this.

8 ¶  
YHWH's Anger Against Israel

[4-stanza poem, through 10:4:]  
The Lord sent a word against Jacob,  
And it has fallen on Israel. 9  
All the people will know —  
[the inhabitant of] Ephraim and  
the inhabitant of Samaria —

Who say  
in pride and arrogance of heart: 10  
“The bricks have fallen down,  
But we will rebuild with hewn stones;  
The sycamores are cut down,  
But we will replace them with cedars.”

11  
Therefore YHWH shall set up  
The adversaries of Rezin against him,  
And spur his enemies on, 12  
The Syrians before and  
The Philistines behind;  
And they shall devour Israel  
with an open mouth.

For all this His anger is not turned away,  
But His hand is stretched out still. 13  
[Stanza 2:]

For the people do not turn to Him  
who strikes them,  
Nor do they seek YHWH of hosts. 14  
Therefore YHWH will cut off  
head and tail from Israel,  
Palm branch and bulrush  
in one day. 15

The elder and honorable,  
he is the head;  
The prophet who teaches lies,  
he is the tail. 16

For the leaders of  
this people cause them to err, And  
those who are led by them  
are destroyed. 17

Therefore the Lord will have no joy  
in their young men,  
Nor have mercy

on their fatherless and widows;  
For everyone is

a hypocrite and an evildoer,  
And every mouth speaks folly.  
For all this His anger is not turned away,  
But His hand is stretched out still. 18  
[Stanza 3:]

For wickedness burns as the fire;  
It shall devour the briars and thorns,  
And kindle in the thickets of the forest;  
They shall mount up  
like rising smoke. 19

Through the wrath of YHWH of hosts  
The land is burned up, And  
the people shall be as fuel for the fire;  
No man shall spare his brother. 20  
And he shall snatch on the right hand  
And be hungry;  
He shall devour on the left hand  
And not be satisfied;

Every man shall  
eat the flesh of his own arm. 21  
Manasseh shall devour Ephraim, and  
Ephraim Manasseh;  
Together they shall be against Judah.  
For all this His anger is not turned away,  
But His hand is stretched out still. 10:1 ¶  
Isaiah 10 [Stanza 4:]

“Woe to those  
Who decree unrighteous decrees,  
Who write misfortune,  
Which they have prescribed 2  
To rob the needy of justice, and  
To take what is right  
from the poor of My people,

That widows may be their prey, and  
*That* they may rob the fatherless. 3  
 What will you do  
 in the day of punishment, And  
 in the desolation  
*that* will come from afar?  
 To whom will you flee for help? And  
 Where will you leave your glory? 4  
 Without Me  
 they shall bow down  
 among the prisoners, And  
 they shall fall among the slain.”  
 For all this His anger is not turned away,  
 But His hand is stretched out still.

5 ¶  
**Use of and Judgment Against Assyria**  
 “Woe to Assyria,  
 the rod of My anger And  
 the staff in whose hand is  
 My indignation. 6  
 I will send him [↓ Israel]  
 against an ungodly nation, And  
 against the people of My wrath  
 I will give him charge,  
 To seize the spoil,  
 To take the prey, And  
 To tread them down  
 like the mire of the streets. 7  
 Yet he [Assyria] does not mean so,  
 Nor does his heart think so;  
 But *it is* in his heart to destroy, And  
 cut off not a few nations. 8  
 For he says,  
 ‘Are not my princes altogether kings? 9  
 Is not Calno [“fortress of Anu”] like  
 Carchemish [“fortress of Chemosh”]?  
 Is not Hamath [“fortress”]  
 like Arpad [“I shall be spread out  
 (or supported)”]?  
 Is not Samaria [“watch mountain”]  
 like Damascus [“silent is the sack-  
 cloth weaver”]? 10

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As my hand has found  
 the kingdoms of the idols,  
 Whose carved images excelled  
 those of Jerusalem and Samaria, 11  
 As I have done to Samaria  
 and her idols,  
 Shall I not do also to Jerusalem  
 and her idols?” 12  
 Therefore it shall come to pass, when  
 the Lord has performed all His work  
 on Mount Zion and  
 on Jerusalem,  
 that He will say,  
 “I will punish  
 the fruit of the arrogant heart of  
 the king of Assyria, and  
 the glory of his haughty looks.” 13  
 For he says:  
 “By the strength of my hand  
 I have done it, And  
 By my wisdom, for I am prudent;  
 Also I have removed  
 the boundaries of the people, And  
 have robbed their treasuries;  
 So I have put down the inhabitants  
 like a valiant man. 14  
 My hand has found like a nest  
 the riches of the people, And  
 as one gathers eggs that are left,  
 I have gathered all the lands [earth];  
 And there was no one  
 who moved his wing,  
 Nor opened his mouth  
 with even a peep.” 15  
 Shall the ax boast itself against him  
 who chops with it? Or  
 Shall the saw exalt itself against him  
 who saws with it?  
 As if a rod could wield itself against  
 those who lift it up, Or  
 As if a staff could lift up,  
 as if it were not wood! 16

Therefore the Lord, the Lord of hosts,  
 Will send leanness among his fat ones;  
 And under his glory  
 He will kindle a burning  
 Like the burning of a fire. 17  
 So the Light of Israel will be for a fire,  
 And his Holy One for a flame;  
 It will burn and devour  
 his thorns and  
 his briars  
 in one day. 18 And  
 It will consume the glory  
 of his forest and  
 of his fruitful field,  
 Both soul and body; And  
 they will be as when  
 a sick man wastes away. 19  
 Then the rest of the trees of his forest  
 Will be so few in number  
 That a child may write them.

20 ¶  
**The Kingdom to Come by Messiah**  
 And it shall come to pass  
 in that day [“time” introduced  
 by Messiah coming]  
 That the remnant of Israel, And  
 such as have escaped  
 of the house of Jacob,  
 Will never again depend on him  
 who defeated them, But  
 Will depend on YHWH,  
 the Holy One of Israel,  
 in truth. 21  
 The remnant will return,  
 The remnant of Jacob, To  
 the Mighty God. 22  
 [Quoted by Paul in Ro 9:27-28]  
 For though your people, O Israel,  
 be as the sand of the sea, [Only]  
 A remnant of them will return;  
 The destruction decreed shall  
 overflow with righteousness. 23

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For the Lord YHWH [Adonai YHWH]  
 of hosts  
 Will make a determined end  
 In the midst of all the land.

24 ¶  
 Therefore  
 thus says the Lord YHWH  
 [Adonai YHWH] of hosts:  
 “O My people, who dwell in Zion,  
 do not be afraid of the Assyrian.  
 He shall  
 strike you with a rod and  
 lift up his staff against you,  
 in the manner of Egypt. 25  
 For yet a very little while  
 and the indignation will cease,  
 as will My anger  
 in their destruction.” 26  
 And YHWH of hosts  
 will stir up a scourge for him  
 like the slaughter of  
 Midian [“strife”] [Judg 7:25]  
 at the rock of Oreb [“raven”];  
 as His rod was on the sea,  
 so will He lift it up  
 in the manner of Egypt. 27  
 It shall come to pass  
 in that day [time]  
 That his burden will be taken  
 away from your shoulder,  
 And his yoke from your neck,  
 And the yoke will be destroyed  
 because of the anointing oil. 28  
 He has come to Aiath [“heap of ruins”],  
 He has passed Migron [“precipice”];  
 At Michmash [“hidden”]  
 He has attended to his equipment. 29  
 They have gone along the ridge,  
 They have taken up lodging  
 at Geba [“hill”].  
 Ramah [“hill”] is afraid,  
 Gibeah [“hill”] of Saul has fled. 30  
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39

[Getting ever closer to Jerusalem:]  
 Lift up your voice,  
 O daughter of **Gallim** ["springs"]!  
 Cause it to be heard as far as  
**Laish** ["lion"] — O poor  
**Anathoth** ["answers to prayer"]! 31  
**Madmenah** ["dunghill"] has fled,  
 The inhabitants of [no map:]  
**Gebim** ["cisterns"] seek refuge. 32  
 As yet he will remain [stay, stand] at  
**Nob** ["high place"] that day;  
 He will shake his fist at  
 The mount of the daughter of Zion,  
 The hill of Jerusalem. 33  
 Behold, the Lord, **YHWH** of hosts,  
 Will lop off the bough with terror;  
 Those of high stature  
 will be hewn down, And  
 The haughty will be humbled. 34  
 He will cut down the thickets of the  
 forest with iron, And  
 Lebanon will fall by the **Mighty One**.

11:1 ¶ [Audio: Steve Gregg [Is 11-14](#)]

## Isaiah 11

### A Branch from David's Line

There shall come forth  
 a **Root** from the stem of Jesse, And  
 a **Branch** [[Jer 23:5](#), [Zec 3:8](#), [6:12](#)]  
 shall grow out of his roots. 2  
 The Spirit [7-fold: **YHWH...fear**]  
 of **YHWH**  
 shall rest upon **Him**,  
 The Spirit  
 of wisdom and understanding,  
 The Spirit  
 of counsel and might,  
 The Spirit  
 of knowledge and  
 of the fear of **YHWH**. 3

His delight is  
 in the fear of **YHWH**, and  
 He shall not judge  
 by the sight of **His [own] eyes**,  
 Nor decide  
 by the hearing of **His [own] ears**; 4  
 But with righteousness He shall  
 judge the poor, And  
 decide with equity  
 for the meek of the land [earth];  
 He shall strike the land [earth]  
 with the rod of His mouth, And  
 with the breath of His lips  
 He shall "slay" the wicked. 5  
 [[Ho 6:5](#) "slain" by prophets.]  
 Righteousness shall be  
 the belt of His loins, And  
 Faithfulness  
 the belt of His waist. 6  
 "The wolf also shall dwell with  
 the lamb,  
 The leopard shall lie down with  
 the young goat,  
 the calf and  
 the young lion and  
 the fatling  
 together;  
 And a little child shall lead them. 7  
 The cow and the bear shall graze;  
 Their young ones shall lie down  
 together; And  
 The lion shall eat straw like the ox. 8  
 The nursing child shall play  
 by the cobra's hole, and  
 The weaned child shall put his hand  
 in the viper's den. 9  
 They shall not hurt nor destroy  
 in all **My holy mountain**,  
 For the land [earth] shall be  
 full of the knowledge of **YHWH**  
 As the waters cover the sea.

10 ¶ [[Quoted by Paul in Ro 15:12](#)]  
 And in that day [time]  
 There shall be a **Root of Jesse**,  
 Who shall stand as a banner to the people;  
 For the Gentiles shall seek **Him**, And  
**His resting place** shall be glorious." 11  
 It shall come to pass  
 in that day [time]  
 That the Lord shall set **His hand again**  
 the second time [a 2<sup>nd</sup> exodus]  
 To recover the remnant of **His people**  
 who are left,  
 From **Assyria** and **Egypt**,  
 From **Pathros** and **Cush**,  
 From **Elam** and **Shinar**,  
 From **Hamath** and  
 the islands of the sea. 12  
 He will set up a banner for the nations,  
 And will assemble  
 the outcasts of Israel,  
 And gather together  
 the dispersed of Judah  
 From the four corners of  
 the lands [earth]. 13  
 Also the envy of **Ephraim** shall depart,  
 And the adversaries of Judah  
 shall be cut off;  
**Ephraim** shall not envy **Judah**, and  
**Judah** shall not harass **Ephraim**. 14  
 But they shall fly down  
 upon the shoulder of the **Philistines**  
 toward the west;  
 Together they shall plunder  
 the people of the East;  
 They shall lay their hand on  
**Edom** and **Moab**;  
 And the people of **Ammon**  
 shall obey them. 15  
**YHWH** will utterly destroy  
 the tongue of the **Sea of Egypt**;  
 [i.e. the Red-Sea-crossing arm;

hence the Gulf of Suez/Aqaba,  
 as an impediment to crossing]  
 With **His mighty wind** He will  
 shake **His fist** over the River, And  
 strike it in the seven streams, And  
 make men cross over dry-shod. 16  
 There will be a highway for  
 The remnant of **His people**  
 Who will be left from Assyria,  
 As it was for Israel in the day that  
 he came up from the land of Egypt.

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12:1 ¶

### Isaiah 12

#### Songs of Praise for Salvation

And in that day you will say:  
 "O **YHWH**, I will praise You;  
 Though You were angry with me,  
 Your anger is turned away, and  
 You comfort me. 2  
 Behold, **God** is my salvation,  
 I will trust and not be afraid;  
 'For **YAH** [short form], **YHWH**, is  
 my strength and song;  
 He also has become my salvation.'" 3  
 Therefore with joy you will draw water  
 From the wells of salvation.  
 4 ¶  
 And in that day you will say:  
 "Praise **YHWH**, call upon **His name**;  
 Declare **His deeds** among the peoples,  
 Make mention that  
**His name** is exalted. 5  
 Sing to **YHWH**,  
 For He has done excellent things;  
 This is known in all the lands [earth]. 6  
 Cry out and shout, O inhabitant of Zion,  
 For great is the Holy One of Israel  
 in your midst!"

[[Isaiah 13-16 on July 15](#)]

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**Isaiah 17** [Audio: [S. G. Is 15-23](#)]  
**About Damascus and Israel**

17:1 ¶ The burden against **Damascus**.  
“Behold, **Damascus**  
will cease from being a city, and it  
will be a ruinous heap. 2  
The cities of **Aroer** are forsaken;  
They will be for flocks **That** lie down,  
and no one will make them afraid. 3  
The fortress also will cease from  
**Ephraim**,  
The kingdom from **Damascus**, and  
The remnant of **Syria**;  
They will be as  
the glory of the children of **Israel**”,  
Says **YHWH** of hosts. 4  
“**In that day** [time]  
It shall come to pass that  
the glory of Jacob will wane, and  
the fatness of his flesh grow lean. 5  
It shall be as when the harvester  
gathers the grain, and  
reaps the heads with his arm;  
It shall be as he who gathers  
heads of grain [„ giants]  
in the Valley of Rephaim.  
6 ¶  
Yet gleaning grapes will be left in it,  
Like the shaking of an olive tree,  
Two or three olives  
at the top of the uppermost bough,  
Four or five  
in its most fruitful branches”,  
Says **YHWH**, **God of Israel**. 7  
**In that day** [time]  
A man will look to his **Maker**, And  
his eyes will have respect for  
the **Holy One of Israel**. 8  
He will not look to the altars,  
The work of his hands;  
He will not respect  
what his fingers have made,

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nor the wooden images,  
nor the incense altars.

9 ¶  
**In that day** [time]  
his strong cities will be as a forsaken  
bough And an uppermost branch,  
Which they left  
because of the children of **Israel**;  
And there will be desolation. 10  
Because you have forgotten  
the **God of your salvation**,  
And have not been mindful of  
the **Rock of your stronghold**,  
Therefore you will plant pleasant plants  
And set out foreign seedlings; 11  
**In the day** [daytime]  
you will make your plant to grow,  
And in the morning you will  
make your seed to flourish; *But*  
the harvest will be a heap of ruins  
**In the day** [time]  
of grief and desperate sorrow.  
12 ¶  
Woe to the multitude of many people  
Who make a noise  
like the roar of the seas,  
And to the rushing of nations That  
make a rushing  
like the rushing of mighty waters! 13  
The nations will rush  
like the rushing of many waters;  
But **God** will rebuke them  
and they will flee far away,  
And be chased like the chaff of  
the mountains before the wind,  
Like a rolling thing  
before the whirlwind. 14  
**Then** behold, at eventide, trouble!  
And before the morning, he is no more.  
This is  
the portion of those who plunder us,  
And the lot of those who rob us.

