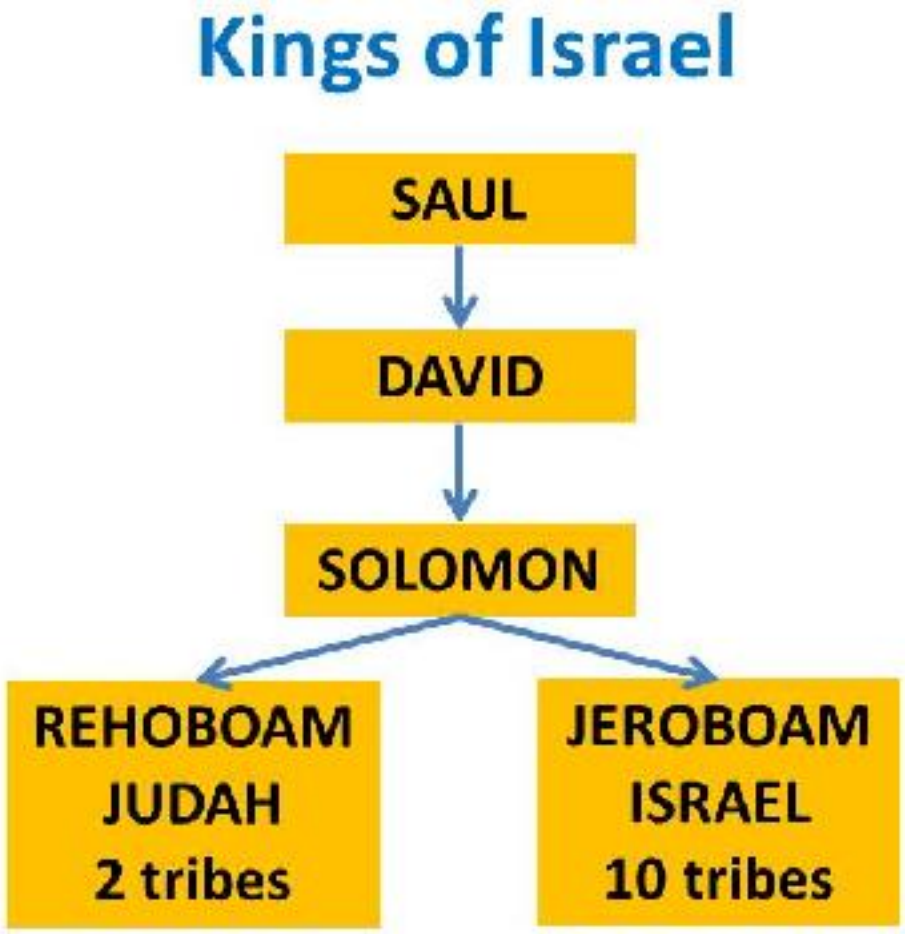
The DIVIDED KINGDOM of Israel and Judah





The SOUTHERN Kingdom

The NORTHERN Kingdom



	The NORTHERN Kingdom	The SOUTHERN Kingdom
Also Referred to as	ISRAEL	JUDAH
Beginning and Ending	Began in 931 BC Lasted 210 years.	Began in 931 BC Lasted 326 years.
# of Tribes	10	2 (Judah and Benjamin)
# of KINGS	19 None was righteous	20 Only 8 were righteous
First RULER	JEROBOAM	REHOBOAM
Last RULER	HOSHEA	ZEDEKIAH
CAPITAL	SAMARIA	JERUSALEM
Place/Time of Captivity	Captured by the Assyrians in 721 b.c.	Captured by the Babylonians in 606 b.c.
# of Returns from Captivity	NONE	3 Batches (Zerubabel, Ezra, Nehemiah)

- **EVIL KINGS of JUDAH**

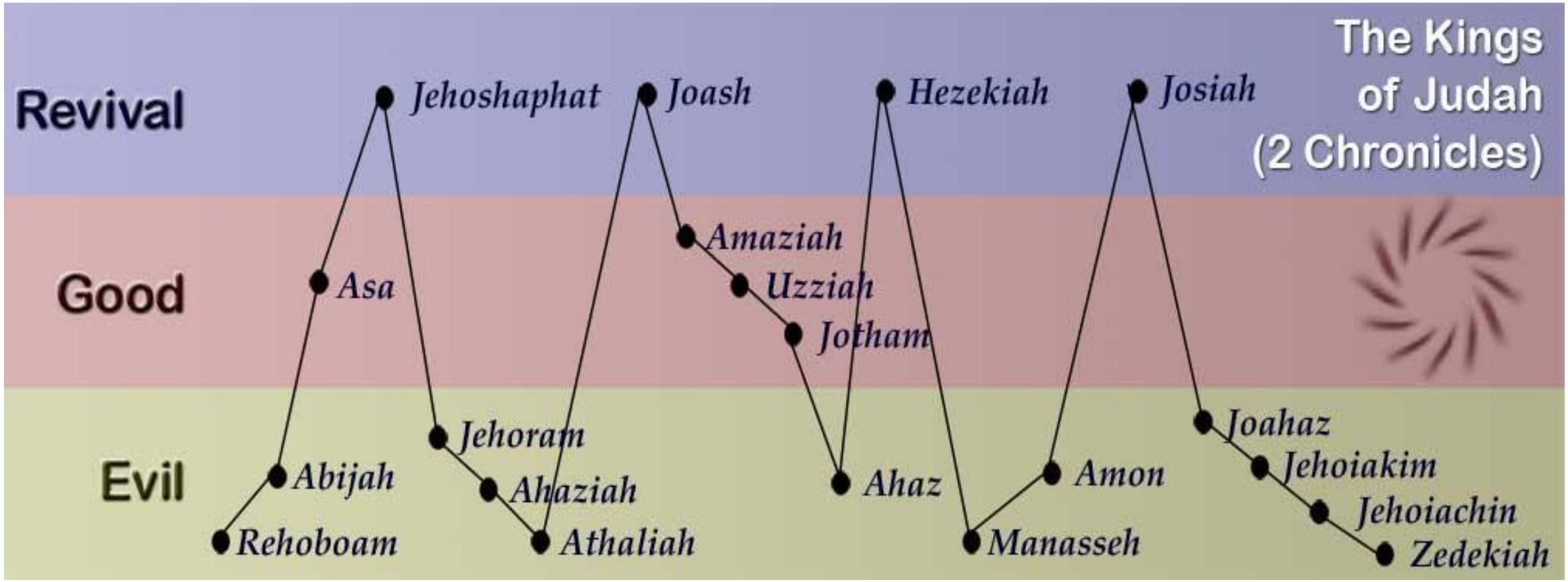


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- GOOD KINGS of JUDAH:

  - **Asa**
  - **Jehoshaphat**
  - **Joash**
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  - **Uzziah**
  - **Jothan**
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The Kings of Judah (2 Chronicles)
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❑ ASA What made him a GOOD King:

2 Chr 14:2 *And Asa **did that which was good and right in the eyes of the LORD his God***:

1. **Purified the kingdom**:

   - Took away the sodomites in the land; removed idols

2. **Urged return to the true worship of God**

2 Chr 15:9 *And he gathered all Judah and Benjamin, and the strangers with them out of Ephraim and Manasseh, and out of Simeon: for they fell to him out of Israel in abundance, when they saw that the LORD his God was with him.*

3. **Built fenced cities; strengthened the armies of Judah**



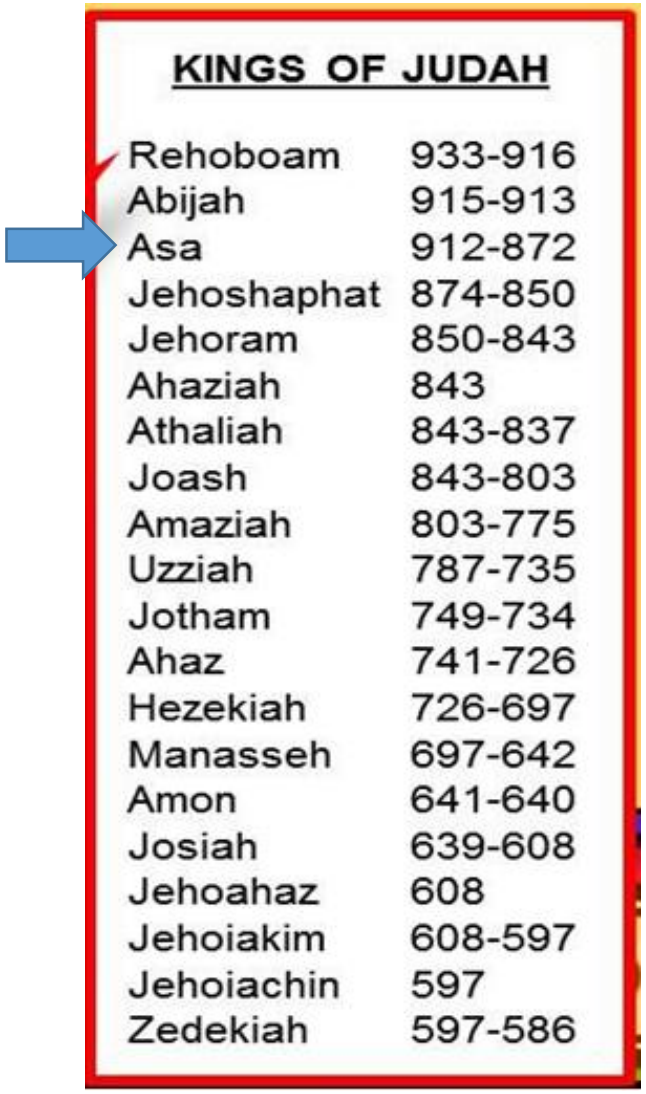
❑ ASA What made him a GOOD King:

When invaded with a host of Ethiopean 1,000,000 men and 300 chariots , **Asa prayed,**

"… ***it is nothing with thee to help, whether with many, or with them that have no power…"*** II Chr 14: 9-11

ENCOURAGED by the Prophet Azariah:

2 Chr 15:2 ***The LORD is with you, while ye be with him; and if ye seek him, he will be found of you; but if ye forsake him, he will forsake you.***



❑ ASA His Failures and Judgment from the Lord.

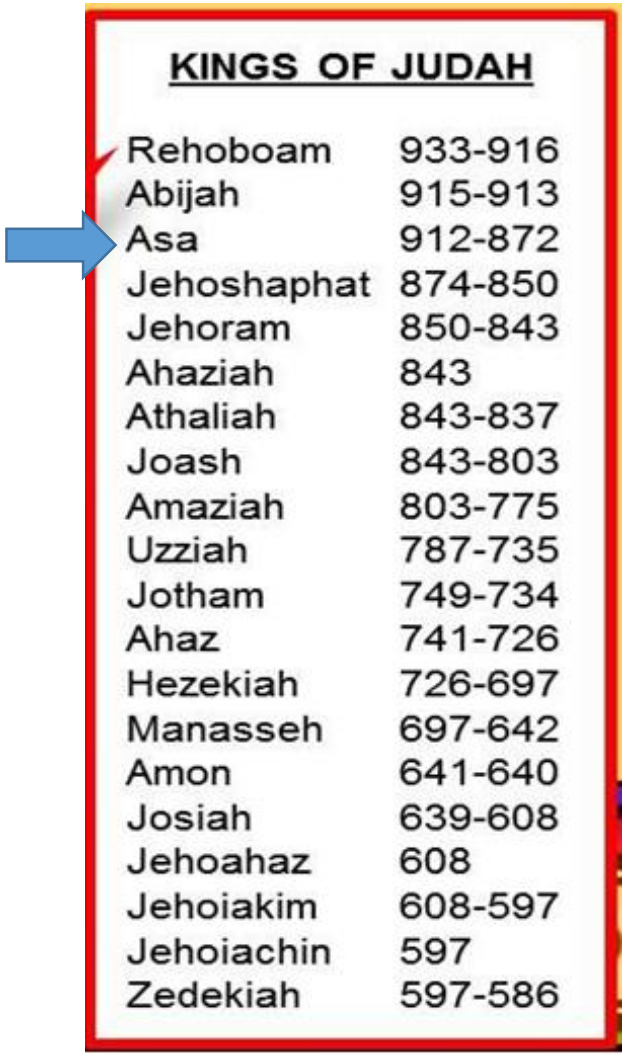
1. For fear of invasion of the King of Israel; ALLIED with Syria.
(paid silver and gold from the Temple)

REBUKED by Hanani, the seer:

- 2 Chr 16:7-9 ***Because thou hast relied on the king of Syria, and not relied on the LORD thy God, therefore is the host of the king of Syria escaped out of thine hand.***

- ***9 For the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to shew himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward him. Herein thou hast done foolishly: therefore from henceforth thou shalt have wars.***

-Imprisoned Hanani and oppressed some other people who rebuke him regarding the evil of alliance with unbeliever kings.



