

2 Kings 15:32-38 **Jotham Reigns in Judah** [2 Chron 27:1-9]

32 In the second year of Pekah the son of Remaliah, king of Israel, Jotham the son of Uzziah, king of Judah, began to reign. 33 He was twenty-five years old when he became king, and he reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Jerusha the daughter of Zadok.

34 And he did what was right in the sight of the Lord; 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 the Lord.

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 the Lord began to send Rezin king of Syria and Pekah the son of Remaliah against Judah.

38 So Jotham rested with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the City of David his father. Then Ahaz his son reigned in his place.

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Facts Revealed:

- ✧ In the second year of the reign of Pekah king of Israel, Jotham the son of Uzziah became king of Judah and reigned 16 years in Jerusalem.
His mother was Jerusha the daughter of Zadok (the Priest). [2 Kings 15:32-33]
- ✧ He followed the example of his father Uzziah, doing what is right in the sight of the Lord. [2 Kings 15:34]
- ✧ As with the kings before him, the high places were not removed and the people continued to sacrifice and burn incense on the high places. [2 Kings 15:35]
 - ◇ The high places were continually a problem with the kingdom of Judah.
 - ✧ 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]
- ✧ Jotham built the Upper Gate of the house of the Lord. [2 Kings 15:35]
- ✧ The rest of the acts of Jotham, and all that he did, are written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah. [2 Kings 15:36, 2 Chronicles 27:1-9]
- ✧ In those days the Lord began to send Rezin king of Syria and Pekah the son of Remaliah against Judah. [2 Kings 15:37]
 - ◇ The Northern kingdom of Israel is about to fall to the Assyrians and God is warning the Southern kingdom of Judah in an attempt to call them to a closer walk with Him before they also face a similar fate.
- ✧ Jotham rested with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the City of David his father. Then Ahaz his son reigned in his place. [2 Kings 15:38]