**[Isaiah 18 on June 30]**

[Audio: [Steve Gregg 2Ki 15-16](#)]

**2 Kings 16:6-18**

**Ahaz Gets Help From Assyria**

6 At that time Rezin king of **Syria**  
captured **Elath** [“grove of lofty trees”]  
for **Syria**, and drove the men of **Judah**  
from **Elath**. **Then** the **Edomites** went  
to **Elath**, and dwell there to this day. 7  
So **Ahaz** sent messengers to **Tiglath-Pileser** [“you will uncover the wonderful bond”] king of **Assyria**, saying,  
“I am your servant and your son.  
Come up and save me  
from the hand of the king of **Syria** and  
from the hand of the king of **Israel**,  
who rise up against me.” 8  
And **Ahaz** took the silver and gold that  
was found in the house of **YHWH**, and in  
the treasuries of the king’s house, and  
sent it as a present to the king of **Assyria**.  
9 So the king of **Assyria** heeded him;  
for the king of **Assyria** went up against  
**Damascus** and took it, carried its people  
captive to **Kir** [“wall”], and killed **Rezin**.  
[Cf. [2Ch 28:21](#) below]

**Ahaz Copies an Assyrian Altar**

10 ¶ **Now** King **Ahaz** went to **Damascus**  
to meet **Tiglath-Pileser** king of **Assyria**,  
and saw an altar that was at **Damascus**;  
and King **Ahaz** sent to **Urijah** [“**YHWH** is  
my light (flame)”] the priest the design  
of the altar and its pattern, according to  
all its workmanship. 11 **Then** **Urijah** the  
priest built an altar according to all that  
King **Ahaz** had sent from **Damascus**.  
So **Urijah** the priest made it before King  
**Ahaz** came back from **Damascus**. 12  
And when the king came back from  
**Damascus**, the king saw the altar; and  
the king approached the altar and made

offerings on it. 13 So he burned his  
burnt offering and his grain offering;  
and he poured his drink offering and  
sprinkled the blood of his peace offer-  
ings on the altar. 14 He also brought  
the bronze altar that was before **YHWH**,  
from the front of the temple — from  
between the new altar and the house of  
**YHWH** — and put it on the north side  
of the new altar. 15 **Then** King **Ahaz**  
commanded **Urijah** the priest, saying,  
“On the great new altar burn  
the morning burnt offering,  
the evening grain offering,  
the king’s burnt sacrifice, and  
his grain offering, with  
the burnt offering of  
all the people of the land,  
their grain offering, and  
their drink offerings;  
and sprinkle on it  
all the blood of the burnt offering  
and  
all the blood of the sacrifice.  
And the bronze altar shall be for me  
to inquire by.” 16

Thus did **Urijah** the priest, according  
to all that King **Ahaz** commanded.

17 ¶ And King **Ahaz** cut off the panels of  
the carts, and removed the lavers from  
them; and he took down the Sea from  
the bronze oxen that were under it, and  
put it on a pavement of stones. 18 Also  
he removed the **Sabbath** pavilion  
that they had built in the temple, and  
he removed the king’s outer entrance  
from the house of **YHWH**,  
on account of the king of **Assyria**.

[16:19-20 follow [Hosea](#) below]

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## 2 Chronicles 28:16-25

### Ahaz Seeks Help From Assyria Again

16 ¶ At the same time King Ahaz sent to the kings of Assyria to help him. 17 For again the Edomites had

come, attacked Judah, and carried away captives. 18 The Philistines also had invaded the cities of the lowland and of the South of Judah,

and had taken:

**Beth Shemesh**

[“house of the sun”/“sun-temple”],

**Aijalon** [“field of deer”],

**Gederoth** [“walls”],

**Sochoh** [“bushy”; no map]

with its villages,

**Timnah** [“portion”]

with its villages, and

**Gimzo** [“fertile in sycamores”]

with its villages;

and they dwelt there. 19 For YHWH brought Judah low because of Ahaz king of Israel, for he had encouraged moral decline in Judah and had been continually unfaithful to YHWH. 20 Also Tiglath-Pileser king of Assyria came to him and distressed him, and did not assist him. 21 For Ahaz took part of the treasures from the house of YHWH, from the house of the king, and from the leaders, and he gave it to the king of Assyria; but he did not help him. [Cf. 2Ki 16:9 above]

### Ahaz Increasingly Unfaithful

22 Now in the time of his distress King Ahaz became increasingly unfaithful to YHWH [cf. 2Ki 16:10-18 above]. This is that King Ahaz. 23 For he sacrificed

to the gods of Damascus that had defeated him, saying,

“Because the gods of the kings of Syria help them, I will sacrifice to them that they may help me.”

But they were the ruin of him and of all Israel. 24 So Ahaz

gathered the articles of the house of God, cut in pieces the articles of the house of God, shut up the doors of the house of YHWH, and made for himself altars in every corner of Jerusalem. 25 And in every single city of Judah he made high places to burn incense to other gods, and provoked to anger YHWH, God of his fathers.

[28:26-27 follows 2Ki 16:20 below]

## 2 Kings 15:30-31

### End of Pekah's Reign in Israel

30 Then Hoshea [“salvation”] the son of Elah [“an oak”] led a conspiracy against Pekah the son of Remaliah [in his 20<sup>th</sup> year: 2Ki 15:27], and struck and killed him; so he reigned in his place in the twentieth [20<sup>th</sup>] year of Jotham the son of Uzziah.

[He reigned only 16 years: 2Ki 15:33; so this was the 4<sup>th</sup> year of Ahaz: 2Ki 16:1]

[JudahYear:237: 3266AB: 2Ki 15:33]

[Cf. Judah Kings || Israel Kings]

[However, Hoshea's reign does not begin until 8 years later, so Jones concludes that there must have been no king in Israel for that 8 years due to Assyrian domination. See 17:1-4.]

31 Now the rest of the acts of Pekah, and all that he did, indeed they are written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Israel.

[15:32-35 follow Isaiah 6 above]

[Audio: Steve Gregg 2Ki 17-18]

## 2 Kings 17:1-4

### Hoshea Reigns in Israel

17:1 ¶ In the twelfth [12<sup>th</sup>] year of Ahaz king of Judah, Hoshea the son of Elah became king of Israel in Samaria, and he reigned nine [9] years.

[JudahYear: 245-253: (731-723 BC:)

3274-3282 AB: 2Ki 16:1]

2 And he did evil in the sight of YHWH, but not as the kings of Israel who were before him.

3 Shalmaneser [“fire-worshiper”] king of Assyria [who began to reign in Hoshea's 3<sup>rd</sup> year, JudahYear:247, so 3276 AB = 729 BC (Oops, S/B 730?)] came up against him; and Hoshea became his vassal, and paid him tribute money. 4 And the king of Assyria uncovered a conspiracy by Hoshea; for he had sent messengers to So [“concealed”], king of Egypt, and brought no tribute to the king of Assyria, as he had done year by year. Therefore the king of Assyria shut him up, and bound him in prison.

[17:5-41 follow Isaiah 28 below]

[Although Hosea's message came in Uzziah-Hezekiah's time (Ho 1:1), the content of his prophesies seem to fit best the reigns of Pekah and Hoshea even though he does not mention these evil kings of Israel, mentioning only Jeroboam (II) instead.]

# Hosea

[Audio: Steve Gregg Ho 1-3]

## Hosea 1

### The Prophecy of Hosea

1:1 ¶ The word of YHWH that came to Hosea [“salvation”] the son of Beeri [“my well”], in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah, and in the days of Jeroboam [II] the son of Joash, king of Israel.

[> 26+16+16=58 years: Kings Chart]

### Israel Has Committed Great Harlotry

2 ¶ When YHWH began to speak by Hosea, YHWH said to Hosea:

“Go, take yourself a wife of harlotry and children of harlotry, for [Israel:] the land has committed great harlotry By departing from YHWH.” 3

So he went and took Gomer [“complete”] the daughter of Diblaim [“two cakes”], and she conceived and bore him a son. 4 Then YHWH said to him:

“Call his name Jezreel [“God sows”], For in a little while I will avenge the bloodshed of Jezreel on the house of Jehu, And bring an end to the kingdom of the house of Israel. 5

It shall come to pass in that day That I will break the bow of Israel in the Valley of Jezreel.” 6

And she conceived again and bore a daughter. Then God said to him:

“Call her name Lo-Ruhamah [“no mercy”; cf. 1Pe 2:10] For I will no longer have mercy on the house of Israel, But I will utterly take them away. 7

Yet I will have mercy on  
the house of Judah,  
Will save them by YHWH their God,  
And will not save them by bow,  
Nor by sword or battle,  
by horses or horsemen.”

8 ¶ Now when she had weaned Lo-  
Ruhamah [as much as five years], she  
conceived and bore a son. 9 Then God  
said:

“Call his name Lo-Ammi  
[“not My people”; cf. 1Pe 2:10]  
For you are not My people,  
And I will not be your God. 10  
‘Yet the number of the children of Israel  
Shall be as the sand of the sea,  
Which cannot be measured or numbered.

[Quoted by Paul in Ro 9:26]  
And it shall come to pass  
In the place where it was said to them,  
‘You are not My people’  
[Hebrew: “lo ammi”, as in 1:9],  
There it shall be said to them,  
‘You are sons of the living God.’ 11  
[↑cf. John 1:12, 6:69; Mt 16:16]

Then  
the children of Judah and  
the children of Israel  
Shall be gathered together,  
And appoint for themselves One Head;  
[Cf. Eph 1:22 ↑]  
And they shall come up out of the land,  
For great will be the day of Jezreel!

2:1 ¶

## Hosea 2

### Charges Against an Unfaithful Wife

Say to your brethren, ‘My people’,  
[Hebrew: ammi, as in 1:9,10]  
And to your sisters, ‘Mercy is shown.’  
[Hebrew: ruhamah, as in 1:6] 2

Bring charges against your mother,  
Bring charges;  
[Divorce:]

For she [Israel] is not My wife,  
nor am I her Husband!

Let her put away  
her harlotries  
from her sight, and  
her adulteries  
from between her breasts; 3

Lest I  
strip her naked and  
expose her,  
as in the day she was born, and  
make her like a wilderness, and  
set her like a dry land, and  
slay her with thirst. 4

I will not have mercy on her children,  
For they are the children of harlotry. 5  
For their mother has played the harlot;  
She who conceived them  
has behaved shamefully.

For she said,  
‘I will go after my lovers,  
Who give me  
My bread and my water,  
My wool and my linen,  
My oil and my drink.’

6 ¶

Therefore, behold, I will  
hedge up your way with thorns, and  
wall her in,

So that she cannot find her paths. 7

She will  
chase her lovers, but  
not overtake them; Yes,

She will  
seek them, but  
not find them.

Then she will say,

‘I will go and return to my first  
husband, For then it was better for  
me than now.’ 8

For she did not know  
That I gave her  
grain, new wine, and oil, and  
multiplied her silver and gold —  
Which they prepared for Baal. 9

Therefore I will return and take away  
My grain in its time and  
My new wine in its season, and  
will take back  
My wool and  
My linen,

Given to cover her nakedness. 10  
Now I will uncover her lewdness  
in the sight of her lovers, and  
No one shall deliver her from  
My hand. 11

I will also cause all  
Her mirth to cease,  
Her feast days,  
Her New Moons,  
Her Sabbaths — all  
Her appointed feasts. 12

And I will destroy  
her vines and her fig trees,  
of which she has said,

‘These are my wages  
that my lovers have given me.’

So I will make them a forest, and  
The beasts of the field shall eat them. 13  
I will punish her

For the days of the Baals  
to which she burned incense.  
She decked herself

with her earrings and jewelry, and  
went after her lovers;  
But Me she forgot”,  
says YHWH.

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Hosea 2:14 ¶

## God’s Sacred Romance of Israel

“Therefore, behold, I will allure her,  
Will bring her into the wilderness,  
And speak comfort [“heart”] to her. 15  
I will give her her vineyards from there,  
And the Valley of Achor [“trouble”]

as a door of hope;  
She shall sing there,  
As in the days of her youth,  
As in the day when she came up  
from the land of Egypt. 16  
And it shall be, in that day”,

Says YHWH,  
“That you will call Me ‘My Husband’,  
[Hebrew: ishi] 17  
And no longer call Me ‘My Master’,  
[Hebrew: baali] 17

For I will take from her mouth the  
names of the Baals, And they shall be  
remembered by their name no more. 18  
In that day [↓ new]

I will make a covenant for them  
With the beasts of the field,  
With the birds of the air, and  
With the creeping things of the ground.  
Bow and sword of battle

I will shatter from the land [earth],  
To make them lie down safely. 19  
I will betroth you to Me forever; Yes,  
I will betroth you to Me

In righteousness and justice,  
In lovingkindness and mercy; 20  
I will betroth you to Me

In faithfulness,  
And you shall know YHWH. 21  
It shall come to pass in that day

That I will answer”,  
says YHWH;

“I will answer the heavens [*their call for clouds to produce rain*], and They shall answer the land [earth] [*its call for moisture*].<sup>22</sup>  
 The land [earth] shall answer  
 With grain,  
 With new wine, and  
 With oil; [*“God sows”*]  
 They shall answer Jezreel.<sup>23</sup>  
 Then I will sow her for Myself  
 in the land [earth], and  
 Then I will have mercy on her  
 who had not obtained mercy;  
 [*Hebrew: lo ruhamah*]

[*Quoted by Paul in Ro 9:25*]  
 Then I will say to those  
 who were not My people,  
 [*Hebrew: lo ammi*]  
 ‘You are My people!’  
 And they shall say,  
 ‘You are my God!’”  
 [*cf. 1Pe 2:10: wedding vows*]

3:1 ¶

### Hosea 3

#### Model: Hosea Redeems His Wife

Then YHWH said to me,  
 “Go again, love a woman who is loved  
 by a lover [*“friend (intimate)”*] and is  
 committing adultery, just like the love  
 of YHWH for the children of Israel, who  
 look to other gods and love the raisin  
 cakes [*i.e., choice gifts*] of the pa-  
 gans.”<sup>2</sup>  
 So I bought her for myself for fifteen  
 [15] shekels of silver, and one and  
 one-half [1½] homers of barley.<sup>3</sup>  
 And I said to her,  
 “You shall stay with me many days;  
 You shall not play the harlot,  
 Nor shall you have a man —  
 So, too, will I be toward you.”<sup>4</sup>

For the children of Israel  
 shall abide many days  
 without king or prince,  
 without sacrifice or sacred pillar,  
 without ephod or teraphim.<sup>5</sup>  
 Afterward the children of Israel  
 shall return and seek  
 YHWH their God and  
 David their king [*i.e., Messiah*].  
 They shall fear  
 YHWH and His goodness  
 in the latter days.  
 [*I.e., in the indefinite future.*]  
 4:1 ¶ [*Audio: Steve Gregg Ho 4-9*]

### Hosea 4

#### YHWH’s Case Against Israel

Hear the word of YHWH,  
 You children of Israel,  
 For YHWH brings a charge  
 against the inhabitants of the land:  
 “There is no  
 truth or  
 mercy or  
 knowledge of God  
 in the land.<sup>2</sup>

By Swearing and lying,  
 Killing and stealing and  
 committing adultery,  
 They break all restraint,  
 With bloodshed upon bloodshed.<sup>3</sup>  
 Therefore  
 The land will mourn; and  
 Everyone who dwells there  
 will waste away  
 With the beasts of the field  
 And the birds of the air;  
 Even the fish of the sea  
 will be taken away.<sup>4</sup>

Now let no man  
 contend, or  
 rebuke another;

For your people are like those  
 who contend with the priest.<sup>5</sup>  
 Therefore  
 You shall stumble  
 in the day [daytime];  
 The prophet also  
 shall stumble with you  
 in the night; and  
 I will destroy your mother.  
 6 ¶  
 My people are destroyed  
 for lack of knowledge.  
 Because you have rejected knowledge,  
 I also will reject you [*kingdom of...*]  
 from being priest for Me;  
 Because you have forgotten  
 the law of your God,  
 I also will forget your children.<sup>7</sup>  
 The more they increased,  
 The more they sinned against Me;  
 I will change<sup>12</sup> their glory<sup>13</sup> into  
 shame.<sup>8</sup>  
 They eat up the sin of My people;  
 They set their heart on their iniquity.<sup>9</sup>  
 And it shall be: like people, like priest.  
 So I will punish them for their ways,  
 And reward them for their deeds.<sup>10</sup>  
 For they shall eat,  
 but not have enough;  
 They shall commit harlotry,  
 but not increase;  
 Because they have ceased  
 obeying YHWH.<sup>11</sup>  
 Harlotry, wine, and new wine  
 enslave the heart. [*Pr 31:4-7*]

<sup>12</sup> As in the Masoretic Text, Septuagint (LXX), and Vulgate — scribal tradition, Syriac, and Targum: “They will change”.