❑ ASA His Failures and Judgment from the Lord.

2. When diseased on his feet, ***"he sought not to the LORD, but to the physicians. "***

2 Chr 16:12 *And Asa in the thirty and ninth year of his reign was diseased in his feet, until his disease was exceeding great:*
yet in his disease he sought not to the LORD, but to the physicians.



- **JEHOSHAPHAT** **What made him a GOOD King:**

2 Chr 17:3 *And the LORD was with Jehoshaphat,* ***because he walked in the first ways of his father David****, and sought* ***not*** *unto Baalim;*

4 *But* ***sought to the (LORD) God of his father, and walked in his commandments****, and* ***not*** *after the doings of Israel.*



❑ JEHOSHAPHAT What made him a Good KING"

1. **Resisted idolatry in Judah.**

   -Sent out Levites to teach people of the book of the law.

2. **Economic prosperity of Judah attained.**

2 Chr 17:12 *And Jehoshaphat waxed great exceedingly; and he built in Judah castles, and cities of store. 13 And he had much business in the cities of Judah*

3. **Strengthened a large standing army at Jerusalem:**

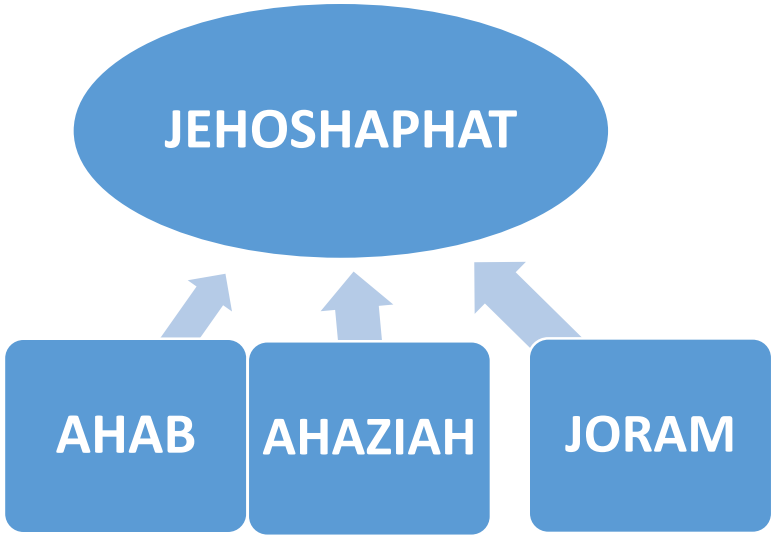
Vs. 13 : and the men of war, mighty men of valour, were in Jerusalem.

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Alliances with the EVIL Kings of Israel



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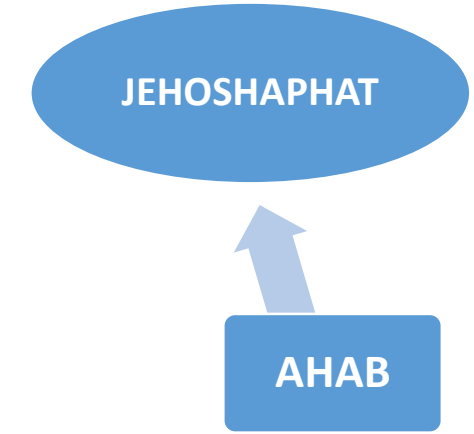
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❑Alliances with the EVIL Kings of Judah

2 Chr 18: 1 " .. ***joined affinity with Ahab***."

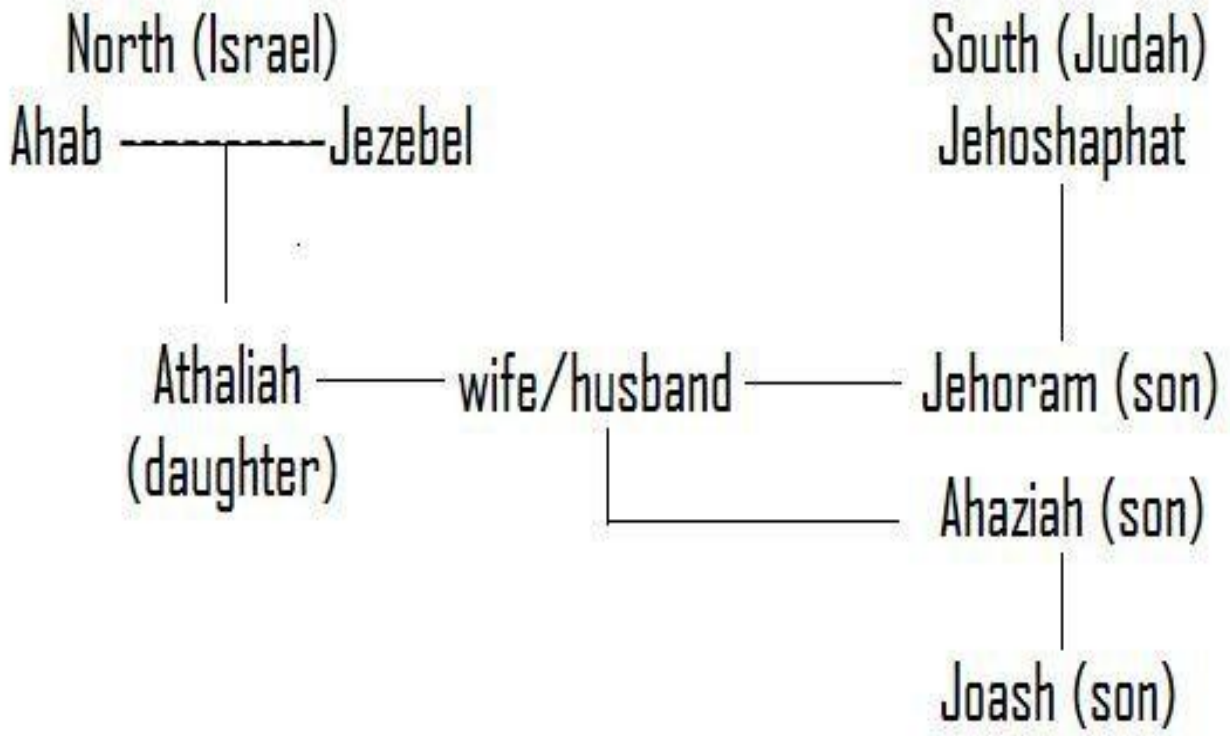
MARRIAGE Alliance

-Allowed marriage between Athaliah , daughter of Ahab with his (Jehoshaphat's) son Jehoram



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CONSEQUENCES of this Mistake:

a. BAAL worship was introduced in Judah

b. Athaliah had a 7 evil reign in Judah

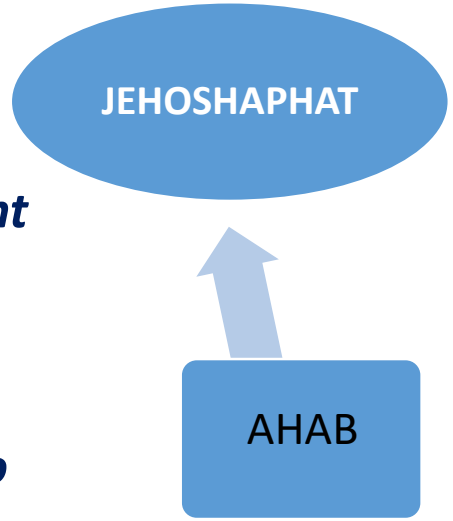
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2. MILITARY Alliance (with AHAB) 2 Chr 18

-With King Ahab against the Syrians



2 Chr 18: 2 *And **after certain years he went down to Ahab to Samaria**. And Ahab killed sheep and oxen for him in abundance, and for the people that he had with him, and **persuaded him to go up with him to Ramothgilead.***

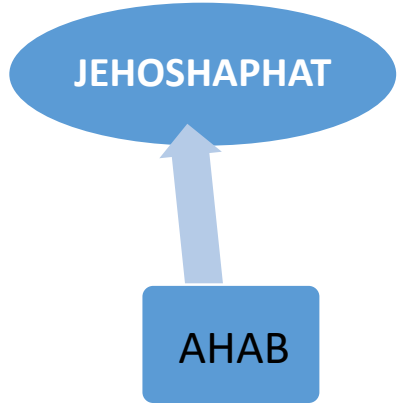
***AHAB**: Wilt thou go with me to Ramothgilead to fight against the Syrians ?*

***JEHOSHAPHAT** : I am as thou art, and my people as thy people; and we will be with thee in the war.*

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➢ CONSEQUENCES of this Mistake:

-Nearly killed; as Ahab disguised himself, the Syrians mistook Jehoshaphat for him.

➢ Upon return to Jerusalem, was rebuked by Hanani, the seer:

II Chr 19:2 "***Shouldst thou help the ungodly and love them that hate the Lord?, therefore is wrath upon thee from before the Lord.***"

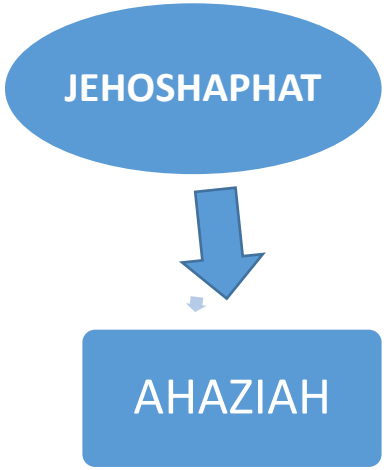
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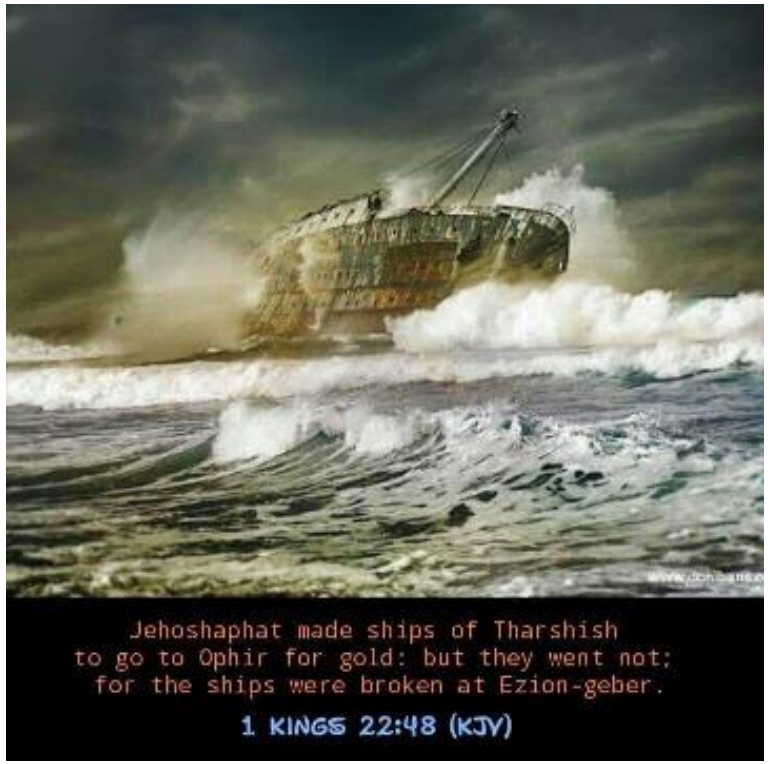
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- **JEHOSHAPHAT** - **His Failures and Judgment from God**

- **BUSINESS Alliance**

- -with King AHAZIAH, "*who did wickedly*" on a maritime expedition ; made ships at Eziongeber to go to Tarshish for gold (II Chr 20:36)





- **JEHOSHAPHAT** - **His Failures and Judgment from God**

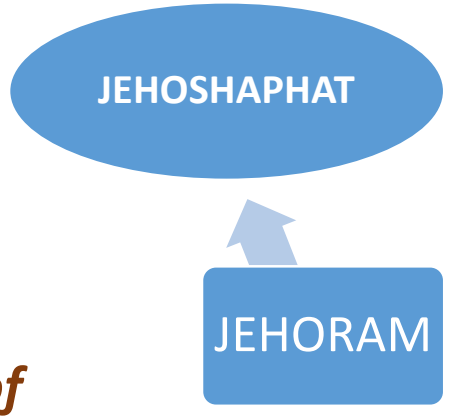
- **BUSINESS Alliance**
- -with King AHAZIAH

- **CONSEQUENCES of this Mistake:**
- **Rebuked by the prophet Eliezer** ,
  “ because thou hast joined theyself with Ahaziah, the Lord hath broken their works that they were not able to go to Tarshish.”

