

Israel's Last Kings

Judah's Kings Jotham & Ahaz

1. Carefully read through 2 Kings 15:8-16:20 and 2 Chronicles 27-28. Highlight with different colors the words spoken by different people. Underline in yellow each time the name of God is used. Underline in green each time a place is named. Underline in blue each time a person is named. Circle, underline, or color any other repeated phrases. What patterns do you notice? What differences do you notice between Kings and Chronicles?
2. Memorize 2 Kings 16:3, "But he walked in the way of the kings of Israel. He even burned his son as an offering, according to the despicable practices of the nations whom the LORD drove out before the people of Israel."
3. Create your own detailed outline of 2 Kings 15:8-16:20 and 2 Chronicles 27-28.
4. What promise does God fulfill with the reign of Israel's king Zechariah? Who kills Zechariah?
5. Find Tiphshah on a map. Is Israel's king Menahem successful? How does Hosea's prophecy in Hosea 13:16 relate to Menahem's actions? Who visits Israel during Menahem's reign?

6. Find Ijon, Abel Beth Maacah, Janoah, Kedesh, Hazor, Gilead, Galilee, and Naphtali on a map. How much of Israel is captured during the reign of Israel's king Pekah? Who captures it?

7. Compare 2 Chronicles 27:6 with 2 Chronicles 26:16. How are Uzziah and Jotham similar? How are they different from one another?

8. What two kings attack Judah during Ahaz's reign? What does the prophet Oded say to them? Who does Ahaz ask for help? What does the prophet Isaiah say about these events (Isaiah 7:1, 8-9; 8:3-4)?

9. What does Ahaz find in Damascus? What does he tell the priest Uriah to do? How does Uriah's response compare to the priest Azariah's response to Uzziah?

10. What can we learn from the lives of Jotham, and Ahaz?