<sup>13</sup> As in the Masoretic Text, Septuagint (LXX), Syriac, Targum, and Vulgate — scribal tradition: “My glory”.

<sup>12</sup> ¶  
 My people ask counsel  
 from their wooden idols, and  
 Their staff informs them.  
 For  
 the spirit of harlotry  
 has caused them to stray, and  
 they have played the harlot  
 against their God.<sup>13</sup>  
 They  
 offer sacrifices  
 on the mountaintops, and  
 burn incense  
 on the hills,  
 under oaks, poplars, and terebinths,  
 Because their shade is good.  
 Therefore  
 your daughters commit harlotry, and  
 your brides commit adultery.<sup>14</sup>  
 I will not punish your daughters  
 when they commit harlotry,  
 Nor your brides  
 when they commit adultery;  
 For the men themselves  
 go apart with harlots, and  
 offer sacrifices with a ritual harlot.  
 Therefore people who do not under-  
 stand will be trampled.<sup>15</sup>  
 Though you, Israel, play the harlot,  
 Let not Judah offend.  
 Do not come up to Gilgal,  
 Nor go up to Beth Aven,  
 Nor swear an oath, saying,  
 ‘As YHWH lives’ —<sup>16</sup>  
 For Israel is stubborn  
 Like a stubborn calf;  
 Now YHWH will let them forage  
 Like a lamb in open country.<sup>17</sup>  
 Ephraim is joined to idols,  
 Let him alone.<sup>18</sup>  
 Their drink is rebellion,

They commit harlotry continually.  
Her rulers dearly love dishonor.<sup>14</sup> 19  
The wind has wrapped her up in its  
wings, And they shall be ashamed  
because of their sacrifices.

5:1 ¶

## Hosea 5

### *The Failure of Israel's Leaders*

Hear this, O priests!  
Take heed, O house of Israel!  
Give ear, O house of the king!  
For yours is the judgment,  
Because you have been  
a snare to Mizpah and  
a net spread on Tabor. 2  
The revolters are  
deeply involved in slaughter,  
Though I rebuke them all. 3  
I know Ephraim, and  
Israel is not hidden from Me;  
For now, O Ephraim,  
you commit harlotry;  
Israel is defiled. 4  
They do not direct their deeds  
Toward turning to their God,  
For the spirit of harlotry  
is in their midst, and  
They do not know YHWH. 5  
The pride of Israel testifies to his face;  
Therefore Israel and Ephraim  
stumble in their iniquity;  
Judah also stumbles with them. 6  
With their flocks and herds  
They shall go to seek YHWH,  
But they will not find Him;  
He has withdrawn Himself from them. 7  
They have dealt treacherously  
with YHWH,

For they have begotten pagan children.  
Now a New Moon shall devour  
them and their heritage.

8 ¶

Blow

The ram's horn in Gibeah,  
The trumpet in Ramah!  
Cry aloud at Beth Aven,  
'Look behind you, O Benjamin!' 9

Ephraim shall be desolate  
in the day of rebuke;  
Among the tribes of Israel  
I make known what is sure. 10  
The princes of Judah are like those  
who remove a landmark;  
I will pour out My wrath  
on them like water. 11

Ephraim is  
oppressed and  
broken in judgment.  
Because he willingly  
walked by human precept. 12  
Therefore I will be  
to Ephraim  
like a moth, and  
to the house of Judah  
like rotteness. 13

When

Ephraim saw his sickness, and  
Judah saw his wound,  
Then Ephraim  
went to Assyria and  
sent to King Jareb ["contender"];  
[Tiglath-Pileser ↑: 2 Kings 16:6-18]

Yet he cannot cure you,  
Nor heal you of your wound. 14  
For I will be  
like a lion  
to Ephraim, and  
like a young lion  
to the house of Judah.

I, even I, will tear them and go away;  
I will take them away,  
and no one shall rescue. 15  
I will return again to My place  
Till they acknowledge their offense.  
Then they will seek My face;  
In their affliction  
they will earnestly seek Me."

6:1 ¶

## Hosea 6

*Call to Repentance*  
Come, and let us return to YHWH;  
For He has torn, but  
He will heal us;  
He has stricken, but  
He will bind us up. 2  
After two days  
He will revive us;  
On the third day  
He will raise us up,  
That we may live in His sight. 3  
Let us know,  
Let us pursue  
the knowledge of YHWH.  
His going forth is established  
as the morning;  
He will come to us  
like the rain,  
like the latter and former rain  
to the land [earth].

4 ¶

"O Ephraim, what shall I do to you?  
O Judah, what shall I do to you?  
For your faithfulness is  
like a morning cloud, and  
like the early dew  
It goes away. 5  
Therefore  
I have hewn them  
by the prophets,  
I have "slain" them  
by the words of My mouth; and

your judgments are like light  
that goes forth. 6  
For I desire [quoted in Mt 12:7]  
mercy and  
not sacrifice, and  
the knowledge of God  
more than burnt offerings. 7  
But like men [ESV, HCSB, RSV: Adam]  
they transgressed the covenant;  
There  
they dealt treacherously with Me. 8  
Gilead is  
a city of evildoers, and  
defiled with blood. 9  
As bands of robbers  
lie in wait for a man,  
So the company of priests  
murder on the way to Shechem;  
Surely they commit lewdness. 10  
I have seen a horrible thing  
in the house of Israel:  
There is the harlotry of Ephraim;  
Israel is defiled. 11  
Also, O Judah,  
a harvest is appointed for you,  
When I return the captives of My people.

7:1 ¶

## Hosea 7

### *Israel's Love of Wickedness*

When I would have healed Israel,  
Then the iniquity of Ephraim  
was uncovered,  
And the wickedness of Samaria.  
For they have committed fraud;  
A thief comes in;  
A band of robbers takes spoil outside.  
They do not consider in their hearts  
That I remember all their wickedness;  
Now their own deeds  
have surrounded them;  
They are before My face. 3

<sup>14</sup> Difficult Hebrew; Septuagint (LXX):  
"Their love for shame is greater than  
Their love for honor."

They make a king glad  
with their wickedness,  
And princes  
with their lies. 4  
They are all adulterers.  
Like an oven heated by a baker —  
He ceases stirring *the fire*  
after kneading the dough,  
Until it is leavened. 5  
In the day of our king  
Princes have made *him* sick,  
inflamed with wine;  
He stretched out his hand  
with scoffers. 6  
They prepare their heart like an oven,  
While they lie in wait;  
Their baker<sup>15</sup> sleeps all night;  
In the morning it burns  
like a flaming fire. 7  
They are all hot, like an oven,  
And have devoured their judges;  
All their kings have fallen.  
None among them calls upon Me.  
8 ¶  
Ephraim has mixed himself  
among the peoples;  
Ephraim is a cake unturned. 9  
Aliens have devoured his strength,  
But he does not know *it*; Yes,  
Gray hairs are here and there on him,  
Yet he does not know *it*. 10 And  
The pride of Israel testifies to his face,  
But they do not return  
to YHWH their God,  
Nor seek Him for all this. 11

Ephraim also is like a silly dove,  
without sense —  
They call to Egypt,  
They go to Assyria. 12  
Wherever they go,  
I will spread My net on them;  
I will bring them down  
like birds of the air;  
I will chastise them  
According to what  
their congregation has heard. 13  
Woe to them,  
for they have fled from Me!  
Destruction to them,  
Because they have  
transgressed against Me!  
Though I redeemed them,  
Yet they have spoken lies against Me. 14  
They did not cry out to Me  
with their heart  
When they wailed upon their beds.  
They assemble together  
for grain and new wine,  
They rebel against Me; 15  
Though I  
disciplined and  
strengthened  
their arms,  
Yet they devise evil against Me; 16  
They return, but not to the Most High;  
They are like a treacherous bow.  
Their princes shall fall by the sword  
For the cursings of their tongue.  
This shall be their derision  
in the land of Egypt.

8:1 ¶  
**Hosea 8**  
*Israel Reaps the Whirlwind*  
Set the trumpet to your mouth!  
He shall come like an eagle  
against the house of YHWH,  
Because they have  
transgressed My covenant and  
rebelled against My law. 2  
Israel will cry to Me,  
‘My God, we know You!’ 3  
Israel has rejected the good;  
The enemy will pursue him. 4  
They set up kings,  
but not by Me;  
They made princes,  
but I did not acknowledge them.  
From their silver and gold  
They made idols for themselves —  
That they might be cut off. 5  
Your calf is rejected, O Samaria!  
My anger is aroused against them —  
How long until  
they attain to innocence? 6  
For from Israel is even this:  
A workman made it, and  
it is not God;  
But the calf of Samaria  
shall be broken to pieces. 7  
They sow the wind,  
And reap the whirlwind.  
The stalk has no bud;  
It shall never produce meal.  
If it should produce,  
Aliens would swallow it up.

8 ¶  
Israel is swallowed up;  
Now they are among the Gentiles  
Like a vessel  
in which is no pleasure. 9  
For they have gone up to Assyria,  
Like a wild donkey  
alone by itself;  
Ephraim has hired lovers. 10  
Yes, though they have hired  
among the nations,  
Now I will gather them; And  
they shall sorrow a little,  
Because of the burden [oracle]  
of the king of princes. 11  
Because Ephraim has made many  
altars for sin,  
They have become for him  
altars for sinning. 12  
I have written for him  
the great things of My law,  
But they were considered  
a strange thing. 13  
For the sacrifices of My offerings  
they sacrifice flesh and eat it,  
But YHWH does not accept them.  
Now He will  
Remember their iniquity and  
Punish their sins.  
They shall return to Egypt. 14  
For Israel  
has forgotten his Maker, and  
has built temples [or palaces];  
Judah also has multiplied fortified cities;  
But I will send fire upon his cities,  
And it shall devour his palaces.”

<sup>15</sup> As in the Masoretic Text and Vulgate  
— Syriac and Targum: “Their anger”;  
Septuagint (LXX): “Ephraim”.  
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9:1 ¶ [Audio: Steve Gregg [Ho 4-9](#)]

## Hosea 9

### Israel's Punishment

Do not rejoice, O Israel,  
with joy like *other* peoples,  
For you have played the harlot  
against **your God**.  
You have made love for hire  
on every threshing floor. 2  
The threshing floor and the winepress  
Shall not feed them,  
And the new wine shall fail in her. 3  
They shall not dwell in **YHWH's** land,  
But Ephraim shall return to Egypt,  
And shall eat unclean *things* in Assyria. 4  
They shall not offer wine offerings  
to **YHWH**,  
Nor shall their sacrifices be pleasing  
to **Him**.  
*It shall be* like bread of mourners  
to them;  
All who eat it shall be defiled.  
For their bread shall be  
for their *own* life;  
It shall not come into  
**the house of YHWH**. 5  
What will you do in the appointed day,  
And **in the day** of the feast of **YHWH**? 6  
For indeed they are gone  
because of destruction.  
Egypt shall gather them up;  
**Memphis** shall bury them.  
Nettles shall possess  
their valuables of silver;  
Thorns shall be in their tents.  
7 ¶  
**The days of punishment** have come;  
**The days of recompense** have come.  
Israel knows!  
The prophet *is* a fool,

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The spiritual man *is* insane,  
Because of the greatness of your  
iniquity and great enmity. 8  
The watchman of Ephraim *is*  
with **my God**;  
But the prophet *is* a fowler's snare  
in all his ways —  
Enmity in **the house of his God**. 9  
They are deeply corrupted,  
As **in the days of Gibeah**.  
**He** will remember their iniquity;  
**He** will punish their sins. 10  
"I found Israel  
Like grapes in the wilderness;  
I saw your fathers  
As the firstfruits on the fig tree  
in its first season.  
But they  
went to **Baal Peor**, and  
separated themselves *to that* shame;  
They became an abomination  
like the thing they loved.  
11 ¶  
As for Ephraim,  
their glory shall fly away  
like a bird —  
No birth,  
No pregnancy, and  
No conception! 12  
Though they bring up their children,  
Yet I will bereave them to the last man.  
Yes,  
Woe to them **when I depart from them!** 13  
Just as I saw Ephraim like **Tyre**,  
planted in a pleasant place,  
So Ephraim will bring out his children  
to the murderer [*abortionist*]." 14  
Give them, O **YHWH** —  
What will **You** give?  
Give them  
a miscarrying womb and  
dry breasts! 15

"All their wickedness *is* in **Gilgal**,  
For there I hated them.  
Because of the evil of their deeds  
I will drive them from **My house**;  
I will love them no more.  
All their princes *are* rebellious. 16  
Ephraim *is* stricken,  
Their root *is* dried up;  
They shall bear no fruit.  
Yes, were they to bear children,  
I would kill  
the darlings of their womb." 17  
**My God** will cast them away,  
Because they did not obey **Him**;  
And they shall be wanderers  
among the nations.

10:1 ¶ [Audio: Steve Gregg [Ho 10-14](#)]

## Hosea 10

### YHWH's Judgment Against Israel

Israel empties *his* vine;  
He brings forth fruit for himself.  
According to the multitude of his fruit  
He has increased the altars;  
According to the bounty of his land  
They have embellished  
*his sacred* pillars. 2  
Their heart is divided [*cf. Ja 1:8*];  
**Now** they are held guilty.  
**He** will break down their altars;  
**He** will ruin their *sacred* pillars. 3  
For **now** they say,  
"We have no king,  
Because we did not fear **YHWH**.  
And as for a king,  
what would he do for us?" 4  
They have spoken words,  
Swearing falsely  
in making a covenant.  
Thus **judgment** springs up like hem-  
lock in the furrows of the field. 5

The inhabitants of **Samaria** fear  
Because of the calf [*Lit. calves*] of  
**Beth Aven** [*"house of vanity"*].  
For its people mourn for it, and  
its priests shriek for it —  
Because its glory has departed from it. 6  
*The idol* also shall be carried  
to **Assyria** [*Tiglath-Pileser* ↓]  
As a present for **King Jareb**.  
Ephraim shall receive shame, and  
Israel shall be ashamed  
of his own counsel. 7  
As for **Samaria**, her king is cut off  
Like a twig on the water. 8  
Also the high places of **Aven**,  
the sin of Israel,  
Shall be destroyed.  
The thorn and thistle  
shall grow on their altars;  
They shall say to the mountains,  
"Cover us!"  
And to the hills,  
"Fall on us!" [*Cf. Re 6:16*]  
9 ¶  
"O **Israel**, you have sinned  
from the days of **Gibeah**;  
There they stood.  
The battle in **Gibeah**  
against the children of iniquity  
Did not overtake them. 10  
**When it is My desire**,  
I will chasten them.  
Peoples shall be gathered against them  
**When I bind them**  
for their two transgressions  
[*in their two habitations*]. 11  
Ephraim *is* a trained heifer  
That loves to thresh *grain*; but  
I harnessed her fair neck,  
I will make Ephraim pull a plow.  
Judah shall plow;  
Jacob shall break his clods." 12  
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Sow for yourselves righteousness;  
Reap in mercy; [echo: Je 4:3]  
Break up your fallow ground,  
For it is time to seek YHWH,  
Till He comes and rains  
righteousness on you. 13  
You have plowed wickedness;  
You have reaped iniquity.  
You have eaten the fruit of lies,  
Because you trusted in your own way,  
In the multitude of your mighty men.  
14 Therefore  
Tumult shall arise among your people,  
and  
All your fortresses shall be plundered  
As Shalman [aka Shalmaneser]  
[“fire-worshiper”; king of Assyria]  
plundered Beth Arbel  
[“house of the ambush of God”]  
in the day of battle —  
A mother dashed in pieces  
upon her children. 15  
Thus it shall be done to you, O Bethel,  
Because of your great wickedness.  
At dawn the king of Israel  
shall be cut off utterly.