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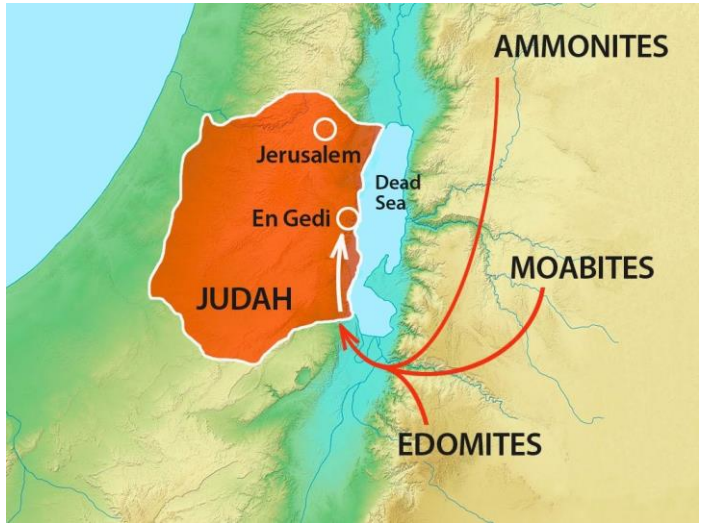
➢ **MILITARY Alliance**

-with King Jehoram of Israel vs. the Moabites

Jehoram, king of Israel : *"The king of Moab hath rebelled against me: wilt thou go with me against Moab to battle*? "

Jehoshaphat answered: *"I will go up, I am as thou art, my people are thy people, and my hoses as thy horses."*

➢ Joined by the King of Edom.





➢ JEHOSHAPHAT - His Failures and Judgment from God

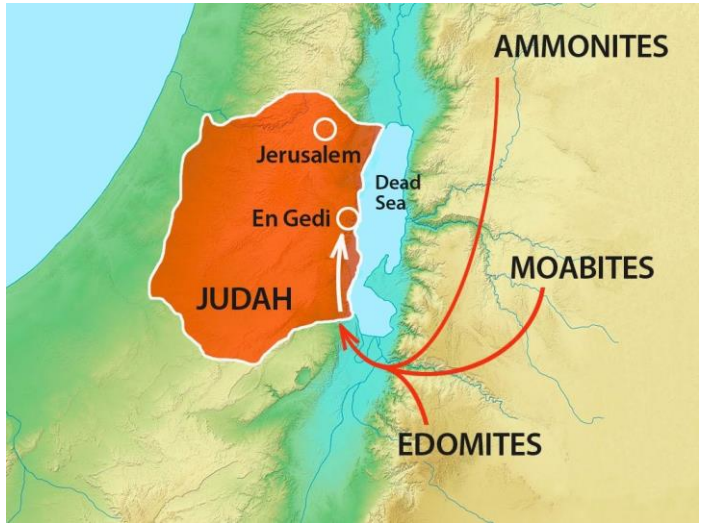
➢ CONSEQUENCES of this Mistake:

- Ignited another war.
  The Moabites turned against Judah , induced the Ammonited and the Edomites to go up against him.

➢ Jehoshaphat feared; gathered all Judah to proclaim a fast, and sought for the deliverance of the Lord.

➢ Encouraged by Jahaziel, the Levite:

"Hearken ye, all Judah, and ye inhabitants of Jerusalem, and thou king Jehoshaphat, ***Thus saith the LORD unto you, Be not afraid nor dismayed by reason of this great multitude; for the battle is not yours, but God's."***





➢ JEHOSHAPHAT - His Failures and Judgment from God

2 Chronicles 20:

- **17** *Ye shall not need to fight in this battle: set yourselves, stand ye still, and see the salvation of the LORD with you, O Judah and Jerusalem: fear not, nor be dismayed; to morrow go out against them: for the LORD will be with you.*

- **18** And Jehoshaphat bowed his head with his face to the ground: and all Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem fell before the LORD, worshipping the LORD.

❑ JEHOSHAPHAT -



➢ **Victory over the Moabites**: 2 Chr 20

➢ -**a team of choir composed of the Levites** were brought to the battlefield.

21 *And when he had consulted with the people,* ***he appointed singers unto the LORD, and that should praise the beauty of holiness, as they went out before the army, and to say, Praise the LORD; for his mercy endureth for ever.***

- 22 *And* ***when they began to sing and to praise, the LORD set ambushments*** *against the children of Ammon, Moab, and mount Seir, which were come against Judah; and they were smitten.*
- 23 …, ***every one helped to destroy another.***

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❑ JOASH –

➢ Saved by his aunt, Jehosheba , from the massacre of her grandmother Athaliah.

Who was Athaliah? (1)



Queen circa 841-835BC Athaliah

A mother who murdered her own grandchildren

"...when Athaliah the mother of Ahaziah saw that her son was dead, she arose and destroyed all the seed royal of the house of Judah."
2 Chronicles 22:10



➢ Who Is Jehosheba?

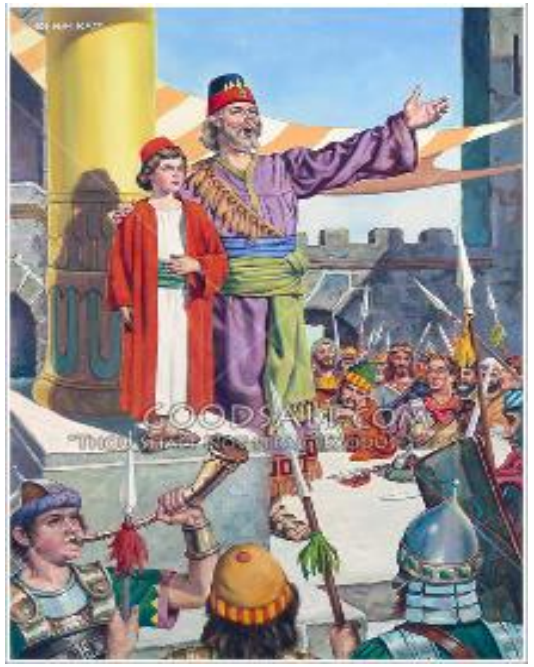
- Daughter of King Jehoram **(not necessarily daughter of Athaliah;** sister of Ahaziah
- Wife of Jehoiada, the priest.

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❑ JOASH:

- ❑ The only living descendant of Solomon, and was brought into the Temple and appointed king
- ❑(youngest king – 7 years old when he was presented).
- ➢ **Jehoiada, the high priest**, thought the time was ripe for overthrowing the power of Athaliah, the usurper.







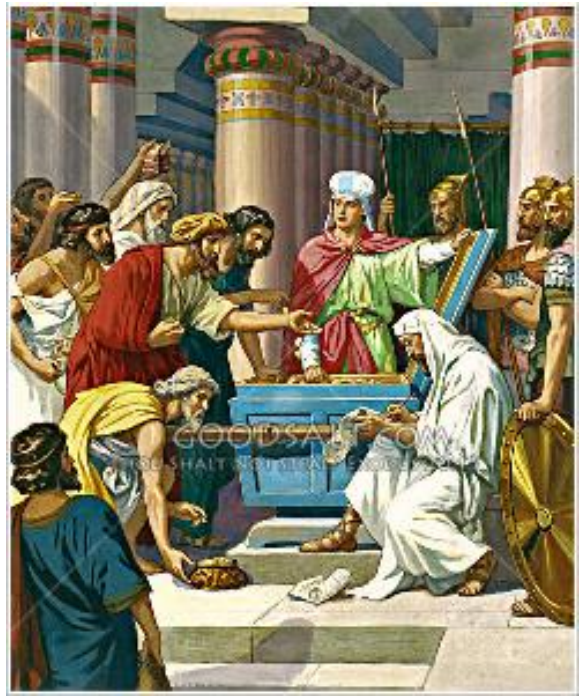
❑ JOASH : What made him GOOD

II Chr 24:2 _ "***did that which was right in the sight of the Lord all his days wherein Jehoiada the priest instructed him.***"

- "***Minded to repair the Temple***" II Chr 24:24)
- Gathered together the priests and the Levites …
  Go out unto the cities of Judah, and gather of all Israel money to repair the house of your God from year to year, and see that ye hasten the matter. Howbeit the Levites hastened it not.

6 And the king called for Jehoiada the chief, and said unto him, ***Why hast thou not required of the Levites to bring in out of Judah and out of Jerusalem the collection, …***

7 For the sons of Athaliah, that wicked woman, had broken up the house of God; and also all the dedicated things of the house of the Lord did they bestow upon Baalim.



JOASH : What made him a GOOD King (2 Chr 24)

8 *And at the king's commandment they made a chest, and set it without at the gate of the house of the Lord.*

9 And they made a proclamation through Judah and Jerusalem, to bring in to the Lord the collection that Moses the servant of God laid upon Israel in the wilderness.

10 And all the princes and all the people rejoiced, and brought in, and cast into the chest, until they had made an end.

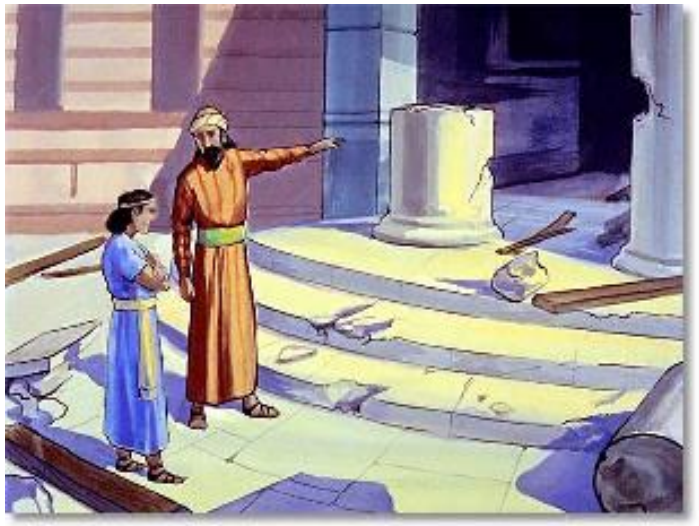
11 Now it came to pass, that at what time the chest was brought unto the king's office by the hand of the Levites, and when they saw that there was much money, the king's scribe and the high priest's officer came and emptied the chest, and took it, and carried it to his place again.
Thus they did day by day, and gathered money in abundance.

