

2 Kings 14:1-22 **Amaziah – King of Judah** [2 Chron 25:1-26:2]

Amaziah Reigns in Judah

¹ In the second year of Joash the son of Jehoahaz, king of Israel, Amaziah the son of Joash, king of Judah, became king. ² He was twenty-five years old when he became king, and he reigned twenty-nine years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Jehoaddan of Jerusalem.

³ And he did what was right in the sight of the Lord, 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 the Lord 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."

⁷ He killed ten thousand Edomites in the Valley of Salt, and took Sela by war, and called its name Joktheel to this day.

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. Therefore Jehoash king of Israel went out; so he and Amaziah king of Judah faced one another at Beth Shemesh, 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, at Beth Shemesh; and he went to Jerusalem, and broke down the wall of Jerusalem from the Gate of Ephraim to the Corner Gate — four hundred cubits. ¹⁴ And he took all the gold and silver, all the articles that were found in the house of the Lord and in the treasuries of the king's house, and hostages, and returned to Samaria.

¹⁵ Now the rest of the acts of Jehoash which 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, and was buried in Samaria with the kings of Israel. Then Jeroboam his son reigned in his place.

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

¹⁸ 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; 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, who was sixteen years old, and made him king instead of his father Amaziah.

22 He built Elath and restored it to Judah, after the king rested with his fathers.
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Facts Revealed:

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[2 Kings 14:1-2]

✧ Because Jehoshaphat the godly king of Judah made peace with Ahab & Jezebel the wicked king of Israel [1 Kings 22:44] the two families began to intermarry and the names of their sons became the same, thus we end up with kings of the same name in both Israel and Judah. The way to distinguish between them is by their father's name and the city of their reign.

✧ Jehoram shortened to Joram son of Ahab king of Israel and Jehoram shortened to Joram son of Jehoshaphat king of Judah was the first name to be kings of Israel and of Judah reigning at the same time. [2 Kings 1:17]

✧ Jehoash shortened to Joash became king of Israel in the 37th year of Jehoash shortened to Joash king of Judah which became the second time kings of the same name reigned in Israel and in Judah at the same time. [2 Kings 13:10]

✧ Amaziah did what was right in the sight of the Lord, yet not like his father David; he did everything as his father Joash had done.

However the high places were not taken away, and the people still sacrificed and burned incense on the high places. [2 Kings 14:3-4]

✧ David is still held up as the example of a godly king and the model king of all Israel, especially the southern "godly" kingdom of Judah as opposed to the blatantly ungodly northern kingdom of Israel.

✧ Amaziah displayed the most common human religious tendency in following the practices of his father instead of seeking to follow the more godly example of David. [2 Kings 12:1-21]

✧ His father Joash had done well as long as he had Jehoiada the Priest as his instructor, but after the death of Jehoiada the Priest, Joash turned to idolatry at the insistence of the people. [2 Chronicles 24:15-22]

✧ Worship on the high places was a pagan practice in idol worship and condemned by Yahweh. [Leviticus 26:30, Numbers 33:50-54, Deuteronomy 12:2, 33:29]

✧ Through all the kings from the time of the Judges, the high places remained until Hezekiah removed them. [2 Kings 18:1-6]

✧ The high places were rebuilt by Manasseh the son of Hezekiah. [2 Kings 21:1-9]

✧ The High Places were finally destroyed by Josiah who reigned 31 years in Jerusalem, he died at the hand of Pharaoh Necho king of Egypt 22.5 years before Judah fell to the king of Babylon. [2 Kings 23:1-20, 29]

✧ Now it happened, as soon as the kingdom was established in his hand, that Amaziah executed his servants who had murdered his father the king. 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 the Lord

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.**" [2 Kings 14:5-6, Deuteronomy 24:16]

- ✧ Amaziah killed ten thousand Edomites in the Valley of Salt, and took Sela by war, and called its name Joktheel to this day. [2 Kings 14:7]
- ✧ Displaying the weakness of human nature, Amaziah allowed a single victory to puff up his pride to a point of arrogance.

Amaziah challenged Israel to war – Judah lost & Israel won [2 Kings 14:8-14, 2 Chronicles 25:17-24]

- ✧ Elating in his victory over the Edomites, Amaziah challenged Jehoash king of Israel to war. [2 Kings 14:8]
- ✧ Jehoash the king of Israel responded by acknowledging Amaziah's victory over the Edomites but advised him to be content with that victory, instead of seeking war to his own hurt. [2 Kings 14:9-10]
- ✧ Amaziah would not listen to good advise, but entered into war against Israel only to be defeated. The defeat cost Amaziah 400 cubits of the wall of Jerusalem, all the gold and silver as well as the articles found in the house of Yahweh, the treasuries of the king's house, as well as the hostages taken to Samaria. [2 Kings 14:11-14]
- ✧ Foolish arrogance can be costly.
- ✧ Now the rest of the acts of Jehoash which 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? [2 Kings 14:15, 2 Chronicles 25:17-24]

Jeroboam son of Jehoash became King of Israel

- ✧ So Jehoash rested with his fathers, and was buried in Samaria with the kings of Israel. Then Jeroboam his son reigned in his place. [2 Kings 14:16]

Amaziah son of Joash (Jehoash) King of Judah lived 15 years after death of Jehoash (Joash) king of Israel. [2 Kings 14:17]

- ✧ The rest of the acts of Amaziah, are written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah. [2 Kings 14:18, 2 Chronicles 25:1-28]
- ✧ After he turned away from following Yahweh, Amaziah fled to Lachish when he learned of a conspiracy against him, but they sent to Lachish and killed him there, they brought his body to Jerusalem and buried him in the City of David. [2 Kings 14:19-20, 2 Chronicles 25:27-28]

The people made Azariah (Uzziah) son of Amaziah king of Judah

- ✧ All the people of Judah took Azariah (Uzziah), who was sixteen years old, and made him king instead of his father Amaziah. He built Elath and restored it to Judah. [2 Kings 14:21-22, 2 Chronicles 26:1-2]