11:1 ¶

### Hosea 11

#### YHWH's Love For Israel

“When Israel was a child, I loved him,  
And out of Egypt I called My son.  
[cf. Mt 2:15] 2  
As they called them,  
So they went from them [LXX: My face];  
They  
sacrificed to the Baals, and  
burned incense to carved images. 3  
I taught Ephraim to walk,  
Taking them by their arms;  
But they did not know  
that I healed them. 4

I drew them  
with gentle cords [cords of a man],  
with bands of love, and  
I was to them as those  
who take the yoke from their neck.  
I stooped and fed them. 5  
He shall not return to the land of Egypt;  
But the Assyrian shall be his king,  
Because they refused to repent. 6  
And the sword shall  
slash in his cities,  
devour his districts, and  
consume them [his people],  
Because of their own counsels. 7  
My people are bent on backsliding  
[turning away] from Me.  
Though they call to the Most High,  
None at all exalt Him.  
8 ¶  
How can I give you up, Ephraim?  
How can I hand you over, Israel?  
How can I make you like Admah?  
How can I set you like Zeboiim?  
My heart churns within Me;  
My sympathy is stirred. 9  
I will not execute  
the fierceness of My anger;  
I will not again destroy Ephraim.  
For I am  
God, and not man,  
The Holy One in your midst; and  
I will not come with terror. 10  
They shall walk after YHWH.  
He will roar like a lion.  
When He roars,  
Then His sons shall come trembling  
from the west; 11  
They shall come trembling  
Like a bird from Egypt,  
Like a dove from  
the land of Assyria. And  
I will let them dwell in their houses”;

Says YHWH. 12

#### Charges Against Israel and Judah

“Ephraim has encircled Me with lies,  
And the house of Israel with deceit;  
But Judah still  
walks with God,  
Even with the Holy One  
who is faithful. 12:1 ¶  
Hosea 12  
Ephraim  
feeds on the wind, and  
pursues the east wind;  
He daily increases lies and desolation.  
Also they [esp. Ahaz] make a covenant  
with the Assyrians, and  
oil is carried [^ cf. 2Ki 16:8-Ahaz]  
to Egypt. 2

YHWH also

brings a charge against Judah, and  
will punish Jacob  
according to his ways;  
according to his deeds  
He will recompense him. 3  
He took his brother by the heel  
in the womb [Ge 25:26],  
And in his strength he  
struggled with God [Ge 32:28]. 4  
Yes, he  
struggled with the Angel and  
prevailed;  
He wept, and sought favor from Him.  
He found Him in Bethel,  
And there He spoke to us — 5  
That is, YHWH God of hosts.  
YHWH is His memorable name. 6  
So you,  
by the help of your God,  
return;  
observe mercy and justice, And  
wait on your God continually.

7 ¶

A cunning Canaanite!  
Deceitful scales are in his hand;  
He loves to oppress. 8  
And Ephraim said,  
‘Surely  
I have become rich,  
I have found wealth for myself;  
In all my labors, they shall find in me  
no iniquity that is sin.’ 9  
But I am YHWH your God,  
Ever since the land of Egypt;  
I will again make you dwell in tents,  
As in the days of the appointed feast. 10  
I have also spoken by the prophets,  
And have multiplied visions; [Re]  
I have given symbols through  
the witness of the prophets.” 11  
Though Gilead has idols  
— Surely they are vanity —  
Though they sacrifice bulls in Gilgal,  
Indeed their altars shall be heaps  
in the furrows of the field. 12  
Jacob fled  
to the country of Syria; [Ge 28:5]  
Israel served  
for a spouse [Ge 29:18], And  
for a wife he tended sheep. 13  
By a prophet [Moses: Ex] YHWH  
brought Israel out of Egypt, and  
By a [that] prophet  
he [v] was preserved. 14  
Ephraim provoked Him to anger  
most bitterly;  
Therefore his Lord will  
leave the guilt of his bloodshed  
upon him, and  
return his reproach  
upon him.



13:1 ¶

## Hosea 13

### *YHWH's Anger Against Israel*

When Ephraim spoke, trembling,

He exalted *himself* in Israel;

But when he offended

through Baal worship,

he died. 2

Now they

sin more and more, and

have made for themselves

molded images,

idols of their silver,

according to their skill;

all of it is

the work of craftsmen.

They say of them,

“Let the men who sacrifice

kiss the calves!” 3

Therefore they shall be

like the morning cloud and

like the early dew that passes away,

like chaff blown off

from a threshing floor and

like smoke from a chimney. 4

“Yet I am YHWH your God

Ever since the land of Egypt,

And you shall know

no God but Me; For there is

no Savior besides Me.

5 ¶

I knew you in the wilderness,

In the land of great drought. 6

When they had pasture,

they were filled;

they were filled and

their heart was exalted;

Therefore they forgot Me. 7

So I will be to them

like a lion;

like a leopard by the road

I will lurk; 8

I will meet them

like a bear deprived of her cubs;

I will tear open their rib cage, and there

I will devour them

like a lion.

The wild beast shall tear them.

9 ¶

O Israel, you are destroyed,

But your help is from Me. 10

I will be your King;<sup>16</sup>

Where is any other [help=King],

That he may save you in all your cities?

And your judges to whom you said,

‘Give me a king and princes’? 11

I gave you a king in My anger, and

took him away in My wrath. 12

The iniquity of Ephraim is bound up;

His sin is stored up. 13

The sorrows of a woman in childbirth

shall come upon him.

He is an unwise son,

For he should not stay long

where children are born. 14

[Quoted by Paul in [1Co 15:55](#)]

I will ransom them from the power of

the grave

[Hebrew sheol; Greek hades];

I will redeem them from death.

O Death, I will be your plagues!

O Grave, I will be your destruction!

[^ Hebrew Sheol; Paul: Hades]

[LXX:

O Death, where is your penalty?

O Grave, where is your sting?]

Pity is hidden from My eyes. 15

<sup>16</sup> Septuagint (LXX), Syriac, Targum, and Vulgate: “Where is your king?”

Though he is fruitful

among his brethren,

An east wind shall come;

The wind of YHWH shall come up

from the wilderness.

Then

his spring shall become dry, and

his fountain shall be dried up.

He shall plunder the treasury of

every desirable prize. 16

Samaria is held guilty,

For she has rebelled against her God.

They shall fall by the sword,

Their infants shall be dashed in pieces,

And their women with child ripped open.

[Typical of Assyria: [2Ki 18:9ff](#)]

14:1 ¶

## Hosea 14

### *Healing for the Remnant*

O Israel,

return to YHWH your God,

For you have stumbled

because of your iniquity; 2

Take words with you, and

return to YHWH.

Say to Him,

“Take away all iniquity;

Receive us graciously,

For we will offer

the sacrifices<sup>17</sup> of our lips. 3

Assyria shall not save us,

We will not ride on horses,

Nor will we say anymore

to the work of our hands,

‘You are our gods.’

For in You

the fatherless finds mercy.”

<sup>17</sup> Literally, “bull calves”; Septuagint (LXX): “fruit”.

4 ¶

“I will heal their backsliding,

I will love them freely,

For My anger

has turned away from him. 5

I will be like the dew to Israel;

He shall

grow like the lily, and

lengthen his roots like Lebanon. 6

His branches shall spread;

His beauty shall be like an olive tree, and

His fragrance like Lebanon. 7

Those who dwell under his shadow

shall return; They

shall be revived like grain, and

grow like a vine.

Their scent [lit., remembrance]

shall be like the wine of Lebanon.

8 ¶

Ephraim shall say,

‘What have I to do anymore with idols?’

I have heard and observed him.

I am like a green cypress tree;

Your fruit is found in Me.” 9

Or: Ephraim shall say,

‘What have I to do anymore with idols?’

I have heard and observed Him.

I am like a green cypress tree;

Your fruit is found in me.”

Who is wise?

Let him understand these things.

Who is prudent?

Let him know them.

For the ways of YHWH are right;

The righteous walk in them, But

transgressors stumble in them.”

# June 30

[16:19-20 moved from above]

2 Kings 16:19-20 ||

[This column is parallel to the next:]

19 Now the rest of the acts of Ahaz that he did, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Judah?

20 So Ahaz rested with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the City of David.

Then Hezekiah his son reigned in his place.

2 Chronicles 28:26-27

Ahaz King of Judah Dies

26 Now the rest of his acts and all his ways, from first to last, indeed they are written in the Book of the Kings of Judah and

Israel. 27 So Ahaz rested with his fathers, and they buried him in the city \_\_\_\_\_, in Jerusalem; but they did not bring him into the tombs of the kings of Israel. Then Hezekiah his son reigned in his place. [29:1-2 parallels 2Ki 18:1-3 below]

## Isaiah 13-16

[This collection of Isaiah's prophecies may have been given "in the year that King Ahaz died": Is 14:28; 3278 AB: 2Ki 15:27; so 727 BC]

13:1 ¶ [Audio: Steve Gregg Is 11-14]

Isaiah 13 [esp., vv17-19]

The Oracle Against Babylon:

To Be Overthrown by the Medes

The burden against Babylon

that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw: 2

"Lift up a banner on the high mountain,

Raise your voice to them;

Wave your hand,

that they may enter the gates of the nobles. 3

I have commanded

My sanctified ones;

I have also called

My mighty ones — for My anger! —

Those who rejoice in My exaltation." 4 ↗

The noise of

A multitude in the mountains,

Like that of many people!

A tumultuous noise of

The kingdoms of nations

Gathered together!

YHWH of hosts musters

The army for battle. 5

They come

From a far country,

From the end of heaven —

YHWH and

His weapons of indignation,

To destroy the whole land [Babylon].

6 ¶

[Cf. Judah Kings // Israel Kings]

Wail, for

The day of YHWH is at hand!

It will come as

Destruction from the Almighty. 7

Therefore All hands

will be limp, Every man's heart

will melt, 8 and They

will be afraid. Pangs and sorrows

will take hold of them; They

will be in pain

as a woman in childbirth; They

will be amazed at one another;

Their faces

will be like flames. 9

Behold,

The day of YHWH comes,

Cruel, with both

wrath and fierce anger,

To lay the land desolate; and

He will destroy its sinners from it. 10

For [cf. 34:4; Eze 32:7-8; Re 6:14;

Mt 24:29 // Mk, Lu, Joel 2:30-31;

etc.]

The stars of heaven and

Their constellations

will not give their light;

The sun

will be darkened in its going forth, and

The moon

will not cause its light to shine. 11

"I will punish

the world for its evil, and the wicked for their iniquity;

I will halt

the arrogance of the proud, and will lay low

the haughtiness of the terrible. 12

I will make

A mortal more rare than

fine gold,

A man more [rare] than

the golden wedge of

Ophir ["reducing to ashes"]. 13

Therefore

I will shake

the heavens, and

The land [earth] [earthquake:]

will move out of her place,

In the wrath of YHWH of hosts and

In the day of His fierce anger. 14

It shall be

as the hunted gazelle, and

as a sheep that no man takes up;

Every man

will turn to his own people, and

Everyone

will flee to his own land. 15

Everyone who is found

will be thrust through, and

Everyone who is captured

will fall by the sword. 16

Their children also

will be dashed to pieces

before their eyes;

Their houses

will be plundered and

Their wives

[will be] ravished. 17

Behold,  
I will stir up the Medes against them,  
Who will not regard  
silver; and as for  
gold,  
They will not delight in it. 18 Also  
Their bows will dash  
the young men to pieces, and  
They will have  
no pity on the fruit of the womb;  
Their eye will not spare children.

19 ¶  
And Babylon,  
The glory of kingdoms,  
The beauty of the Chaldeans' pride,  
Will be as when God overthrew  
Sodom and Gomorrah. 20  
It will never be inhabited,  
Nor will it be settled  
from generation to generation;  
Nor will the Arabian pitch tents there,  
Nor will the shepherds  
make their sheepfolds there. 21  
But  
Wild beasts of the desert  
will lie there, and  
Their houses  
will be full of owls;  
Ostriches  
will dwell there, and  
Wild goats  
will caper there. 22  
The hyenas  
will howl  
in their citadels,  
and dragons [jackals] [dinosaurs]  
in their pleasant palaces.  
Her time is near to come, and  
Her days will not be prolonged.”

14:1¶  
**Isaiah 14**  
**Proverb Against Babylon's King**  
For Y<sup>HWH</sup> [<sup>^</sup>v4]  
will have mercy on Jacob, and  
will still  
choose Israel, and  
settle them in their own land.  
The strangers [Gentiles?]  
will be joined with them, and  
They  
will cling to the house of Jacob. 2  
Then people  
will take them and  
bring them to their place, and  
The house of Israel  
will possess them  
for servants and maids  
in the land of Y<sup>HWH</sup>;  
They [the Medes: 13:17]  
will take them captive  
whose captives they were, and  
rule over their oppressors. 3  
It shall come to pass  
in the day Y<sup>HWH</sup> gives you rest  
from your sorrow, and  
from your fear and  
the hard bondage in which  
you were made to serve, 4  
that you  
will take up this proverb  
against the king of Babylon  
[at that later time], and say:  
“How the oppressor has ceased,  
the golden city ceased! 5  
Y<sup>HWH</sup> has broken  
the staff of the wicked,  
the scepter of the rulers; 6  
he who struck the people in wrath  
with a continual stroke,  
he who ruled the nations in anger,  
is persecuted and no one hinders. 7

The whole land [earth] [i.e., the people]  
is at rest and quiet;  
they break forth into singing. 8  
Indeed  
the cypress trees rejoice over you,  
the cedars of Lebanon,  
Saying,  
‘Since you were cut down,  
No woodsman has come up against us.’ 9  
Sheol [Hell] [the grave] from beneath  
is excited about you,  
to meet you at your coming;  
It stirs up the dead for you,  
all the chief ones of the lands  
[earth];  
It has raised up from their thrones  
all the kings of the nations. 10  
They all shall speak and say to you:  
‘Have you also become as weak as we?  
Have you become like us [dead]? 11  
Your pomp is brought down to Sheol,  
the sound of your stringed  
instruments;  
The maggot is spread under you,  
And worms cover you. 12 [↓ on land]  
How you are fallen from above,  
O shining one<sup>18</sup> [celebrity],  
son of the morning!  
[cf. Mt 11:23 // Lu 10:15]

<sup>18</sup> NKJ: “heaven, O Lucifer”; in the NAS  
“heaven” is not *shamayim*” but “*mah’al*”,  
meaning upward; this only occurrence in  
the Bible of “*heylel*” is not a name (trans-  
literated from Latin: Lucifer) but a word  
meaning “light-bearer”, “day/morning  
star”, or “shining one”. Contrary to some  
popular opinion, this is not about Satan,  
but the (human) king of Babylon (v4):  
Satan will not be brought down to the  
grave/pit (vv 9a, 11a, 15; v19a,d), he is not  
a man (v16c), he cannot be “slain, thrust  
through with a sword” (v19d).