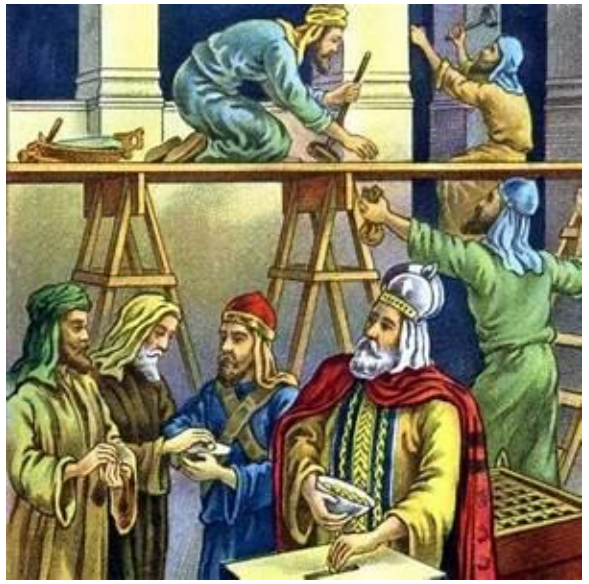
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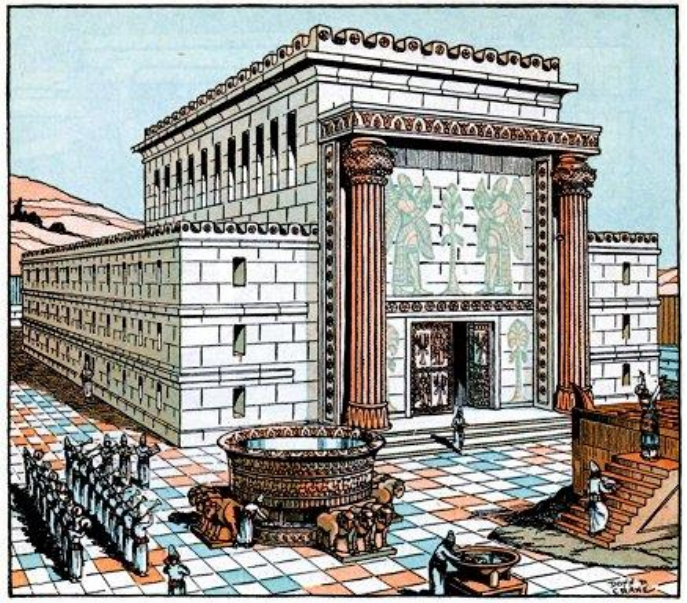
12 *And **the king and Jehoiada gave it to such as did the work of the service of the house of the Lord, and hired masons and carpenters to repair the house of the Lord, and also such as wrought iron and brass to mend the house of the Lord**.*

*13 So the workmen wrought, and **the work was perfected by them, and they set the house of God in his state, and strengthened it***.

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❑ JOASH - His Failures and Judgment from God

14 And they offered burnt offerings in the house of the Lord continually all the days of Jehoiada.

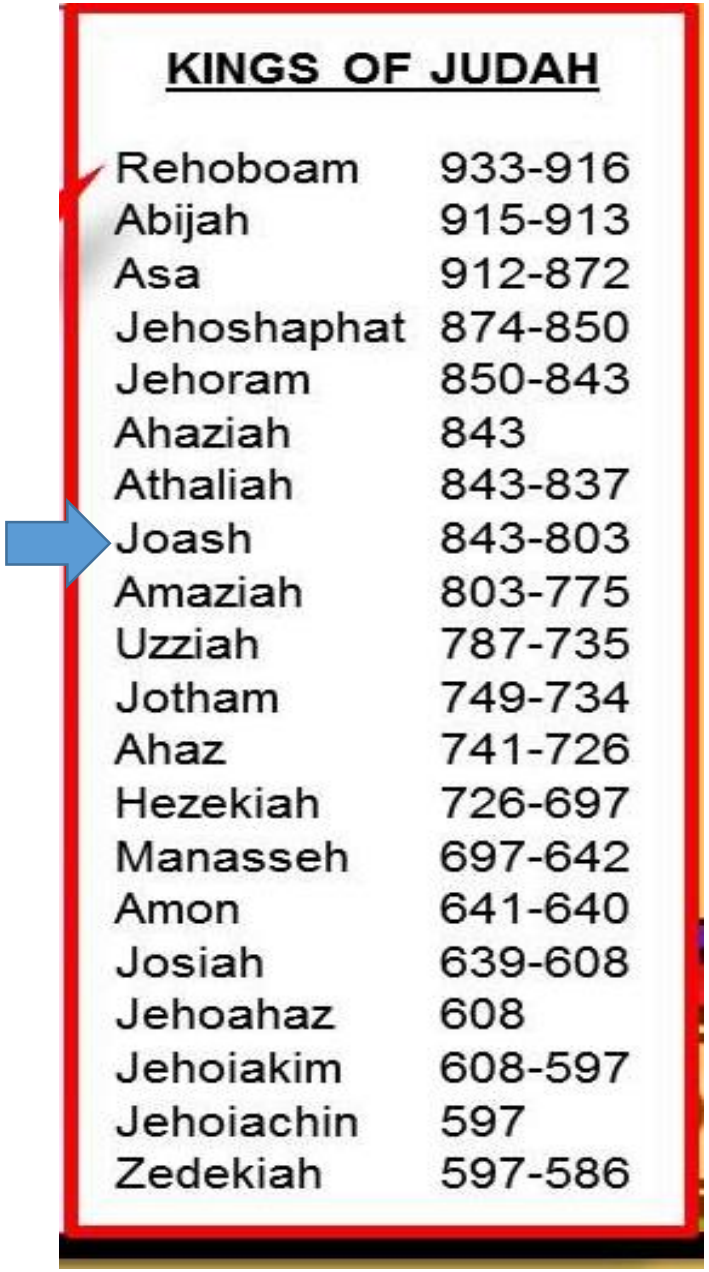
15 ***But Jehoiada waxed old, and was full of days*** …

16 And ***they buried him in the city of David among the kings,*** *because* ***he had done good in Israel, both toward God, and toward his house.***

17 Now ***after the death of Jehoiada*** *came* ***the princes of Judah, and made obeisance to the king.***

Then the king hearkened unto them.

18 And ***they left the house of the Lord God*** *of their fathers, and* ***served groves and idols****: and wrath came upon Judah and Jerusalem for this their trespass.*



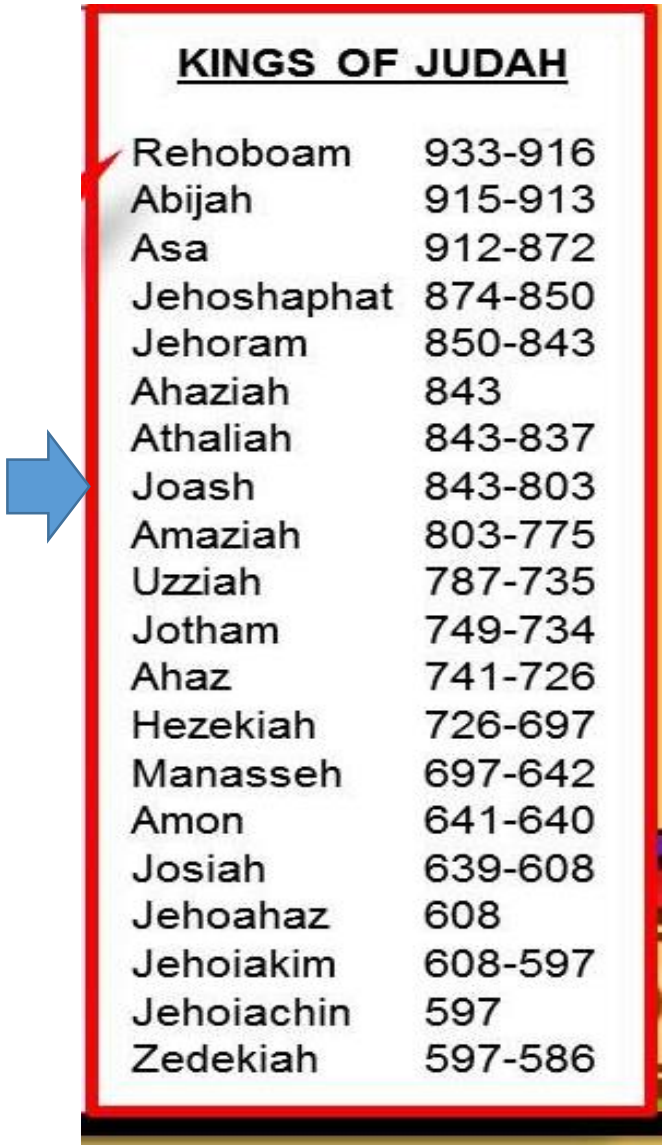
❑ JOASH MISTAKES and Judgment from the Lord

➢ **REBUKED by the prophet Zechariah, son of Jehoiada**:

"… why transgress ye the commandment of the Lord that ye cannot prosper" because ye have forsaken the Lord, he hath also forsaken you" (vs. 20)

Conspired against Zechariah , had him stoned to death (vs. 24)

By so doing, he "***remembered not the kindness which Jehoiada his father had done to him, but slew his son.***" (vs. 22)



❑ JOASH His Failures and Judgment from the Lord

❑ **JUDGMENT from the Lord:**

- **Was delivered into a small company of Syrians** who came and entered Judah and Jerusalem (II Chr 24:24

❑ "***Was left in great disease***" (vs. 25) until ***his own servants conspired against him and slew him.***

2 Chron 24:23-25

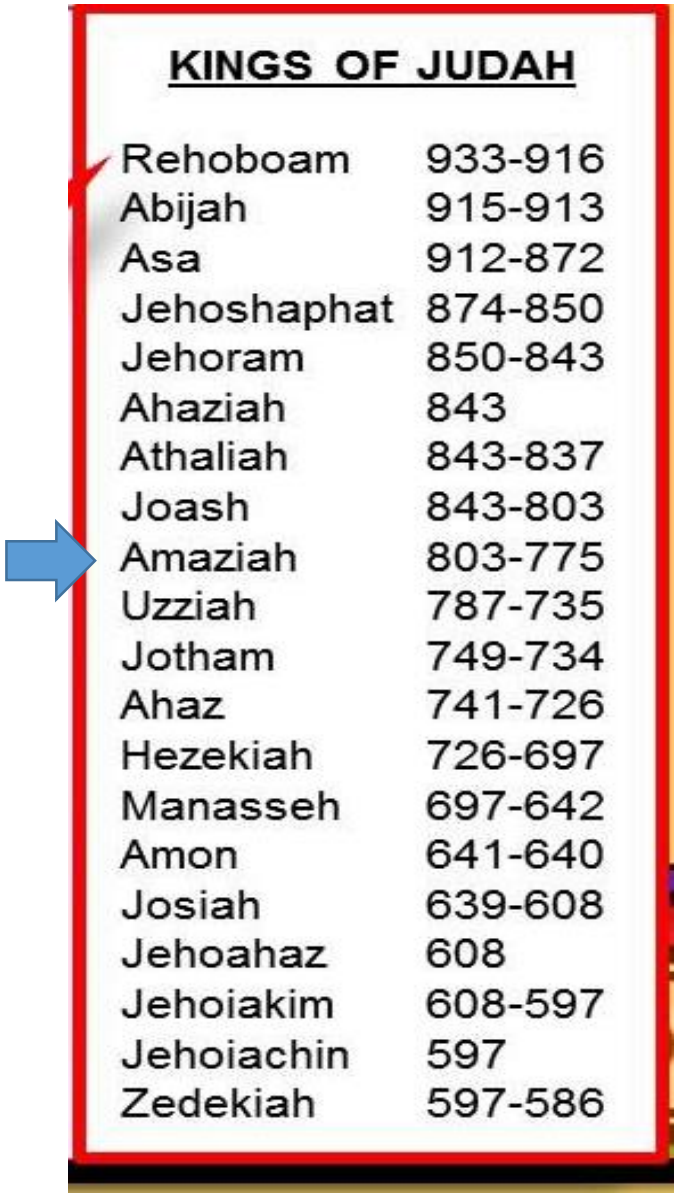
24 *For the army of **the Syrians came with a small company of men, and the Lord delivered a very great host into their hand, because they had forsaken the Lord God of their fathers. So they executed judgment against Joash.***

*25 And when they were departed from him, **(for they left him in great diseases,) his own servants conspired against him for the blood of the sons of Jehoiada the priest**, and slew him on his bed, and he died: and they buried him in the city of David, but **they buried him not in the sepulchres of the kings.***



- II Chr 24:2 _ “***did that which was right in the sight of the Lord all his days wherein Jehoiada the priest instructed him.***”