How you are cut down to the ground,  
[i.e., cut down from a high position into  
the land of the living to the grave]  
You who weakened the nations!’ 13  
For you have said in your heart:  
“I will ascend into heaven,  
I will exalt my [earthly] throne  
above the stars of God;  
[e.g., Moses, the patriarchs,  
the prophets?]”  
I will also sit  
on the mount of the congregation  
on the farthest sides of the north; 14  
I will ascend  
above the heights of the clouds,  
I will be like the Most High.” 15  
Yet you shall be brought down  
to Sheol [the grave],  
to the lowest depths of the Pit. 16  
Those who see you will gaze at you,  
And consider you, saying:  
‘Is this the man who made the land  
[earth] [i.e., people] tremble,  
Who shook kingdoms, 17  
Who made the world as a wilderness  
and destroyed its cities,  
Who did not open  
the house of his prisoners?’ 18  
All the kings of the nations,  
All of them, sleep in glory [i.e., dead],  
Everyone in his own house; 19 But  
You are cast out of your grave  
Like an abominable branch,  
Like the garment of those  
Who are slain,  
thrust through with a sword,  
Who go down  
to the stones of the pit,  
Like a corpse trodden underfoot. 20  
You will not be joined  
with them in burial,

Because you have  
 destroyed your land and [that is]  
 slain your people.  
 The brood of evildoers  
 shall never be named. 21  
 Prepare slaughter for his children  
 because of  
 the iniquity of their fathers,  
 Lest they  
 rise up and  
 possess the land, and  
 fill the face of the world  
 with cities. 22  
 For I will rise up against them”,  
 says YHWH of hosts,  
 “And cut off from Babylon  
 the name and remnant, and  
 offspring and posterity”,  
 says YHWH. 23  
 “I will also make it [Babylon]  
 a possession for the porcupine, and  
 marshes of muddy water  
 [or pools of water; swamp];  
 I will sweep it  
 with the broom of destruction”,  
 says YHWH of hosts.  
 24 ¶  
**The Burden Regarding Assyria**  
 YHWH of hosts has sworn, saying,  
 “Surely,  
 as I have thought,  
 so it shall come to pass, and  
 as I have purposed,  
 so it shall stand: 25  
 That I will  
 break the Assyrian  
 in My land, and  
 on My mountains  
 tread him underfoot.

Then  
 his yoke shall be  
 removed from them, and  
 his burden  
 removed from their shoulders. 26  
 This is the purpose that is purposed  
 against the whole land [earth], and  
 This is the hand that is stretched out  
 over all the nations. 27  
 For YHWH of hosts has purposed,  
 and who will annul it?  
 His hand is stretched out,  
 and who will turn it back?” 28

### **The Burden Regarding Philistia**

This is the burden that came  
 in the year that King Ahaz died: 29  
 “Do not rejoice, all you of Philistia,  
 Because the rod that struck you  
 [Uzziah: 2 Ch 26:6,7] is broken;  
 For out of the serpent’s roots  
 will come forth a viper, and  
 its offspring will be a fiery [i.e.,  
 poisonous] flying serpent. 30  
 The firstborn of the poor will feed, and  
 The needy will lie down in safety;  
 I will kill your roots with famine, and  
 it will slay your remnant. 31  
 Wail, O gate!  
 Cry, O city!  
 All you of Philistia are dissolved;  
 For smoke [evidence of an army coming]  
 will come from the north, and  
 No one will be alone  
 in his appointed times.  
 [Or no soldier will straggle  
 out of his appointed place.]” 32  
 What will they answer  
 the messengers of the nation?  
 That YHWH has founded Zion, and  
 the poor of His people  
 shall take refuge in it.

15:1 ¶ [Audio: Steve Gregg [Is 15-23](#)]  
**Isaiah 15**  
**The Burden Against Moab**  
 The burden against Moab.  
 Because in the night Ar of Moab  
 is laid waste And destroyed,  
 Because in the night Kir of Moab  
 is laid waste And destroyed, 2  
 He has gone up  
 to the temple and Dibon,  
 to the high places to weep.  
 Moab will wail  
 over Nebo and  
 over Medeba;  
 On all their heads will be baldness,  
 And every beard cut off. 3  
 In their streets  
 They will clothe themselves  
 with sackcloth;  
 On the tops of their houses and  
 In their streets  
 Everyone will wail,  
 weeping bitterly. 4  
 Heshbon and Elealeh will cry out,  
 Their voice shall be heard  
 as far as Jahaz;  
 Therefore the armed soldiers of Moab  
 will cry out;  
 His life will be burdensome to him. 5  
 “My heart will cry out for Moab;  
 His fugitives shall flee to Zoar,  
 Like a three-year-old heifer.  
 For by the Ascent of Luhith  
 They will go up with weeping;  
 For in the way of Horonaim  
 They will raise up  
 a cry of destruction,  
 6 ¶  
 For the waters of Nimrim  
 will be desolate,  
 For the green grass  
 has withered away;

The grass fails, there is nothing green. 7  
 Therefore  
 the abundance they have gained,  
 and what they have laid up,  
 They will carry away  
 to the Brook of the Willows. 8  
 For the cry has gone  
 all around the borders of Moab,  
 Its wailing to Eglaim, and  
 Its wailing to Beer Elim. 9  
 For the waters of Dimon [aka Dibon]  
 will be full of blood;  
 Because I will bring more  
 upon Dimon, lions  
 upon him who escapes from Moab,  
 And on the remnant of the land.”

16:1 ¶

### **Isaiah 16**

Send the lamb  
 to the ruler of the land,  
 From Sela  
 to the wilderness,  
 to the mount of  
 the daughter of Zion. 2  
 For it shall be as a wandering bird  
 thrown out of the nest;  
 So shall be the daughters of Moab  
 at the fords of the Arnon. 3  
 “Take counsel,  
 Execute judgment;  
 Make your shadow like the night  
 in the middle of the day;  
 Hide the outcasts,  
 Do not betray him who escapes. 4  
 Let My outcasts dwell with you,  
 O Moab;  
 Be a shelter to them  
 from the face of the spoiler.  
 For the extortioner is at an end,  
 Devastation ceases,  
 The oppressors are consumed  
 out of the land. 5

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In mercy  
the throne will be established; and  
One will sit on it in truth,  
in the tabernacle of David,  
judging and seeking justice and  
hastening righteousness.”

6 ¶  
We have heard  
of the pride of Moab  
— He is very proud —  
of his haughtiness and  
his pride and  
his wrath;  
But his lies shall not be so. 7  
Therefore Moab  
shall wail for Moab;  
Everyone  
shall wail.  
For the foundations of Kir Hareseth  
you  
shall mourn;  
Surely they are stricken. 8  
For  
the fields of Heshbon languish, and  
the vine of Sibmah;  
The lords of the nations  
have broken down  
its choice plants,  
Which have  
reached to Jazer and  
wandered through the wilderness.  
Her branches are stretched out,  
They are gone over the sea. 9

Therefore I will bewail  
the vine of Sibmah,  
with the weeping of Jazer;  
I will drench you with my tears,  
O Heshbon and Elealeh;  
For battle cries have fallen over  
your summer fruits and  
your harvest. 10  
Gladness is taken away, and  
Joy from the plentiful field;  
In the vineyards  
there will be no singing,  
nor will there be shouting;  
no treaders will tread out wine  
in the presses;  
I have made their shouting cease. 11  
Therefore  
my heart shall resound  
like a harp for Moab, and  
my inner being for Kir Heres. 12  
And it shall come to pass,  
When it is seen that Moab is weary  
on the high place,  
That he will come  
to his sanctuary to pray;  
But he will not prevail. 13  
This is the word  
that YHWH has spoken  
concerning Moab since that time. 14  
But now YHWH has spoken, saying,  
“Within three [3] years,  
as the years of a hired man,  
the glory of Moab will be despised  
with all that great multitude, and  
the remnant will be  
very small and  
feeble.”

[Isaiah 17 on June 27]

## July 1

[18:1-3 moved here for chronology]

2 Kings 18:1-3 ||

[This column is parallel to the next:]

18:1 ¶ Now it came to pass in the third [3<sup>rd</sup>] year of Hoshea the son of Elah, king of Israel, that Hezekiah the son of Ahaz, king of Judah, began to reign. 2 He was twenty-five [25] years old when he became king, and he reigned twenty-nine [29] years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Abi- [“\_\_\_\_\_ my father”] the daughter of Zechariah [“YHWH remembers”]. 3 And he did what was right in the sight of YHWH, according to all that his father David had done.

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[Cf. Judah Kings // Israel Kings →]

[← so, by 3281 AB = 724 BC: Is 13-16]

[Audio: Steve Gregg 2Ki 17-18]

2 Chronicles 29:1-2 726 BC

Hezekiah Reigns in Judah

[Judah Year: 250-278: (726-698 BC):

3279-3307 AB: 2Ki 17:1]

29:1 ¶ Hezekiah

became king when

he was twenty-five [25] years old,

and he reigned

twenty-nine [29] years in Jerusalem.

His mother's name was Abijah

[“YHWH is my father”] the daughter

of Zechariah [“YHWH remembers”]. 2

And he did what was right in the sight

of YHWH, according to all that his

father David had done.

[2Ki 18:4-8 follow 2Ch 31:21 below]

2 Chronicles 29:3ff

Hezekiah Opens, Repairs the Temple

3 In the first [1<sup>st</sup>] year of his reign,

in the first [1<sup>st</sup>] month [Abib: Mar-Apr],

he [Hezekiah] opened the doors of the

house of YHWH and repaired them. 4

Then he brought in the priests and

the Levites, and gathered them in

the East Square, 5 and said to them:

“Hear me, Levites! Now

sanctify yourselves,

sanctify the house of YHWH

God of your fathers, and

carry out the rubbish

from the holy place. 6

For our fathers have trespassed and

done evil in the eyes of YHWH our God;

they have forsaken Him,

have turned their faces away from

the dwelling place of YHWH, and

turned their backs on Him. 7

They have also shut up the doors of the vestibule, put out the lamps, and have not burned incense or offered burnt offerings in the holy place to the God of Israel. 8 Therefore the wrath of YHWH fell upon Judah and Jerusalem, and He has given them up to trouble, to desolation, and to jeering, as you see with your eyes. 9 For indeed, because of this our fathers have fallen by the sword; and our sons, our daughters, and our wives are in captivity. 10

Now it is in my heart to make a covenant with YHWH, God of Israel, that His fierce wrath may turn away from us. 11 My sons, do not be negligent now, for YHWH has chosen you to stand before Him, to serve Him, and that you should minister to Him and burn incense."

12 ¶ Then these Levites arose: Mahath ["grasping"] the son of Amasai ["burdensome"] and Joel ["YHWH is God"] the son of Azariah ["YHWH has helped"], of the sons of the Kohathites; of the sons of Merari: Kish ["bent"] the son of Abdi ["servant of YHWH"] and Azariah ["YHWH has helped"] the son of Jehallelel ["God is praised"];

of the Gershonites: Joah ["YHWH is brother"] the son of Zimmah ["plotter"] and Eden ["pleasure"] the son of Joah ["YHWH is brother"]; 13 of the sons of Elizaphan, Shimri ["vigilant"] and Jeiel ["God sweeps away"]; of the sons of Asaph: Zechariah ["YHWH remembers"] and Mattaniah ["YHWH's gift"]; 14 of the sons of Heman: Jehiel ["God lives"] and Shimei ["renowned"]; and of the sons of Jeduthun: Shemaiah ["YHWH-heard"] and Uzziel ["God is my strength"]. 15

And they gathered their brethren, sanctified themselves, and went according to the commandment of the king, at the words of YHWH, to cleanse the house of YHWH. 16 Then the priests went into the inner part of the house of YHWH to cleanse it, and brought out all the debris that they found in the temple of YHWH to the court of the house of YHWH. And the Levites took it out and carried it to the Brook Kidron ["dark"].

17 Now they began to sanctify on the first [1<sup>st</sup>] day of the first [1<sup>st</sup>] month, and on the eighth [8<sup>th</sup>] day of the month they came to the vestibule of YHWH. Then they sanctified the house of YHWH in eight [8] days, and on the sixteenth [16<sup>th</sup>] day of the first [1<sup>st</sup>] month they finished. 18 Then they went in to King Hezekiah and said,

"We have cleansed all the house of YHWH, the altar of burnt offerings with all its articles, and the table of the showbread with all its articles. 19 Moreover all the articles that King Ahaz in his reign had cast aside in his transgression we have prepared and sanctified; and there they are, before the altar of YHWH."

### The Temple Consecrated

20 ¶ Then King Hezekiah rose early, gathered the rulers of the city, and went up to the house of YHWH. 21 And they brought seven [7] bulls, seven [7] rams, seven [7] lambs, and seven [7] male goats for a sin offering for the kingdom, for the sanctuary, and for Judah [i.e., the people].

Then he commanded the priests, the sons of Aaron, to offer them on the altar of YHWH. 22 So they killed the bulls, and the priests received the blood and sprinkled it on the altar. Likewise they killed the rams and sprinkled the blood on the altar. They also killed the lambs and sprinkled the blood on the altar. 23 Then they brought out the male goats for the sin offering before the king and the assembly, and they laid their hands on them. 24 And the priests killed them; and they presented their blood on the altar as a sin offering to make an atonement for all Israel, for the king commanded that the burnt offering and the sin offering be made for all Israel.

25 And he stationed the Levites in the house of YHWH with cymbals, with stringed instruments, and with harps, according to the commandment of David, [1Chr 25:1,6] of Gad the king's seer, and of Nathan the prophet; for thus was the commandment of YHWH by His prophets. 26 The Levites stood with the instruments of David, and the priests with the trumpets. 27 Then Hezekiah commanded them to offer the burnt offering on the altar. And when the burnt offering began, the song of YHWH also began, with the trumpets and with the instruments of David king of Israel. 28 So all the assembly worshiped, the singers sang, and the trumpeters sounded; all this continued until the burnt offering was finished. 29 And when they had finished offering, the king and all who were present with him bowed and worshiped. 30 Moreover King Hezekiah and the leaders commanded the Levites to sing praise to YHWH with the words of David and of Asaph the seer. So they sang praises with gladness, and they bowed their heads and worshiped. 31 Then Hezekiah answered and said, "Now that you have consecrated yourselves to YHWH, come near, and bring sacrifices and thank offerings into the house of YHWH." So the assembly brought in sacrifices and thank offerings, and as many as were of a willing heart brought burnt offerings. 32 And the number of the burnt offerings that the assembly brought was

seventy [70] bulls,  
one hundred [100] rams,  
two hundred [200] lambs —  
all these for a burnt offering to YHWH. 32  
The consecrated things were  
six hundred [600] bulls and  
three thousand [3,000] sheep. 34  
But the priests were too few, so that  
they could not skin all the burnt offer-  
ings; therefore their brethren the Levites  
helped them until the work was ended  
and until the other priests had sancti-  
fied themselves, for the Levites were  
more diligent in sanctifying themselves  
than the priests. 35 Also the burnt  
offerings were in abundance, with the  
fat of the peace offerings and with the  
drink offerings for every burnt offering.  
So [in this way] the service of the house  
of YHWH was set in order. 36 Then  
Hezekiah and all the people rejoiced  
that God had prepared the people, since  
the events took place so suddenly.

## 2 Chronicles 30

### Invitation to Passover

30:1 ¶ And Hezekiah sent to all Israel and  
Judah, and also wrote letters to Ephraim  
and Manasseh, that they should come to  
the house of YHWH at Jerusalem, to keep  
the Passover to YHWH God of Israel. 2  
For the king and his leaders and all the  
assembly in Jerusalem had agreed to  
keep the Passover in the second [2<sup>nd</sup>]  
month. [Cf. Nu 9:6-14] 3 For they  
could not keep it at the regular time,  
because a sufficient number of priests  
had not consecrated themselves, nor  
had the people gathered together at  
Jerusalem. 4 And the matter pleased  
the king and all the assembly. 5 So

they resolved to make a proclamation  
throughout all Israel,  
from Beersheba [south]  
to Dan [north],  
that they should come to keep  
the Passover to YHWH God of Israel  
at Jerusalem, since they had not done it  
for a long time in the prescribed manner.