- **External control should be internalized**



❑ AMAZIAH

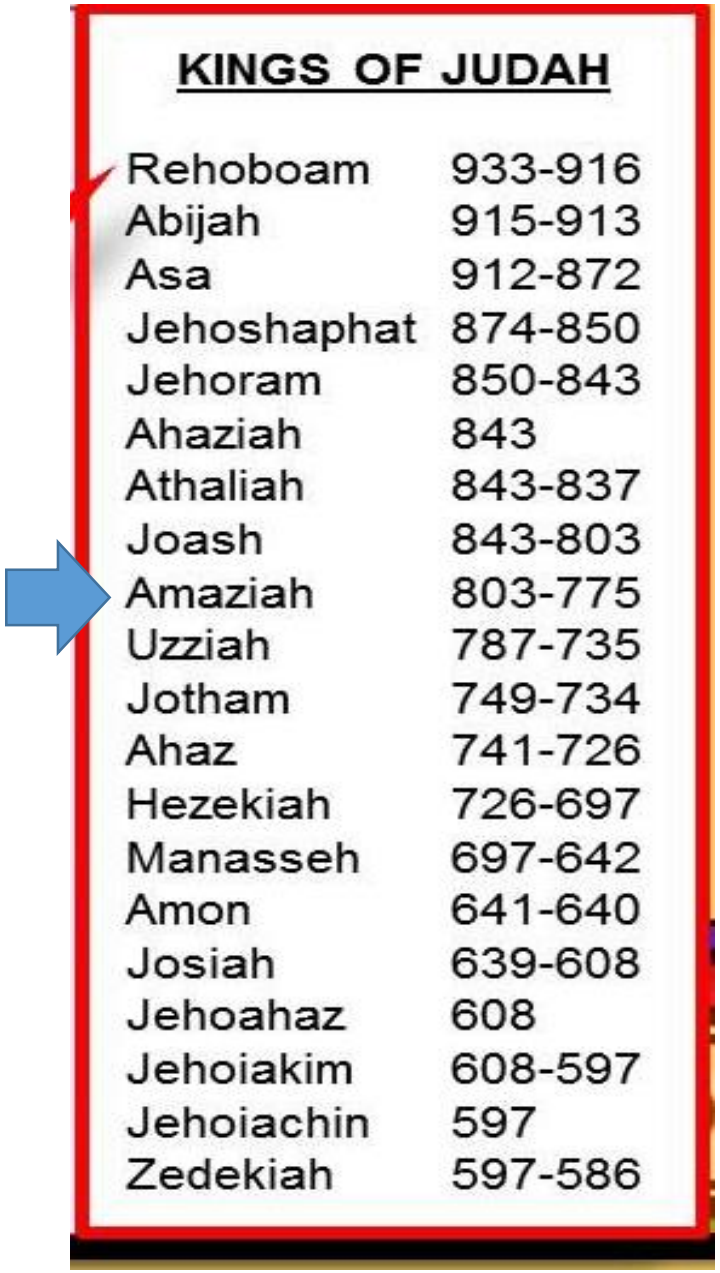
➢ *"…did that which was right in the sight of the Lord, yet not like David his father; he did according to all things as Joash, his father did."* (II kings 14:3)

" .. did that which was right in the sight of the Lord but not with a perfect heart" II Chr 25:2

➢2 Chron 25:3-4

3 *Now it came to pass, when the kingdom was established to him, that* ***he slew his servants that had killed the king his father****.*

4 But he slew not their children, but did as it is written in the law in the book of Moses,



❑ AMAZIAH – What Made him a Good King :

➢ **ACHIEVEMENT as King**:

- **Strengthened the army of Judah and successfully warred against the Edomites.**

2 Chron 25:5-6

Moreover Amaziah gathered Judah together,…

*and **he numbered them from twenty years old and above, and found them three hundred thousand choice men, able to go forth to war, that could handle spear and shield.***

- 300,000 choice men

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Uzziah	787-735
Jotham	749-734
Ahaz	741-726
Hezekiah	726-697
Manasseh	697-642
Amon	641-640
Josiah	639-608
Jehoahaz	608
Jehoiakim	608-597
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Zedekiah	597-586

❑ AMAZIAH His Failures and Judgment from the Lord.

❑ Even with some 300,000 army , Amaziah hired some mercenary soldiers from Israel (Ephraim) , for 100 talents of silver.

❑ **Rebuked by the prophet**:

*"..**let not the army of Israel go with thee: for the Lord is not with Israel**... But if thou wilt go... be strong, God shall make thee fall before the enemy.. For God hath power to help and to cast down...* (vs. 8)

9 And Amaziah said to the man of God, ***But what shall we do for the hundred talents which I have given to the army of Israel***?

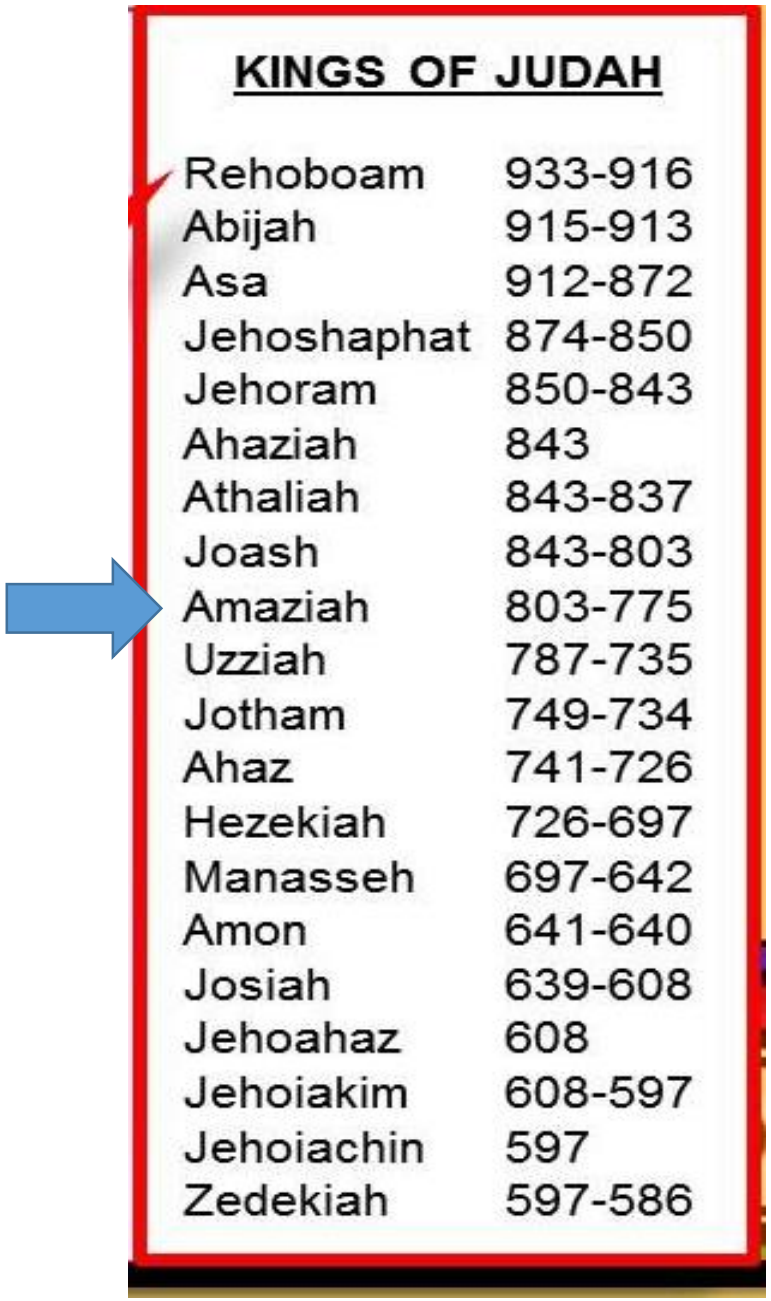
And the man of God answered, ***The Lord is able to give thee much more than this***.

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❑ AMAZIAH: His Failures and Judgment from the Lord.

10 Then **Amaziah separated them**, to wit, the army that was come to him out of Ephraim, to go home again: **wherefore their anger was greatly kindled against Judah, and they returned home in great anger**.

13 But **the soldiers of the army which Amaziah sent back**, that they should not go with him to battle, **fell upon the cities of Judah, from Samaria even unto Beth-horon, and smote three thousand of them, and took much spoil.**



- **AMAZIAH** His **Failures** and **Judgment from the Lord**

- After a successful slaughter of the Edomites, **brought back some Edomite gods from among the spoils, and worshipped these in Judah, and burned incense.**

- **REBUKED by a prophet**, who prophesied his fall because he has "***sought after other gods… which could not deliver…***" and that "***God has determined to destroy him***"

- **His Death** : a conspiracy was formed against him , and was slain at Lachish.



❑UZZIAH. What made him a Good King

❑II Kings 15: 3 *And **he did that which was right in the sight of the LORD, according to all that his father Amaziah had done;***

- *4 Save that the high places were not removed: the people sacrificed and burnt incense still on the high places.*

- **II Chronicles 26: 4** *And he did that which was right in the sight of the LORD, **according to all that his father Amaziah did**.*
- *5 And **he sought God in the days of Zechariah, who had understanding in the visions of God: and as long as he sought the LORD, God made him to prosper**.*



❑UZZIAH. His Accomplishements:

➢ Against the enemies:

- He rebuilt the city of Eloth and restored it to Judah
- He subdued the strong cities of the Philistines.
- He was victorious against the Arabians.
- He made the Ammonites give him annual tribute.

➢ Strengthened Judah:

- He built fortified towers in Jerusalem.
- He constructed forts in the Negeb.
- He organized his army into regiments. This army consisted of 307,500 men, all elite troops. These men were led by 2600 commanders.
- He equipped them with the finest weapons of war.
- He produced great engines of war which shot arrows and huge stones from the towers and battlements (2 Chron. 26:6-15).

➢ In agriculture:

- He built many water reservoirs.
- He raised great herds of cattle
- He laid out many farms and vineyards.

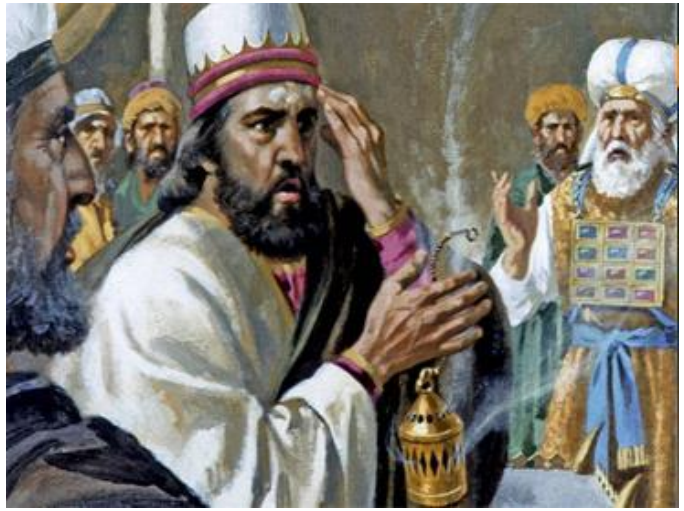


❑UZZIAH : His Failures and Judgment from God

- II Chronicles 26: 15 *And his name spread far abroad; **for he was marvellously helped, till he was strong.***

- ***16 But when he was strong, his heart was lifted up to his destruction:***
- ***for he transgressed against the LORD his God, and went into the temple of the LORD to burn incense upon the altar of incense.***





❑UZZIAH : His Failures and Judgment from the Lord

- **2 Chronicles 26:** 17 *And Azariah the priest went in after him, and with him 80 priests of the LORD, that were valiant men:*

- 18 *And they withstood Uzziah the king, and said unto him,* ***It appertaineth not unto thee, Uzziah, to burn incense unto the LORD, but to the priests the sons of Aaron, that are consecrated to burn incense:***
  go out of the sanctuary; for thou hast trespassed; neither shall it be for thine honour from the LORD God.