6 Then the runners went throughout all  
Israel and Judah with the letters from  
the king and his leaders, and spoke  
according to the command of the king:  
“Children of Israel, return to YHWH,  
God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel;  
then He will return to the remnant of  
you who have escaped from the hand  
of the kings of Assyria [Shalmaneser  
then, and Tiglath-Pileser before]. 7  
And do not be like your fathers and  
your brethren, who trespassed against  
YHWH God of their fathers, so that He  
gave them up to desolation, as you see.  
8 Now do not be stiff-necked, as your  
fathers were, but

yield yourselves to YHWH; and  
enter His sanctuary, which  
He has sanctified forever, and  
serve YHWH your God,  
that the fierceness of His wrath may turn  
away from you. 9 For if you return to  
YHWH, your brethren and your children  
will be treated with compassion by those  
who lead them captive, so that they may  
[eventually] come back to this land;  
for YHWH your God is gracious and  
merciful, and will not turn His face from  
you if you return to Him.” 10

So the runners passed from city to city  
through the country of Ephraim and  
Manasseh, as far as Zebulun; but they

laughed at them and mocked them. 11  
Nevertheless some from  
Asher,  
Manasseh, and  
Zebulun,

humbled themselves and came to Jeru-  
salem. 12 Also the hand of God was on  
Judah to give them singleness of heart  
to obey the command of the king and  
the leaders, at the word of YHWH.

### Passover Kept

13 ¶ Now many people, a very great  
assembly, gathered at Jerusalem to keep  
the Feast of Unleavened Bread in the  
second [2<sup>nd</sup>] month. 14 They arose  
and took away the altars that were in  
Jerusalem, and they took away all the  
incense altars and cast them into the  
Brook Kidron [“dark”]. 15 Then they  
slaughtered the Passover lambs on the  
fourteenth [14<sup>th</sup>] day of the second [2<sup>nd</sup>]  
month. The priests and the Levites were  
ashamed, and sanctified themselves, and  
brought the burnt offerings to the house  
of YHWH. 16 They stood in their place  
according to their custom,  
according to the Law of Moses  
the man of God;

the priests sprinkled the blood received  
from the hand of the Levites. 17 For there  
were many in the assembly who had not  
sanctified themselves; therefore the Le-  
vites had charge of the slaughter of the  
Passover lambs for everyone who was  
not clean, to sanctify them to YHWH. 18  
For a multitude of the people, many from

Ephraim,  
Manasseh,  
Issachar, and  
Zebulun,

had not cleansed themselves, yet they  
ate the Passover contrary to what was  
written. But Hezekiah prayed for them,  
saying,

“May the good YHWH provide atone-  
ment for everyone 19 who prepares  
his heart to seek God, YHWH, God of  
his fathers, though he is not cleansed  
according to the purification of the  
sanctuary.” 20

And YHWH [not a legalist] listened to  
Hezekiah and healed the people.

21 ¶ So the children of Israel who were  
present at Jerusalem kept the Feast of  
Unleavened Bread seven [7] days  
with great gladness; and the Levites and the  
priests praised YHWH day by day, singing  
to YHWH, accompanied by loud instru-  
ments. 22 And Hezekiah gave encour-  
agement to all the Levites who taught  
the good knowledge of YHWH; and they  
ate throughout the feast seven [7] days,  
offering peace offerings and making  
confession to YHWH God of their fathers.  
23 Then the whole assembly agreed to  
keep the feast another seven [7] days,  
and they kept it another seven [7] days  
with gladness. 24 For Hezekiah king  
of Judah gave to the assembly

a thousand [1,000] bulls and  
seven thousand [7,000] sheep,  
and the leaders gave to the assembly  
a thousand [1,000] bulls and  
ten thousand [10,000] sheep;  
and a great number of priests sanctified  
themselves. 25 The whole assembly  
of Judah rejoiced, also the priests and  
Levites, all the assembly that had come  
[came] from Israel — the sojourners  
who had come [came] from the land of

Israel —, and those who dwelt in Judah.  
26 So there was **great joy** in Jerusalem,  
for **since the time of Solomon** the son  
of David, king of Israel [up to 280 yrs  
earlier: *1Ki 6:38*], there had been  
nothing like this in Jerusalem. 27  
**Then** the priests, the Levites, arose and  
**blessed** the people, and their voice was  
heard; and their prayer came up  
to **His holy dwelling place**,  
to **heaven**.

## 2 Chronicles 31

### Beyond Passover

31:1 ¶ **Now** when all this was finished,  
all Israel who were present went out to  
the cities of Judah and [cf. *2Ki 18:4*]  
**broke** the *sacred* pillars in pieces,  
**cut down** the wooden images, and  
threw down the high places and  
the altars  
— from all  
**Judah**,  
**Benjamin**,  
**Ephraim**, and  
**Manasseh** —  
**until** they had utterly destroyed them all.  
**Then** all the children of Israel returned  
to their own cities, every man to his  
possession. 2 And Hezekiah appointed  
the divisions of  
the priests and the Levites  
according to their divisions,  
each man according to his service,  
the priests and Levites for  
burnt offerings and  
peace offerings,  
to **serve**,  
to **give thanks**, and  
to **praise**  
in the gates of **the camp of YHWH**. 3

The king also *appointed* a portion of  
his possessions for the burnt offerings:  
for **the morning and evening** burnt  
offerings, the burnt offerings for  
**the Sabbaths** and  
**the New Moons** and  
**the set feasts** [*Ex 23:14-16, Le 23*],  
as written in **the Law of YHWH**. 4

Moreover he commanded the people  
who dwelt in Jerusalem to contribute  
support for the priests and the Levites,  
that they might devote themselves to **the**  
**Law of YHWH**. 5 **As soon as** the com-  
mandment was circulated, the children  
of Israel brought in abundance the **first-**  
**fruits** of grain and wine, oil and honey,  
and of all the produce of the field; and  
they brought in abundantly the tithe of  
everything. 6 And the children of Israel  
and Judah, who dwelt in the cities of  
**Judah**, brought the tithe of oxen and  
sheep; also the tithe of **holy things** that  
were **consecrated** to **YHWH** their God they  
laid in heaps. 7 **In the third [3<sup>rd</sup>]** month  
they **began** laying them in heaps, and  
they **finished** in the seventh [7<sup>th</sup>] month.  
8 And **when** Hezekiah and the leaders  
came and saw the heaps, they **blessed**  
**YHWH** and **His people Israel**. 9 **Then**  
Hezekiah questioned the priests and  
the Levites concerning the heaps. 10  
And Azariah [*“YHWH has helped”*] the  
chief priest, from the house of Zadok  
[*“righteous”*], answered him and said,  
*“Since the people began to bring the  
offerings into the house of YHWH, we  
have had enough to eat and have plenty  
left, for YHWH has blessed His people;  
and what is left is this great abundance.”*

### New Temple Staff; Reforms

11 ¶ **Now** Hezekiah commanded *them*  
to prepare rooms in **the house of YHWH**,  
and they prepared them. 12 **Then** they  
faithfully brought in  
the offerings,  
the tithes, and  
the **dedicated** things;  
Cononiah [*“YHWH has established”*]  
the Levite had charge of them,  
and  
Shimei [*“renowned”*]  
his brother was the next. 13  
Jehiel [*“God lives”*],  
Azariah [*“YHWH is mighty”*],  
Nahath [*“rest”*],  
Asahel [*“God-made”*],  
Jerimoth [*“He is Most High”*],  
Jozabad [*“endowed by YHWH”*],  
Eliel [*“(my) God is God (El)”*],  
Ismachiah [*“YHWH sustains”*],  
Mahath [*“grasping”*], and  
Benaiah [*“YHWH has built (up)”*]  
were overseers under the hand of  
Cononiah and  
Shimei his brother,  
at the commandment of  
Hezekiah the king and  
Azariah [*“YHWH has helped”*]  
[chief priest (v10):]  
the ruler of **the house of God**. 14  
Kore [*“crier”*] the son of Imnah  
[*“right hand”*] the Levite,  
the keeper of the East Gate,  
was over the freewill offerings to God,  
to distribute **the offerings of YHWH** and  
**the most holy things**. 15  
And under him were  
Eden [*“pleasant”*],  
Miniamin [*“from the right hand”*],  
Jeshua [*“he is saved”*],

Shemaiah [*“YHWH-heard”*],  
Amariah [*“YHWH speaks (has  
promised)”*], and

Shecaniah [*“dweller with YHWH”*],  
his faithful assistants in **the cities** of  
the priests, to distribute allotments to  
their brethren by divisions, to the great  
as well as the small. 16 Besides those  
males from **three [3] years old and up**  
who were

**written in the genealogy**,  
they distributed  
to everyone who entered **the house**  
of **YHWH** his **daily** portion for  
the work of his service,  
by his division, 17 and  
to the priests who were  
**written in the genealogy**  
according to their father’s  
house, and  
to the Levites from  
**twenty [20] years old and up**  
according to their work,  
by their divisions, 18 and  
to all who were  
**written in the genealogy** —  
their little ones and  
their wives,  
their sons and daughters,  
the whole company of them —  
for in their **faithfulness** they **sanctified**  
themselves in **holiness**. 19 Also for the  
sons of Aaron the priests, *who were in  
the fields of the common-lands of their  
cities, in every single city, there were  
men who were designated by name to  
distribute portions to all the males among  
the priests and to all who were*  
**listed by genealogies**  
among the Levites.



# July 2

## 2 Chronicles 31:20-21

### Summary of Hezekiah's Reign

20 Thus Hezekiah did throughout all Judah, and he did what was good and right and true before Y<sup>HWH</sup> his God. 21

And in every work that he began in the service of the house of God, in the law and in the commandment, to seek his God, he did it with all his heart.

So he prospered.  
[2Ch 32-36 parallel parts of Isaiah]

[Audio: Steve Gregg 2Ki 17-18]

## 2 Kings 18:4-8

4 He [Hezekiah] removed the high places and broke the sacred pillars, [2Ch 31:1] cut down the wooden image and broke in pieces the bronze serpent that Moses had made; for until those days the children of Israel burned incense to it, and called it Nehushtan [“a thing of brass” or “bronze thing”]; 5 he trusted in Y<sup>HWH</sup> God of Israel, so that after him was none like him among all the kings of Judah, nor who were before him. 6 For he held fast to Y<sup>HWH</sup>; he did not depart from following Him, but kept His commandments, which Y<sup>HWH</sup> had commanded Moses. 7 Y<sup>HWH</sup> was with him; he prospered wherever he went. And [looking forward in time:]

he rebelled against the king of Assyria [perhaps Shalmaneser, or Sargon] and did not serve him; [and] 8

he subdued the Philistines, as far as Gaza and its territory, from watchtower to fortified city.  
[18:9-12 parallels 17:5-6 after Is 28]

## Isaiah 28

[The focus now returns to the kingdom of Israel (here called Ephraim by Isaiah), about to be ended by Assyria.]

28:1 ¶ [Audio: S. Gregg Is 28-29]

### Isaiah 28

#### Woe to Drunken Ephraim

Woe to the crown of pride, to the drunkards of Ephraim,

Whose glorious beauty is a fading flower  
Which is at the head of the verdant valleys,  
To those who are overcome with wine! 2

Behold, the Lord has [Assyria:] a mighty and strong one,

Like a tempest of hail and a destroying storm,

Like a flood of mighty waters overflowing,

Who will bring them down to the land [earth] with His hand. 3

The crown of pride, The drunkards of Ephraim,

Will be trampled underfoot; 4  
And the glorious beauty is

a fading flower  
Which is at the head of the verdant valley,

Like the first fruit before the summer,  
Which an observer sees;

He eats it up

while it is still in his hand. 5

In that day Y<sup>HWH</sup> of hosts will be

For a crown of glory and a diadem of beauty

To the remnant of His people, 6

For a spirit of justice

To him who sits in judgment, and For strength

To those who turn back the battle at the gate. 7

But these [they] [in Jerusalem] also have erred

through wine, and through intoxicating drink

are out of the way [path]:

The priest and the prophet have erred through intoxicating drink,

They are swallowed up by wine,

They are out of the way through intoxicating drink;

They err in vision,

They stumble in judgment. 8

For all tables are full of vomit and filth; No place is clean.

9 ¶

[Apparently, the people say of Isaiah:]

“Whom will he teach knowledge?

And whom will he make

to understand the message?

Those just weaned from milk?

Those just drawn from the breasts? 10

For [his teaching sounds like:]  
Precept must be upon precept,  
Precept upon precept;  
Line upon line,  
Line upon line;  
Here a little,  
There a little.”<sup>19</sup> 11

[vv11-12 quoted in 1Co 14:21]

For with stammering lips and another tongue

He will speak to this people, 12

To whom He said,

“This is the rest with which

You may cause the weary to rest”,  
And, [cf. Is 30:15]

“This is the refreshing”;

Yet they would not hear. 13

But the word of Y<sup>HWH</sup> was to them,

“ Precept upon precept,

Precept upon precept;

Line upon line,

Line upon line;

Here a little,

There a little”,

That they might

go and fall backward, and be broken and snared and caught.

14 ¶

Therefore hear the word of Y<sup>HWH</sup>,

you scornful men,

who rule this people

who are in Jerusalem, 15

<sup>19</sup> The Hebrew text for v10 (and v13) may simply be childish sounds that have no meaning, or perhaps a childish mimicking of the prophet's words.

**This next passage is a “chiasm”:**

**A-B-C-D-C'-B'-A', thus:**

- A. Covenant (has sub-parts a-b-c-d)  
a. made with death  
b. made with Sheol (the grave)  
c. Scourge  
d. ... will pass us by
- B. Refuge (has sub-parts y-z)  
/ y. Refuge in lies  
/ z. Hidden under falsehood
- C. Building: materials  
/ /
- D. Inscription  
/ /
- C'. Building: tools  
/ /
- B'. Refuge (has sub-parts y-z)  
y. Refuge destroyed  
z. Hiding place destroyed
- A'. Covenant (has sub-parts a-b-c-d)  
a. annulled with death  
b. annulled with Sheol (the grave)  
c. Scourge  
d. ... will trample you
- End of chiasm: A-B-C-D-C'-B'-A'**

**Start chiasm: A-B-C-D-C'-B'-A':**

Because you have said,  
[part A, sub-parts a-b-c-d]  
[Covenant made with death, grave]  
“We have made a covenant [a]  
with death, and  
with Sheol [the grave] [b]  
We are in agreement.  
When the overflowing scourge [c]  
passes through,  
It will not come to us, for [d]  
[part B, sub-parts y-z]  
[Refuge: shelter made]  
We have made lies our refuge, [y]  
and under falsehood  
We have hidden ourselves.” 16 [z]

[part C, no sub-parts]

[Building: materials]

[~Quoted in Ro 9:33, 1Pe 2:6]

Therefore thus says the Lord YHWH

[Adonai YHWH]:

“Behold, I lay in Zion  
a stone for a foundation,  
a tried stone,  
a precious cornerstone,  
a sure foundation;

[part D, no sub-parts]

[Inscription]

Whoever believes will not act hastily. 17  
[not be shaken.]

[part C', no sub-parts]

[Building: tools]

Also I will make  
justice the measuring line, and  
righteousness the plummet;  
[part B', sub-parts y-z]  
[Refuge: shelter destroyed]

The hail will sweep away [y]

the refuge of lies [v15y], and

The waters will overflow [z]

the hiding place [v15z]. 18

[part A', sub-parts a-b-c-d]

[Covenant annulled with death, grave]

Your covenant with death [a]

will be annulled [v15a], and

Your agreement with Sheol [b]

will not stand [v15b];

When the overflowing scourge [c]

passes through [v15c],

Then you will be [d]

trampled down by it [v15d]. 19

**End chiasm: A-B-C-D-C'-B'-A'**

[cf. Ps 118:22 cornerstone]

As often as it goes out it will take you;

For morning by morning

It will pass over, and

By day and by night;

It will be a terror

just to understand the report.” 20

For [your own resting arrangement:]

the bed is too short

to stretch out on, and

the covering so narrow that

one cannot wrap himself in it. 21

For YHWH

will rise up as at Mount Perazim, He

will be angry

as in the Valley of Gibeon —

That He may do

His work,

His awesome work,

and bring to pass

His act,

His unusual act. 22

Now therefore, do not be mockers,

lest your bonds be made strong;

For I have heard from

the Lord YHWH [Adonai YHWH]

of hosts,

[↓ by Assyria]

A destruction determined even upon

the whole land [earth] [of Israel].

23 ¶

[Parable of farmer treating different  
crops differently, by wisdom:]

Give ear and hear my voice,

Listen and hear my speech. 24

Does the plowman keep

plowing all day to sow?

Does he keep

turning his soil and

breaking the clods? 25

When he has leveled its surface,

Does he not

sow

the black cummin and

scatter

the cummin,

plant

the wheat

in rows,

the barley

in the appointed place, and

the spelt

in its place? 26

For He instructs him

in right judgment,

His God teaches him. 27

For the black cummin is

not threshed

with a threshing sledge, nor

with a cartwheel is

the cummin rolled over;<sup>20</sup>

But the black cummin is

beaten out

with a stick, and

with a rod

the cumin.<sup>21</sup> 28

Bread flour must be ground;

Therefore he does not

thresh it forever,

break it with his cartwheel, or

crush it with his horsemen. 29

This [wisdom] also comes from

YHWH of hosts,

Who is

wonderful in counsel and

excellent in guidance.

[Isaiah 29 follows Isaiah 18-27]

<sup>20</sup> NKJ: “nor is a cartwheel rolled over the cummin;”

<sup>21</sup> NKJ: “the cumin with a rod”

2 Kings 17:5-6 ||

[This column is parallel to the next:]

5 Now [Hezekiah-Reign:4 = (723 BC:)]  
JudahYear:253: 3282AB: 2Ki 18:1]  
[Cf. Judah Kings // Israel Kings]  
the king of Assyria went throughout all the land, and went up to Samaria and besieged it for

three [3] years.

In the ninth [9th] year of Hoshea,  
[Hezekiah-Reign:6 = (721 BC:)]  
JudahYear:255: 3284AB: 2Ki 18:1]

the king of Assyria [now Sargon, Shalmaneser's successor] took Samaria and carried Israel away to Assyria, and placed them in Halah ["painful"] and by the Habor ["joining"], the River of Gozan ["a cutting off"], and in the cities of the Medes ["middle land"; modern Kurds, northwest Iraq].

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[Audio: Steve Gregg 2Ki 17-18]

2 Kings 18:9-12

Assyria Besieges Samaria

9 ¶ Now it came to pass in the fourth [4<sup>th</sup>] year of King Hezekiah, which was the seventh [7<sup>th</sup>] year of Hoshea the son of Elah, king of Israel, that Shalmaneser ["fire-worshiper"] king of Assyria came up against Samaria and besieged it.

Samaria Falls to Assyria

10 And at the end of three [3] years they took it. In the sixth [6<sup>th</sup>] year of Hezekiah, that is, the ninth [9<sup>th</sup>] year of Hoshea king of Israel,

[721 BC]

Samaria was taken. 11 Then the king of Assyria [now Sargon, Shalmaneser's successor] carried Israel away captive to Assyria, and put them in Halah ["painful"] and by the Habor ["joining"], the River of Gozan ["a cutting off"], and in the cities of the Medes ["middle land"; modern Kurds, in northwest Iraq], 12

because they did not obey the voice of YHWH their God, but transgressed His covenant and all that Moses the servant of YHWH had commanded; and they would neither hear nor do them. [2Ki 17:7-41 follows next] [2Ki 18:13ff follows 17:41]

[This column not parallel to the next:]

2 Kings 17:7-41

7 ¶ For so it was that the children of Israel had sinned against YHWH their God, who had brought them up out of the land of Egypt, from under the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt; and they had feared other gods, 8 and had walked in the statutes of the nations whom YHWH had cast out from before the children of Israel, and of the kings of Israel, which they had made. 9 Also the children of Israel secretly did against YHWH their God things that were not right, and they built for themselves high places in all their cities, from watchtower to fortified city. 10 They set up for themselves sacred pillars and wooden images on every high hill and under every green tree. 11 There they burned incense on all the high places, like the nations whom YHWH had carried away before them; and they did wicked things to provoke YHWH to anger, 12

for they served idols, of which YHWH had said to them, "You shall not do this thing." 13 Yet YHWH testified against Israel and against Judah, by all of His prophets, every seer, saying, "Turn from your evil ways, and keep My commandments and My statutes, according to all the law that I commanded your fathers, and that I sent to you by My servants the prophets." 14 Nevertheless they would not hear, but stiffened their necks, like the necks of their fathers, who did not believe in YHWH their God. 15 And they rejected His statutes and His covenant that He had made with their fathers, and His testimonies that He had testified against them; they followed idols, became idolaters, and went after the nations who were all around them, concerning whom YHWH had charged them that they should not do like them. 16

So they left all the commandments of YHWH their God, made for themselves a molded image and two calves, made a wooden image and worshiped all the host of heaven, and served Baal. 17

And they caused their sons and daughters to pass through the fire, practiced witchcraft and soothsaying, and sold themselves to do evil in the sight of YHWH, to provoke Him to anger. 18 Therefore YHWH was very angry with Israel, and removed them from His sight. There was none left but the tribe of Judah alone. 19

(Also Judah did not keep the commandments of YHWH their God, but walked in the statutes of Israel, which they made.) 20

And YHWH rejected all the descendants of Israel, afflicted them, and delivered them into the hand of plunderers, until He had cast them from His sight. 21

For He tore Israel from the house of David, and they made Jeroboam the son of Nebat king. Then Jeroboam drove Israel from following YHWH, and made them commit a great sin. 22 For the children of Israel walked in all the sins of Jeroboam that he did; they did not depart from them, 23 until YHWH removed Israel out of His sight, as He had said [He would] by all His servants the prophets.

So Israel was carried away from their own land to Assyria, as it is to this day.

#### Foreigners Settled in Israel

24 ¶ Then [Sargon (known to assyriologists)] the king of Assyria brought people from

Babylon [“confusion (by mixing)”]; i.e., Babel],

Cuthah [“crushing”], Ava [“ruin”; no map],

Hamath [“fortress”], and from

Sepharvaim [“the two Sipparas”],

and placed them in the cities of Samaria instead of the children of Israel; and they took possession of Samaria and dwelt in its cities. 25 And it was so, at the beginning of their dwelling there, that they did not fear YHWH; therefore YHWH sent lions among them, which killed some of them. 26 So they spoke to the king of Assyria, saying, “The nations whom you have removed and placed in the cities of Samaria do not know the rituals of the god of the land; therefore He has sent lions among them, and indeed, they are killing them because they do not know the rituals of the god of the land.” 27

Then the king of Assyria commanded, saying,

“Send there one of the priests whom you brought from there; let him go and dwell there, and let him teach them the rituals of the god of the land.” 28

Then one of the priests whom they had carried away from Samaria came and dwelt in Bethel, and taught them how they should fear YHWH. [Curious, because the Israelite priests were not Levites nor true worshipers of YHWH since Jeroboam replaced them: 2Ch 11:13-15.] 29 However every nation continued to make gods of its own, and put them in the shrines on the high places that the Samaritans had made, every nation in the cities where they dwelt. 30

The men of Babylon made Succoth Benoth

[“the daughter’s booth”],

the men of Cuth made

Nergal [“hero”],

the men of Hamath made

Ashima [“guiltiness: I will make desolate”], 31 and

the Avites made

Nibhaz [“the barker”; this idol had the figure of a dog] and

Tartak [“prince of darkness”]; and

the Sepharvites

burned their children in fire to

Adrammelech

[“honor of the king” or “Adar is prince/counselor/decider”]

and

Anammelech

[“image of the king”],

the gods of Sepharvaim. 32

So they [every nation: v29] feared YHWH, and from every class they appointed for themselves priests of the high places, who sacrificed for them in the shrines of the high places. 33 They feared YHWH, yet served their own gods — according to the rituals of the nations from among whom they were carried away. 34

To this day they continue practicing the former rituals; they do not fear YHWH, [contrary: v32] nor do they follow [ & v41]

the[ir] statutes or the[ir] ordinances, or the law and commandment

that YHWH had commanded the children of Jacob, whom He named Israel, 35 with whom YHWH had made a covenant and charged them, saying:

“You shall

not fear other gods, nor bow down to them nor serve them nor sacrifice to them; 36

but YHWH,

who brought you up from the land of Egypt with great power and an outstretched arm,

Him you shall fear, Him you shall worship, and to Him you shall offer sacrifice. 37

And the statutes, the ordinances, the law, and the commandment that He wrote for you,

you shall be careful to observe forever;  
you shall

not fear other gods. 38

And the covenant

that I have made with you,  
you shall

not forget,

nor shall you fear other gods. 39

But Y<sup>HWH</sup> your God you shall fear;

and He will deliver you

from the hand of

all your enemies.” 40

However they [every nation: v29] did not obey, but they followed their former rituals. 41 So these nations feared Y<sup>HWH</sup>, yet served their carved images; also their children and their children's children have continued doing as their fathers did, even to this day [so v41 was written, apparently, two generations after Samaria fell to Assyria].

[This ends 2Ki 17.]

[In this document, above:]

[2Ki 18:1-3 began July 1]

[2Ki 18:4-8 follow 2Ch 31:21]

[2Ki 18:9-12 parallels 2Ki 17:5-6]

[In subsequent documents:]

[2Ki 18:13-20:19 parallel Isa 36-39, with 2Ch 32:1-31, July 20-22]

[2Ki 20:20-22:2 parallel 2Ch 32:32-34:7 following Is 66, July 29]

[2Ki 22:3-23:24 follow Je 6, July 31]

[2Ki 23:25-27 follow Je 48, Aug 3]

[2Ki 23:28-37 || 2Ch 35:20-36:5 follow Je 48, Aug 3]

[2Ki 24 follows Je 49, Aug 11]

[2Ki 25 is found in Ezekiel]

## July 3

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### Kings of Judah //

#### *Before the split from Israel:*

[See Judges Timeline.]

David [40 yrs: [1Ch 29:27](#)]

[2950-2989 AB: [1Ki 6:1](#)]

[1055-1016 BC]

#### *1 Kings starts with David's end*

Solomon [40 yrs: [2Ch 9:30](#)]

[2990-3029 AB: [1Ki 6:1](#)]

[1015-976 BC]

#### *Split from Israel started here:*

Rehoboam [17 yrs: [2Ch 12:13](#)]

[JudahYear:1-17, so 3030-3046

AB: [1Ki 11:42](#) || [1Ch 29:30](#)]

Abijah/Abijam [3 yrs: [2Ch 13:2](#)]

[JudahYear:18-20, so 3047-3049

AB: [1Ki 14:21](#) || [2Ch 12:13](#)]

Asa [41 yrs: [1Ki 15:9-10](#)]

[In Asa's 2<sup>nd</sup> yr →]

[Judah-Year:21-61, so 3050-3090

AB: [1Ki 15:2](#) || [2Ch 13:2](#)]

[In Asa's 3<sup>rd</sup> yr →]

[In Asa's 26<sup>th</sup> yr →]

[In Asa's 27<sup>th</sup> yr →]

[In Asa's 31<sup>st</sup> yr →]

[In Asa's 38<sup>th</sup> yr →]

Jehoshaphat [25 yrs: [2Ch 20:31](#)]

[In Jehos's 17<sup>th</sup> yr →]

[JudahYear:62-86,

so 3091-3115 AB: [2Ch 16:13](#)]

... 2 Kings starts with Ahaziah's end

### Kings of Israel

#### *Before the split from Judah:*

[See Judges Timeline.]

David [33 yrs: [1Ch 29:27](#)]

[2950-2989 AB: [1Ki 6:1](#)]

[1055-1016 BC]

#### *1 Kings starts with David's end*

Solomon [40 yrs: [2Ch 9:30](#)]

[2990-3029 AB: [1Ki 6:1](#)]

[1015-976 BC]

#### *Split from Judah started here:*

Jeroboam [22 yrs: [1Ki 14:20](#)]

[JudahYear:1-22, so 3030-3051

AB: [1Ki 11:42](#) || [1Ch 29:30](#)]

[Not the son of a prior king]

[← In Jeroboam's 20<sup>th</sup> yr]

Nadab [2 yrs: [1Ki 15:25](#)]

[JudahYear:22-23, so 3051-3052

AB: [1Ki 11:42](#), [1Ki 14:20](#), [1Ki 15:28](#)]

Baasha [24 yrs: [1Ki 15:33](#)]

[JudahYear:23-46

so 3052-3075 AB: [1Ki 15:9-10](#)]

Elah [2 yrs co-reign: [1Ki 16:8](#)]

[JudahYear:46-47,

so 3075-3076 AB: [1Ki 15:9-10](#)]

Zimri [7 days: [1Ki 16:15](#)]

[JudahYear:47,

so 3076 AB: [1Ki 15:9-10](#)]

Omri [7 yrs: [1Ki 16:23](#)]

[JudahYear:51-57,

so 3080-3086 AB: [1Ki 15:9-10](#)]

Ahab [22 yrs: [1Ki 16:29](#)]

[JudahYear:58-79,

so 3087-3108 AB: [1Ki 15:9-10](#)]

[← In Ahab's 4<sup>th</sup> yr]

Ahaziah [2 yrs co-reign: [1Ki 22:51](#)]

[JudahYear:78-79,

so 3107-3108 AB: [1Ki 22:41-42](#)]

... 2 Kings starts with Ahaziah's end

These two charts are roughly parallel:

### Father → Son Kings of Judah ~//

Note: each king of Judah was a son of the prior king. Not so in Israel.

David

→ Solomon

→ Rehoboam

→ Abijah/Abijam

→ Asa

→ Jehoshaphat

[more found in 2 Kings:]

→ Jehoram

→ Ahaziah

(Usurper Queen Athaliah)

→ Joash/Jehoash

→ Amaziah

→ Uzziah/Azariah

→ Jotham

→ Ahaz

→ Hezekiah

[more after Isaiah's time:]

→ Manasseh

→ Amon

→ Josiah [cf. [1Ch 3:10-16](#)]

Kings on the same level were roughly contemporaries.

### Father → Son Kings of Israel

Note: only kings preceded by → were a son of the prior king (except Joram).