- 19 *Then Uzziah was wroth, and had a censer in his hand to burn incense: and* ***while he was wroth with the priests, the leprosy even rose up in his forehead*** *before the priests in the house of the LORD, from beside the incense altar*

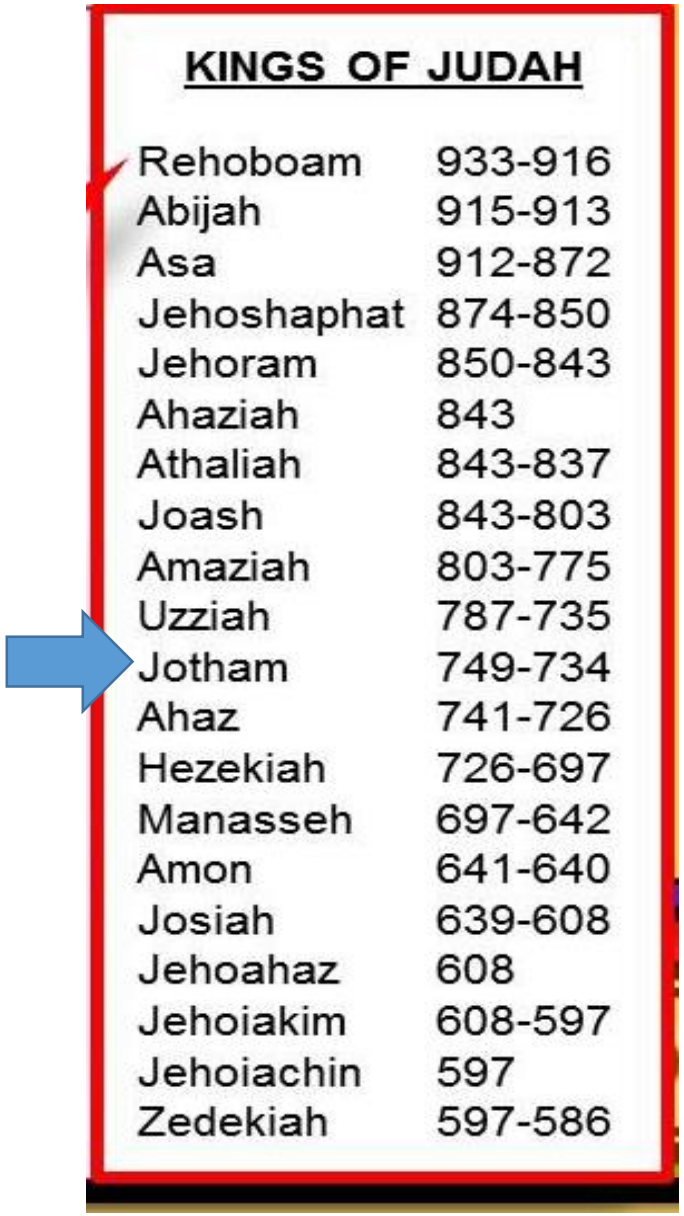
❑UZZIAH :

❑His Last Days :

2 Chr 26: 21 *And **Uzziah the king was a leper unto the day of his death,** and dwelt in a several house, being a leper; for he was **cut off from the house of the LORD:** ….*

*23 So Uzziah slept with his fathers, and they buried him with his fathers in the field of the burial which belonged to the kings; for they said, **He is a leper**: and Jotham his son reigned in his stead.*





❑JOTHAM : what made him a Good King:

- **2 Chronicles 27:** [2] *And he did that which was right in the sight of the LORD,* ***according to all that his father Uzziah did:***

- [3] *He* ***built the high gate of the house of the LORD****, and on the wall of Ophel he built much.*
- [4] *Moreover* ***he built cities in the mountains of Judah, and in the forests he built castles and towers.***
- [5] *He* ***fought also with the king of the Ammonites****, and prevailed against them. … (Ammonites paid taxes.)*

- [6] ***So Jotham became mighty, because he prepared his ways before the LORD his God.***



❑JOTHAM : His Failures and Judgment from God

- **2 Chronicles 27:** 2 *And* ***he did that which was right in the sight of the LORD****, according to all that his father Uzziah did:*

- ***howbeit he entered not into the temple of the LORD. And the people did yet corruptly.***

- Thus, he was unable to correct all the corrupt practices of the people… *"people did yet corruptly."*

❑HEZEKIAH : What made him a Good king



2 Chronicles 27: 2 *And he did that which was right in the sight of the LORD,* ***according to all that David his father had done.***

- **II Kings 18 : 3** *And he* ***did that which was right in the sight of the LORD,*** *according to all that David his father did.*
- 5 ***He trusted in the LORD God of Israel; so that after him was none like him among all the kings of Judah, nor any that were before him.***
- 6 *For* ***he clave to the LORD, and departed not from following him, but kept his commandments****, which the LORD commanded Moses.*
- 7 ***And the LORD was with him; and he prospered whithersoever he went forth:***



❑HEZEKIAH : What made him a Good king

❑ His first act **was to repair and re-open the Temple which has been neglected and polluted during the idolatrous reign of his father Ahaz.**

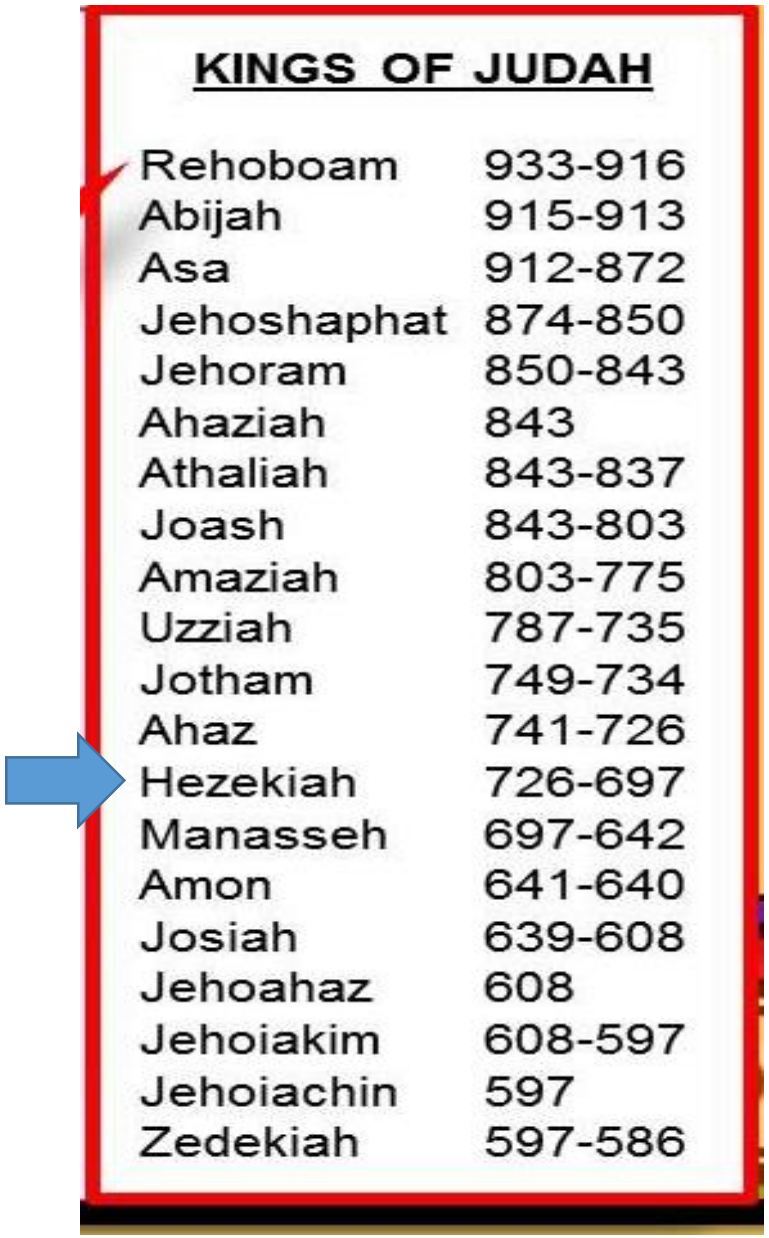
❑ **His reforms.**

By God's estimation, Hezekiah was the best king of Judah up to his time.

- He **broke the shrines on the hills**, destroyed the idols of Asherch and the **serpent of brass made by Moses** (Num. 21:9), which were being worshiped by the people.

❑ **His wealth**.

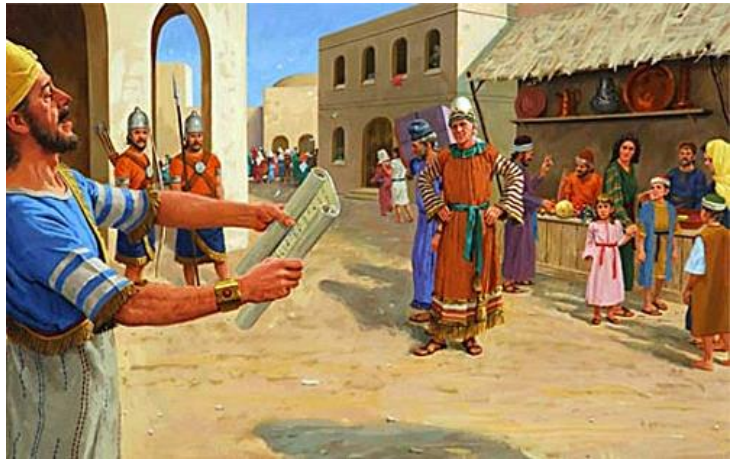
Among all the kings of both North and South, **Hezekiah's vast wealth was exceeded only by Solomon** (2 Chron. 32:27-30).



❑HEZEKIAH : What made him a Good king:

- ❑ His first act **was to repair and re-open the Temple which has been neglected and polluted during the idolatrous reign of his father Ahaz.**
- ➢ On the **1st year of his reign**, opened the doors of the Temple and repaired them.
- ➢ Gathered the priests and Levites to sanctify the house of the Lord (2 Chr 29:4-5)

- *"Hear me, ye Levites, sanctify now yourselves, and sanctify the house of the LORD God of your fathers, and carry forth the filthiness out of the holy place.*
- *6 For our fathers have trespassed, and done that which was evil in the eyes of the LORD our God, and have forsaken him, and have turned away their faces from the habitation of the LORD, and turned their backs.*



❑HEZEKIAH : : What made him a good king

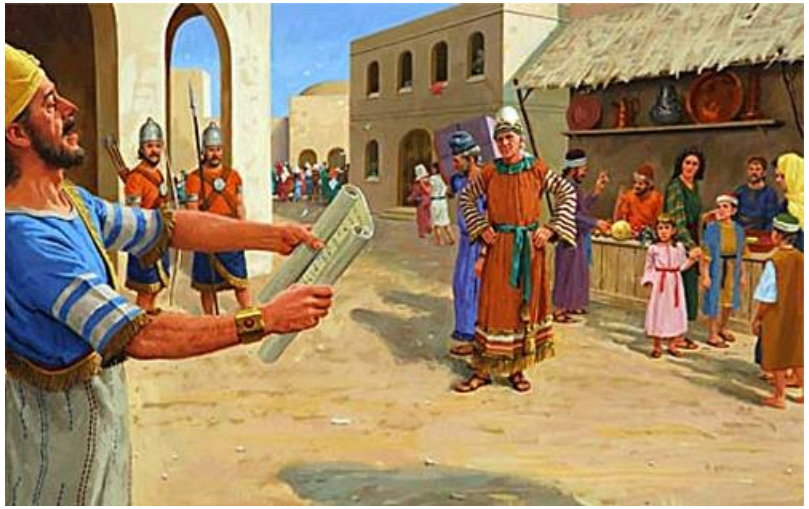
➢ **His great Passover celebration. Began planning for the grandest Passover celebration since Solomon's dedication of the Temple**

Letters were sent throughout all Judea and parts of Israel inviting people to repent, return, and rejoice, all of which could be accomplished by attending the Passover.

- 5 *So they established a decree to make proclamation throughout all Israel, **from Beersheba even to Dan, that they should come to keep the passover unto the LORD God of Israel at Jerusalem: for they had not done it of a long time in such sort as it was written.***
- 6 …***Ye children of Israel, turn again unto the LORD God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, and he will return to the remnant of you, that are escaped out of the hand of the kings of Assyria.***
- 7 *And **be not ye like your fathers, and like your brethren, which trespassed against the LORD God** of their fathers, who therefore gave them up to desolation, as ye see.*

❑HEZEKIAH : : What made him a good king

- **His great Passover celebration. Began planning for the grandest Passover celebration since Solomon's dedication of the Temple**



10 *So the posts passed from city to city through the country of* ***Ephraim and Manasseh even unto Zebulun****: but* ***they laughed them to scorn, and mocked them.***
11 *Nevertheless divers of* ***Asher and Manasseh and of Zebulun humbled themselves, and came to Jerusalem****.*



❑HEZEKIAH : What made him a Good king

❑ **His great Passover celebration.**

- A **fantastic number of animals were offered during these days** which included 20,000 young bulls and 17,000 sheep (2 Chron. 30:21-27).

-Eventually **the worshipers returned home and the revival continued,** as household idols were destroyed (2 Chron. 31:1).

-Hezekiah then organized his priests and Levites into service corps, appointing some to offer animal sacrifices to God, and others simply to thank and praise him (2 Chron. 31:2, 3).

❑ **His military achievements**.

- Under the reign of Ahaz, Judah had paid tribute to the Assyrians, but in the fourth year of his rule **Hezekiah rebelled against the Assyrian** monarch, Shalmaneser, and no longer did this (2 Ki. 18:7).

-He also conducted a successful Philistine campaign at this time (2 Ki. 18:8).

❑HEZEKIAH : His Mistakes

- The king of Assyria has just sent letters to King Hezekiah. These are the letters that Hezekiah has put here before God. The letters make fun of Jehovah, and tell Hezekiah to give up.
- **Paid taxes to Assyria during the 1st time they came up against Judah.**
- Rebuked by the prophet Isaiah
- God delivered Judah from the invading Assyrians; God sent his angel, and in one night the angel killed 185,000 Assyrian soldiers. So the king of Assyria gives up and goes back home.







❑HEZEKIAH : His Mistakes

❑ **Showed the riches and treasures of his house to the visiting Berodach-baladan of Babylon** (II Kings 20:13)

Rebuked by the prophet Isaiah:

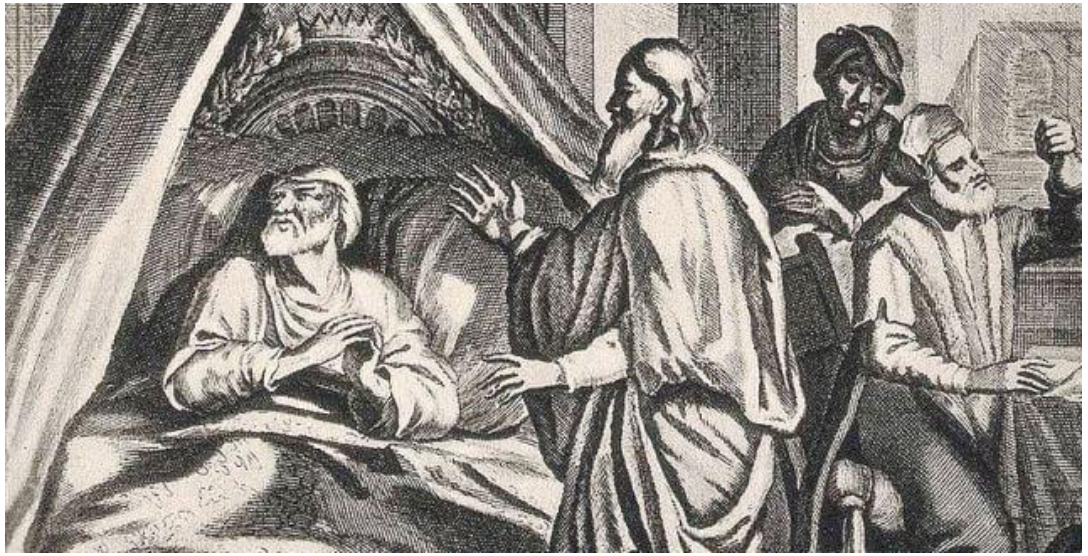
- **II Kings 20:** 16 And Isaiah said unto Hezekiah, Hear the word of the LORD. 17 ***Behold, the days come, that all that is in thine house, and that which thy fathers have laid up in store unto this day, shall be carried into Babylon: nothing shall be left, saith the LORD.***

18 And of thy sons that shall issue from thee, which thou shalt beget, shall they take away; and they shall be eunuchs in the palace of the king of Babylon.

❑HEZEKIAH : Last Days — His sickness and recovery.

2 Kings 20: *1* ***In those days was Hezekiah sick unto death****. And the prophet Isaiah the son of Amoz came to him, and said unto him,* ***Thus saith the LORD, Set thine house in order; for thou shalt die, and not live.***

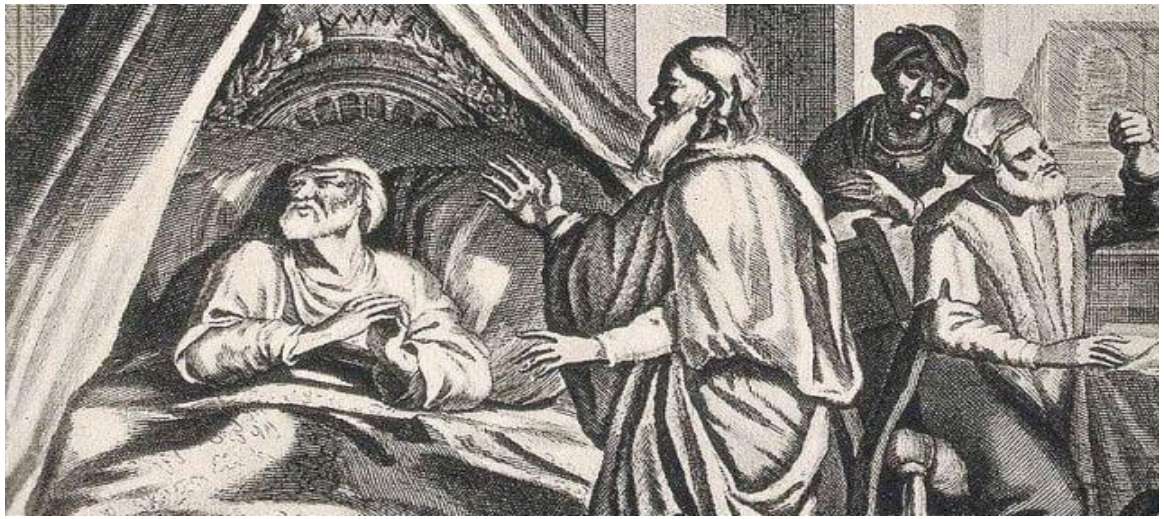
- ***2*** *Then he turned his face to the wall, and prayed unto the LORD, saying,*
- ***3 I beseech thee, O LORD, remember now how I have walked before thee in truth and with a perfect heart, and have done that which is good in thy sight****.*
- *And Hezekiah wept sore.*



❑HEZEKIAH : Last Days — His sickness and recovery.

2 Kings 20: 4 "" *that the word of the LORD came to him, saying,* 5 ***Turn again, and tell Hezekiah the captain of my people, Thus saith the LORD, the God of David thy father, I have heard thy prayer, I have seen thy tears: behold, I will heal thee: on the third day thou shalt go up unto the house of the LORD.***

- 6 *And* ***I will add unto thy days fifteen years;*** *and I will deliver thee and this city out of the hand of the king of Assyria; and I will defend this city for mine own sake, and for my servant David's sake.*



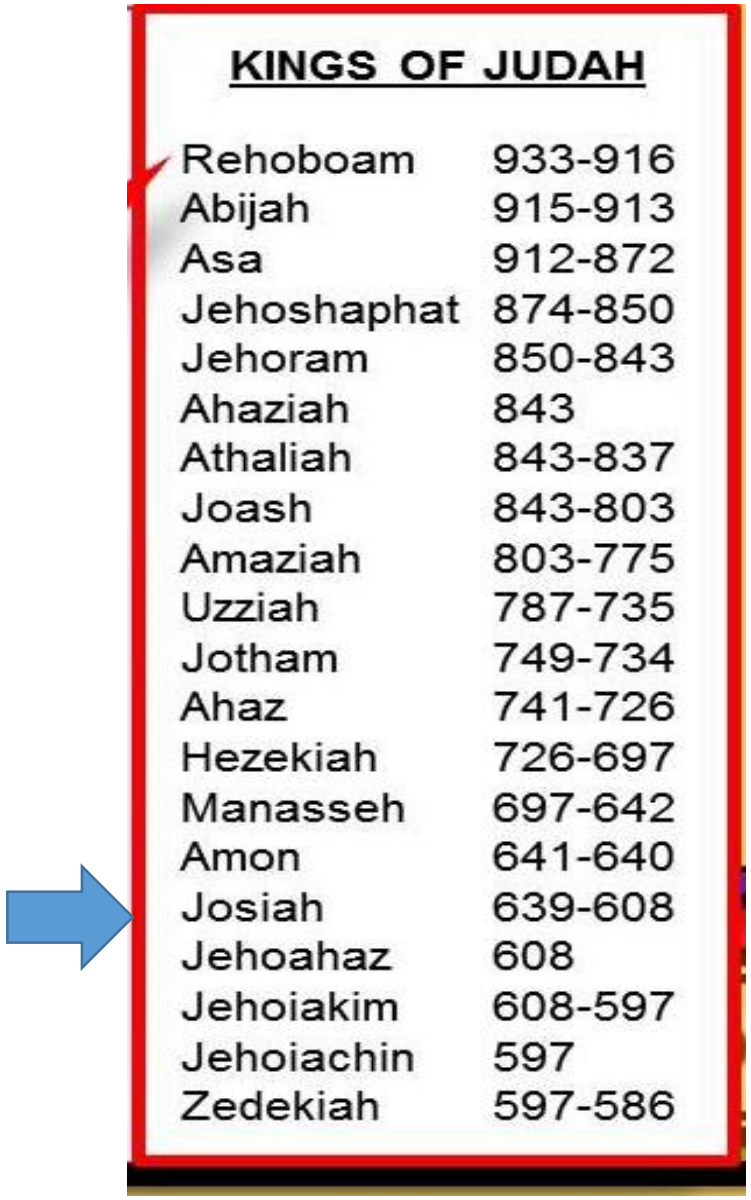
❑HEZEKIAH : Last Days



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- ❑Said to be one of the best kings of Judah
- ❑Died with riches and honor,
- ❑Died a natural death peacefully.

2 Kings 20: 7 And Isaiah said, ***Take a lump of figs. And they took and laid it on the boil, and he recovered.***



❑ JOSIAH: What made him a Good king

- 2 Chronicles **34:** *2 And he **did that which was right in the sight of the LORD, and walked in the ways of David his father, and declined neither to the right hand, nor to the left.***

- *3 For in the eighth year of his reign, **while he was yet young, he began to seek after the God of David his father…***

- 2 Ki. 23:25 ***And like him was there no king before him, that turned to the Lord with all his heart, and with all his soul, and with all his might, according to all the law of Moses; neither after him arose there any like him***



❑ JOSIAH : What made him a good king

➢ The reforms of Josiah. 2 Chr 34

a. He began to seek after God while he was yet very young, only 16

- b. At the age of 20, he began his massive reform work (34:3).
- c. He **destroyed all the altars of Baal** (34:4).
- d. He **then ground them into dust and scattered it over the graves of those who had sacrificed to them** (34:4).
- e. He **burned the bones of heathen priests upon their own altars** (34:5).
- f. He carried out these actions in distant Israelite cities as well as in his own kingdom (34:6).
- g. At the age of 26, he **began to repair the Temple** (34:8).
- h. He **led his people in a massive "repentance service"** upon the discovery of the law of Moses (2 Ki. 23:1-3, 18-21, 29-32). He then had this book read to all his people.