David

→ Solomon

Jeroboam

→ Nadab

Baasha

→ Elah

Zimri

Omri

→ Ahab

→ Ahaziah

[more found in 2 Kings:]

→ J(eh)oram (...of Ahab, not Ahaziah)

Jehu

→ Jehoahaz

→ Joash

→ Jeroboam (II)

→ Zechariah

Shallum

Menahem

→ Pekahiah

Pekah

Hoshea

**Dispersion: end of Israel**



### Kings of Judah //

#### **2 Kings starts here**

[In Jehos's 18<sup>th</sup> yr →]

[Co-reign ↓ in Jehos's 22<sup>nd</sup> yr]

Jehoram [8 yrs: [2Ki 8:17](#) || [2Ch 21:5](#)]

[JudahYear:83-90,

so [3112-3119 AB: 2Ki 3:1](#)]

[Sole rex ↑ after Jehos's 25<sup>th</sup> yr]

[Co-reign ↓ in Jehoram's 8<sup>th</sup> yr]

Ahaziah [1 yr: [2Ki 8:25](#) || [2Ch 22:1](#)]

[JudahYear:90, so [3119 AB](#) ]

( ↓ Usurper queen, Jehoram's wife)

Athaliah [6 yrs: [2Ki 11:3](#)||[2Ch 22:12](#)]

[JudahYear:91-96,

so [3120-3125 AB: 2Ch 21:19-20](#)]

J(eh)oash [40 yrs: [2Ki 12:1](#)||[2Ch 24:1](#)]

[JudahYear:97-136,

so [3126-3165 AB: 2Ki 11:4](#)]

[In Joash's 23<sup>rd</sup> yr →]

[In Joash's 37<sup>th</sup> yr →]

[In Joash's 40<sup>th</sup> yr →]

Amaziah [29 yrs: [2Ki 14:1](#)||[2Ch 25:1](#)]

[JudahYear:137-165,

so [3166-3194 AB: 2Ki 12:1](#)]

[In Amaziah's 15<sup>th</sup> yr →]

Uzziah/Azariah [52 yrs: [2Ki 15:1](#)]

[JudahYear:166-217,

so [3195-3246 AB: 2Ki 14:2](#)||[2Ch 25:1](#)]

[In Uzziah's 38<sup>th</sup> yr →]

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### Kings of Israel

#### **2 Kings starts here**

J(eh)oram [12 yrs: [1Ki 22:51](#) ]

[JudahYear:79-90,

so [3108-3119 AB: 2Ch 16:13](#)]

[ ← In J(eh)oram's 5<sup>th</sup> yr]

[ ← Married Athaliah,  
who bore Ahaziah]

[ ← In J(eh)oram's 11<sup>th</sup> yr: [2Ki 9:29](#)]

[ ← In J(eh)oram's 12<sup>th</sup> yr: [2Ki 8:25](#)]

[Both kings killed by Jehu here. ]

[ ← Daughter of Ahab & Jezebel]

Jehu [28 yrs: [2Ki 10:36](#) ]

[JudahYear:91-118,

so [3120-3147 AB: 1Ki 12:1](#)]

[ ← In Jehu's 7<sup>th</sup> yr]

Jehoahaz [17 yrs: [2Ki 13:1](#) ]

[JudahYear:119-135,

so [3148-3164 AB: 2Ki 12:1](#)]

1<sup>st</sup> as co-rex, then as king for 16 yrs:

Joash [16 yrs: [2Ki 13:10](#) ]

[JudahYear:136-151,

so [3165-3180 AB: 2Ki 13:1](#)]

[ ← In Joash's 2<sup>nd</sup> yr]

Jeroboam (II) [41 yrs: [2Ki 14:23](#) ]

[JudahYear:151-191, so [3180-](#)

[3220 AB: 2Ki 14:2](#)||[2Ch 25:1](#)]

[ ← In Jeroboam's 27<sup>th</sup> yr ([15<sup>th</sup>????](#))]

[15 + 27 = 42, not 27?????]

[Jones has it in the 15<sup>th</sup>, not 27<sup>th</sup>, yr.]

Zechariah [6 mos: [2Ki 15:8](#) ]

[JudahYear:203;

[3232 AB: 2Ki 15:2](#) || [2Ch 26:3](#)]

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### Source Materials: Kings of Judah

mentioned in 1 Kings // Chronicles:

...the acts of \_\_\_ ... written in ...

**Re David:** [1Ch 29:29](#)

the book of **Samuel** the seer,  
the book of **Nathan** the prophet, &  
the book of **Gad** the seer,

**Re Solomon:** [1Ki 11:41](#) || [2Ch 9:29](#)

the **Book of the Acts of Solomon**  
|| the **Book of Nathan the Prophet**,  
the **Prophecy of Ahijah**  
the **Shilonite**, and  
the **Visions of Iddo** the seer  
concerning Jeroboam  
the son of Nebat

**Re Rehoboam:** [1Ki 14:29](#) || [2Ch 12:15](#)

the **Book**  
of the **Chronicles**  
of the **Kings of Judah**

|| the **Book**  
of **Shemaiah** the prophet, and  
of **Iddo** the seer [cf. [2Ch 13:22](#)]  
concerning genealogies

**Re Abijah/Abijam:** [1Ki 15:7a](#) || [2Ch 13:22](#)

the **Book of the Chronicles of**  
the **Kings of Judah**

|| the **Annals of the Prophet Iddo**  
[cf. [2Ch 12:15](#)].

**Re Asa:** [1Ki 15:23](#) || [2Ch 16:11a](#)

the **Book of the Chronicles of**  
the **Kings of Judah**

|| the **Book of**  
the **Kings of Judah and Israel**

**Re Jehoshaphat:** [2Ch 17:9](#)

So they taught in Judah, and had  
the **Book of the Law of YHWH**  
[first mention for several generations]

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### Source Materials: Kings of Israel

mentioned in only 1 & 2 Kings:

...the acts of \_\_\_ ... written in ...

**Re Jeroboam:** [1Ki 14:19](#)

**Re Nadab:** [1Ki 15:31](#)

**Re Baasha:** [1Ki 16:5](#)

**Re Elah:** [1Ki 16:14](#)

**Re Zimri:** [1Ki 16:20](#)

**Re Omri:** [1Ki 16:27](#)

**Re Ahab:** [1Ki 22:39](#)

**Re Jehu:** [2Ki 10:34](#)

**Re Jehoahaz:** [2Ki 13:8](#)

**Re J(eh)oash:** [2Ki 14:15b](#) || [2Ki 13:12b](#)

**Re Jeroboam II:** [2Ki 14:28b](#)

**Re Zechariah:** [2Ki 15:11](#)

**Re Shallum:** [2Ki 15:15](#)

**Re Menahem:** [2Ki 15:21](#)

**Re Pekahiah:** [2Ki 15:26](#)

**Re Pekah:** [2Ki 15:31](#)

the **Book of the Chronicles of the**  
**Kings of Israel**

### Kings of Judah //

Uzziah/Azariah [52 yrs: [2Ki 15:1](#)]

[JudahYear:166-217,  
so 3195-3246AB: [2Ki14:2||2Ch25:1](#)  
[In Uzziah's 38<sup>th</sup> yr →]

[In Uzziah's 39<sup>th</sup> yr →]

[In Uzziah's 39<sup>th</sup> yr →]

[In Uzziah's 49<sup>th</sup> yr →]  
[In Uzziah's 50<sup>th</sup> yr →]

[In Uzziah's 52<sup>nd</sup> yr →]

Jotham [16 yrs: [2Ki 15:32](#)]

[JudahYear:218-233;  
3247-3262AB: [2Ki 15:27](#)]

Ahaz [16 yrs: [2Ki 16:1](#)]

[JudahYear: 234-249;  
3263-3278AB: [2Ki 15:27](#)]

[In Jotham's 20<sup>th</sup> = Ahaz's 4<sup>th</sup> yr →]

[In Ahaz's 12<sup>th</sup> yr →]

Hezekiah [29 yrs: [2Ki 18:1](#)]

[JudahYear:250-278;  
3279-3307AB: [2Ki 17:1](#)]

[In Hezekiah's 4<sup>th</sup> yr →]

[In Hezekiah's 6<sup>th</sup> yr →]

[JudahYear:255: 3284AB: [2Ki17:1](#)]

**This 2Ki doc. ends with Israel's end**  
[Hence, 1 AB WAS 3283 + 721]

### Kings of Israel

[ ← In Jeroboam's 27<sup>th</sup> yr ([15<sup>th</sup> ???](#)) ]  
[15 + 27 = 42, not 27<sup>th</sup> ??? ]  
[Jones has it in the 15<sup>th</sup>, not 27<sup>th</sup>, yr.]

Zechariah [6 mos:[2Ki 15:8](#) ]

[JudahYear:203;  
3232 AB: [2Ki 15:2 || 2Ch 26:3](#)]

Shallum [1 mo:[2Ki 15:13](#) ]

[JudahYear:204;  
3233 AB: [2Ki 15:2 || 2Ch 26:3](#)]

Menahem [10 yrs:[2Ki 15:16](#) ]

[JudahYear:204-213: 3233-  
3242 AB: [2Ki 15:2 || 2Ch 26:3](#)]

no king for a year or two<sup>???</sup>

Pekahiah [2 yrs:[2Ki 15:23](#) ]

[JudahYear:215-216;  
3244-3245AB: [2Ki 15:2||2Ch 26:3](#)]

Pekah [20 yrs:[2Ki 15:27](#) ]

[JudahYear:217-236;  
3246-3265AB: [2Ki 15:2||2Ch 26:3](#)]

[ ← In Pekah's 2<sup>nd</sup> yr]

[ ← In Pekah's 17<sup>th</sup> yr]

Pekah [killed: [2Ki 15:30](#) ]

no king for 8 years: Assyrian dom.

Hoshea [9 yrs:[2Ki 17:1](#) ]

[JudahYear:245-253;  
3274-3282AB: [2Ki 16:1](#)]

[ ← In Hoshea's 3<sup>rd</sup> yr; 729 BC ]

[Oops, error here: 3276 ? 730?]

[ ↓ In Hoshea's 7<sup>th</sup> (then 9<sup>th</sup>) yr]

Assyria Besieges Samaria: [2Ki 18:9ff](#)

Assyria Takes Samaria Captive and  
Disperses Israel, in **721 BC**

**This 2Ki doc. ends with Israel's end**  
= 4004 BC, the first year.]

### Source Materials...Judah Cont'd

mentioned in 2 Kings // Chronicles:  
...the acts of \_\_\_ ... written in ...

Re **Jehoshaphat**: [1Ki 22:45 || 2Ch 20:34](#)

the Book of [the Chronicles of](#)  
[the Kings of Judah](#)

|| the Book of [Jehu the Son of](#)  
[Hanani, which is mentioned in](#)  
[the Book of the Kings of Israel](#)

Re **J(eh)oram**: [2Ki 8:23](#)

the Book of [the Chronicles of](#)  
[the Kings of Judah](#)

Re **J(eh)oash**: [2Ki 12:19 || 2Ch 24:27](#)

the Book of [the Chronicles of](#)  
[the Kings of Judah](#)

|| [the Annals of the Book of](#)  
[the Kings](#)

Re **Amaziah**: [2Ki 14:18 || 2Ch 25:26](#)

the Book of [the Chronicles of](#)  
[the Kings of Judah](#)

|| [the Book of](#)  
[the Kings of Judah and Israel](#)

Re **Uzziah/Azariah**: [2Ki 15:6 || 2Ch 26:22](#)

the Book of [the Chronicles of](#)  
[the Kings of Judah](#)

|| [the prophet Isaiah the son of](#)  
[Amoz \["strong"\] wrote](#)

Re **Jotham**: [2Ki 15:36 || 2Ch 27:7](#)

the Book of [the Chronicles of](#)  
[the Kings of](#) \_\_\_\_\_ [Judah](#)

|| [the Book of](#)  
[the Kings of Israel and Judah](#)

Re **Ahaz**: [2Ki 16:19 || 2Ch 28:26](#)

the Book of [the Chronicles of](#)  
[the Kings of Judah](#) \_\_\_\_\_

|| [the Book of](#)  
[the Kings of Judah and Israel](#)

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**Due to chronology, these are  
found in the Isaiah document:**

Re **Hezekiah**: [2Ki 20:20 || 2Ch 32:32](#)

the Book of [the Chronicles of](#)  
[the Kings of Judah](#) \_\_\_\_\_

|| [the Vision of Isaiah the Prophet,](#)  
[the Son of Amoz, and](#)  
[the Book of](#) \_\_\_\_\_  
[the Kings of Judah and Israel](#)

Re **Manasseh**: [2Ki 21:17 || 2Ch 33:18-19](#)

the Book of [the Chronicles of](#)  
[the Kings of Judah](#)

|| the Book of \_\_\_\_\_  
[the Kings of Israel \[and\]](#)  
among the sayings of Hozai  
["seer"; LXX reads "the  
seers"].

Re **Amon**: [2Ki 21:25](#)

the Book of [the Chronicles of](#)  
[the Kings of Judah](#)

Re **Josiah**: [2Ki 23:28 || 2Ch 35:27](#)

the Book of [the Chronicles of](#)  
[the Kings of Judah](#) \_\_\_\_\_

|| the Book of \_\_\_\_\_  
[the Kings of Judah and Israel](#)

Re **Jehoahaz**: NONE (3 mos only)

Re **Jehoiakim**: [2Ki 24:5 || 2Ch 36:8](#)

the Book of [the Chronicles of](#)  
[the Kings of](#) \_\_\_\_\_ [Judah](#)

|| the Book of \_\_\_\_\_  
[the Kings of Israel and Judah](#)

Re **Jehoiachin**: NONE (3 mos only)

Re **Zedekiah**: NONE

**End**

### Kings of Judah After Hezekiah

*These are found in the Isaiah doc.:*

Dates per Jones

Manasseh [55 yrs: [2Ki 21:1](#)||[2Ch 33:1](#)]

[JudahYear:279-333, so

3308-3362 AB: [2Ki 18:1](#) =

= 697-642 BC]

Amon [2 yrs: [2Ki 22:19](#)||[2Ch 33:21](#)]

[JudahYear:334-335, so

3363-3364 AB: [2Ki 21:1](#)||[2Ch 33:1](#)

= 642-640 BC]

Josiah [31 yrs: [2Ki 22:1](#) || [2Ch 34:1](#)]

[JudahYear:336-366, so

3365-3395 AB: [2Ki 22:19](#)||[2Ch 33:21](#)

= 640-610 BC]

*These are found in the Jeremiah doc.:*

Jehoahaz [3 mo: [2Ki 23:31](#) || [2Ch 36:2](#)]

[JudahYear:367, so

3396 AB: [2Ki 22:1](#) || [2Ch 34:1](#)

= 609 BC]

Jehoiakim/Eliakim [11 yrs:

[2Ki 23:36](#) || [2Ch 36:5](#)]

[JudahYear:368-378, so

3397-3407 AB: [2Ki 23:31](#) || [2Ch 36:2](#)

= 608-598 BC]

Jehoiachin [3 mos:

[2Ki 23:36](#) || [2Ch 36:5](#)]

[JudahYear:379, so

3408 AB: [2Ki 23:31](#) || [2Ch 36:2](#)

= 597 BC]

Zedekiah [11 yrs:

[Je52:1](#)||[2Ki24:18](#)||[2Ch36:11](#)]

[JudahYear:380-390, so

3409-3419 AB: [2Ki 23:36](#) || [2Ch 36:5](#)

= 596-586 BC]

### Relevant to Creation:

#### Amos 5:8

He made the Pleiades and Orion;

He turns the shadow of death

into morning, and

makes the day dark as night;

He calls for [cf. [9:6b](#)]

the waters of the sea, and

pours them out on

the face of the land [earth];

**Y<sup>H</sup>WH** is His name. <sup>9</sup>

### End Notes:

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<sup>i</sup> cf. [Mt 23:35](#) || [Lu 11:51](#) – Jesus referred to a different prophet Zechariah (son of Berechiah), whose death is not described in Scripture; the Luke parallel does not say which Zechariah.

### Keywords:

Elijah, Elisha, Ahab, Ahaziah, Jehoram, Joram, Athaliah, Jonah, Amos, Micah, Isaiah, Hosea, Jehu, Joash, Jehoash, Uzziah/Azariah, Hezekiah, Manasseh, Josiah, Jehoahaz, Jehoiakim/Eliakim, Jehoiachin, Zedekiah