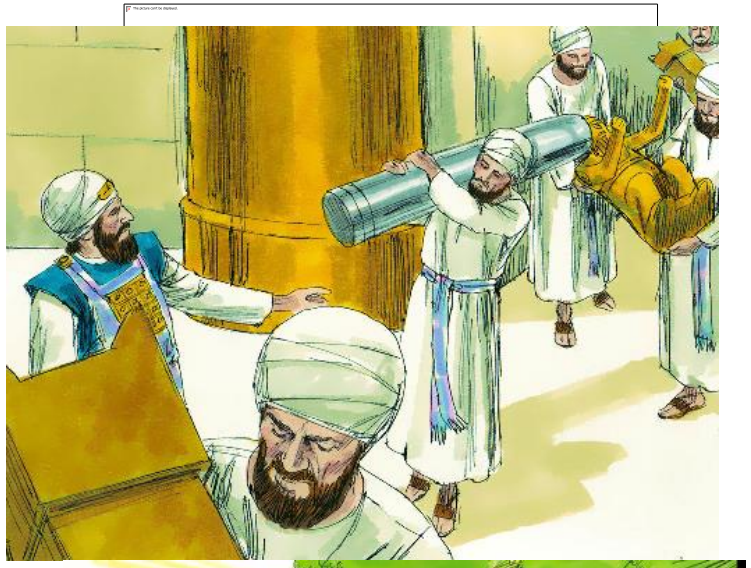
❑ JOSIAH What made him a good king (2 Chr 35, 2 Kings 23)

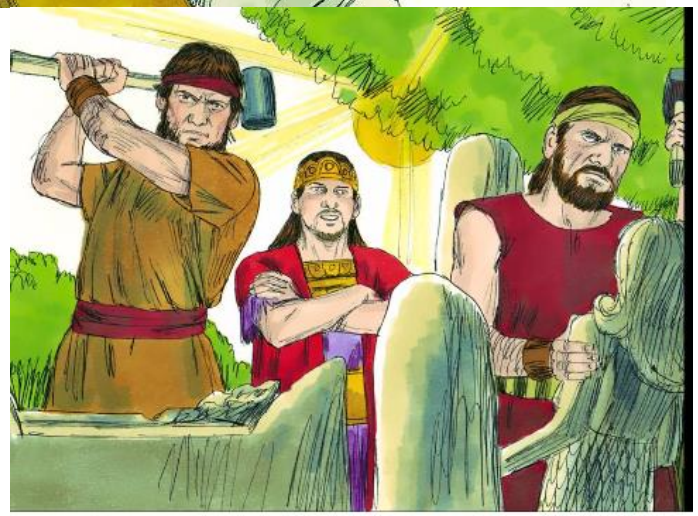
- i. He **planned for and presided over one of the greatest Passover services of all time**
- j. He **killed heathen priests** whom previous kings of Judah had appointed.
- k. He **removed the shameful idol of Asherah** from the Temple.
- L. **He tore down the houses of male prostitutes** (23:7).
- m. He **brought back to Jerusalem the priests of God who were living in other cities in Judah** (
- n. He **destroyed the altar of Topheth in the Hinnom Valley so no one could offer human sacrifices upon it** .
- o. He **tore down the statue of horses and chariots** (which were dedicated to the use of the sun god) located near the entrance of the Templ.

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- p. He **tore down Ahaz's pagan altars on the palace roof** (23:12).
- q. **He destroyed those altars which Manasseh had built in the two courts of the Temple** (23:12).
- r. He **removed the shrines of Ashtoreth (god of Sidon), Chemosh (god of Moab), and Milcom (god of Ammon), which Solomon had built for his many wives** (23:13).
- s. He **tore down the altar and shrine at Bethel which Jeroboam I had made** (23:15), thus fulfilling a 300-year-old prophecy. (See 1 Ki. 13:1, 2.)
- t. He **demolished the shrines on the hills of Samaria** (23:19).
- u. He **exterminated mediums, wizards, and soothsayers** (23:24).



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- **On the 18th year of his reign, during the repair of the Temple:**
- Repair of the temple supervised by **HILKIAH,** the priest.
- In the course of the repair, HILKIAH found the book of the law .
- Prophet **HULDAH** was consulted and reiterated the certainty of the punishment of Jerusalem and its people as written in the law – for rejecting Him and for offering sacrifices to other gods.
- Covenant with God made. And the king sent, and they gathered unto him all the elders of Judah and of Jerusalem.

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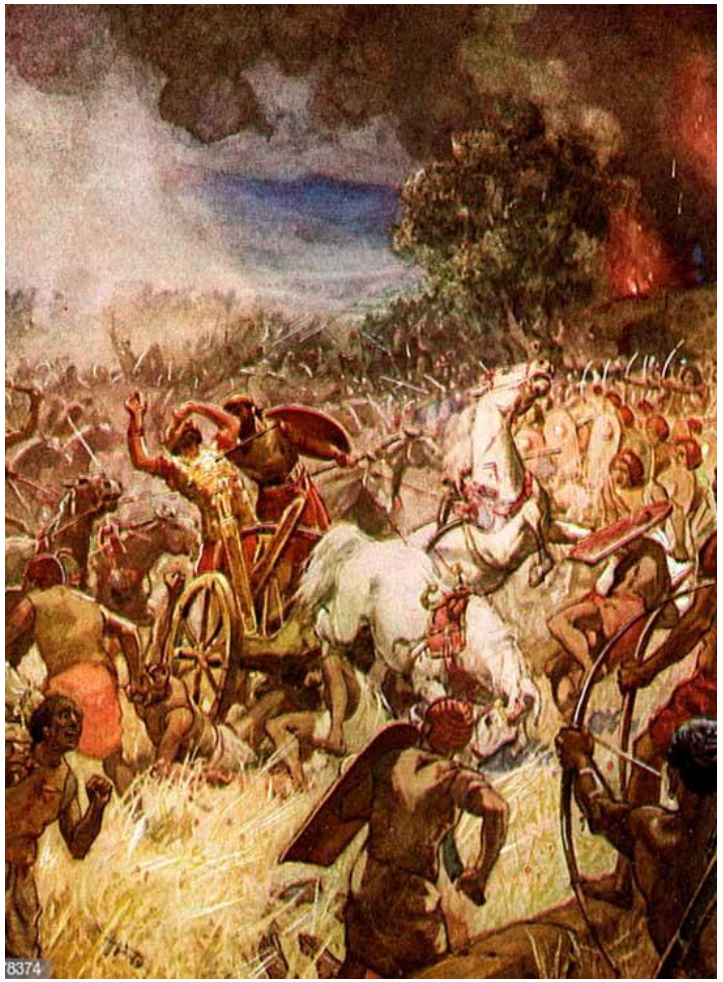
- ➢ Covenant with God made. And the king sent, and they gathered unto him all the elders of Judah and of Jerusalem.
- **2 King s23 : 2** *And the **king went up into the house of the LORD, and all the men of Judah and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem with him, and the priests, and the prophets, and all the people, both small and great: and he read in their ears all the words of the book of the covenant which was found in the house of the LORD.***
- ***3*** *And the king stood by a pillar, and **made a covenant before the LORD, to walk after the LORD, and to keep his commandments and his testimonies and his statutes with all their heart and all their soul,** to perform the words of this covenant that were written in this book. And all the people stood to the covenant.*

❑ JOSIAH His Last Days



- **Pharaoh-Necho, King of Egypt** sought a passage through Josiah's territory, on his way to fight against the Assyrians.

- **King JOSIAH, disguising himself went out to battle,** and was mortally wounded by a random arrow at Meggido,and taken top Jerusalem where he died.



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- **2 Chronicles 35 : 20**
- *After all this, when Josiah had prepared the temple,* ***Necho king of Egypt came up to fight against Charchemish*** *by Euphrates: and* ***Josiah went out against him.***
- *21 But he sent ambassadors to him, saying,* ***What have I to do with thee, thou king of Judah? I come not against thee this day, but against the house wherewith I have war: for God commanded me to make haste: forbear thee from meddling with God, who is with me, that he destroy thee not.***

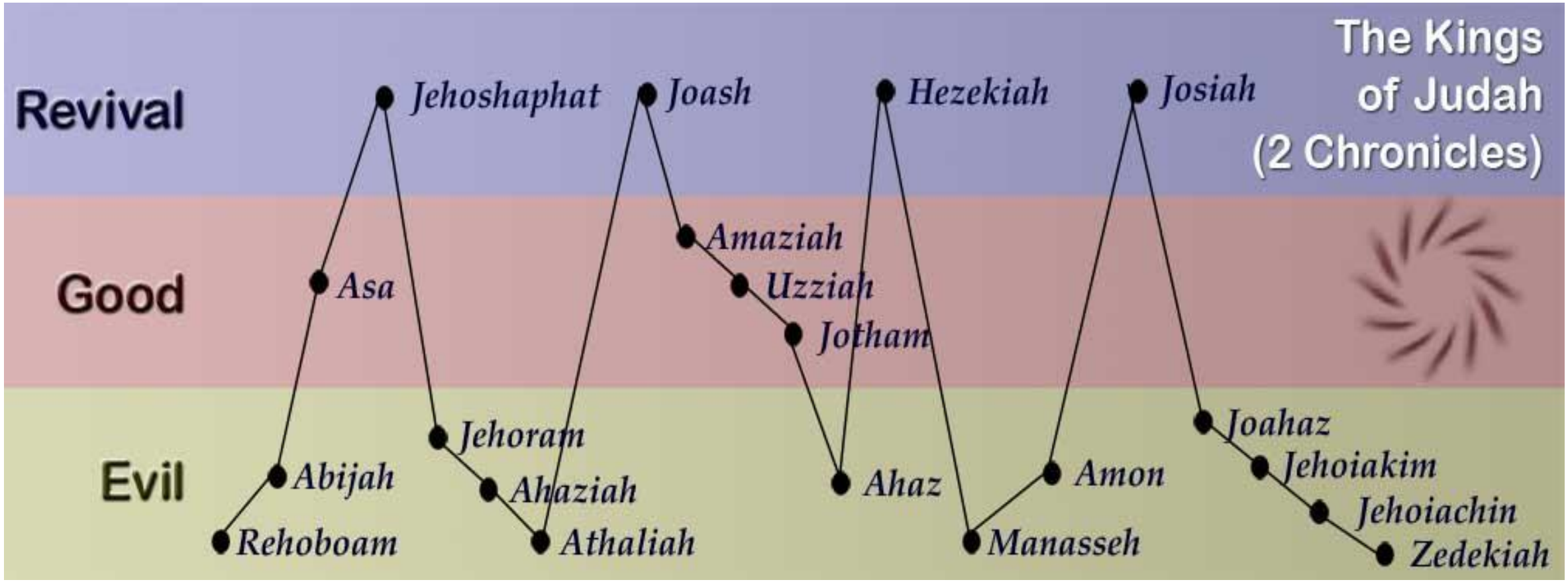
- *22* ***Nevertheless Josiah would not turn his face from him, but disguised himself, that he might fight with him,*** *and hearkened not unto the words of Necho from the mouth of God, and came to fight in the valley of Megiddo.*
- *23 And the archers shot at king Josiah; and the king said to his servants,* ***Have me away; for I am sore wounded.***
- *24* ***His servants therefore took him out of that chariot, and put him in the second chariot that he had; and they brought him to Jerusalem, and he died****, and was buried in one of the sepulchres of his fathers. And all Judah and Jerusalem mourned for Josiah.*
- *25* ***And Jeremiah lamented for Josiah: and all the singing men and the singing women spake of Josiah in their lamentations to this day, and made them an ordinance in Israel:*** *and, behold, they are written in the lamentations.*

KINGS OF JUDAH	
Rehoboam	933-916
Abijah	915-913
Asa	912-872
Jehoshaphat	874-850
Jehoram	850-843
Ahaziah	843
Athaliah	843-837
Joash	843-803
Amaziah	803-775
Uzziah	787-735
Jotham	749-734
Ahaz	741-726
Hezekiah	726-697
Manasseh	697-642
Amon	641-640
Josiah	639-608
Jehoahaz	608
Jehoiakim	608-597
Jehoiachin	597
Zedekiah	597-586

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- **2 kings 23 :25** *And **like unto him was there no king before him, that turned to the LORD with all his heart, and with all his soul, and with all his might, according to all the law of Moses; neither after him arose there any like him.***
- ***26** **Notwithstanding the LORD turned not from the fierceness of his great wrath**, wherewith his anger was kindled against Judah, because of all the provocations that Manasseh had provoked him withal.*

- ***27** And the LORD said, **I will remove Judah also out of my sight, as I have removed Israel, and will cast off this city Jerusalem which I have chosen, and the house of which I said, My name shall be there**.*


The Kings of Judah (2 Chronicles)
Revival
Good
Evil
Jehoshaphat
Joash
Hezekiah
Josiah
Amaziah
Asa
Uzziah
Jotham
Jehoram
Joahaz
Abijah
Ahaziah
Ahaz
Amon
Jehoiakim
Jehoiachin
Rehoboam
Athaliah
Manasseh
Zedekiah