

2 KINGS CHAPTER 14

¹ In the second year of Joash the son of Jehoahaz king of Israel, Amaziah the son of Joash the king of Judah began to reign. ² He was twenty-five years old when he began to reign, and he reigned twenty-nine years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name *was* Jehoaddan of Jerusalem. ³ And he did that which was right in the sight of the Lord, but not as David his father: he did according to all things that his father Joash did. ⁴ Only he did not remove the high places; as yet the people *still* sacrificed and burnt incense on the high places.

⁵ And it came to pass when the kingdom was established in his hand, that he killed his servants that had slain his father the king. ⁶ But he did not kill the sons of those that had slain him; according as it is written in the book of the Law of Moses, as the Lord gave commandment, saying, "The fathers shall not be put to death for the children, and the children shall not be put to death for the fathers; but everyone shall die for his own sins." ⁷ He killed ten thousand of the Edomites in the Valley of Salt, and took Sela in the war, and called its name Joktheel to this day.

⁸ Then Amaziah sent messengers to Joash son of Jehoahaz son of Jehu king of Israel, saying, "Come, let us look one another in the face." ⁹ And Joash the 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 for a wife'; and the wild beasts of the field that were in Lebanon passed by and trod down the thistle. ¹⁰ You have attacked and wounded Edom, and your heart has lifted you up: stay at home and glorify yourself; for why are you quarrelsome to your hurt? So *both* you and Judah with you will fall." ¹¹ Nevertheless Amaziah did not listen. So Joash king of Israel went up, and he and Amaziah king of Judah looked one another in the face in Beth Shemesh of Judah. ¹² And Judah was overthrown before Israel, and *every* man fled to his tent. ¹³ And Joash king of Israel took Amaziah the son of Jehoahaz the son of Ahaziah, in Beth Shemesh; and he came to Jerusalem, and broke down the wall of Jerusalem, *beginning* at the gate of Ephraim as far as the Corner Gate, four hundred cubits. ¹⁴ And he took the gold and the silver, and all the vessels that were found in the house of the Lord, and in the treasures of the king's house, and the hostages, and returned to Samaria. ¹⁵ And the rest of the acts of Joash, *even* all that he did in his might, how he fought with Amaziah king of Judah, are not these things written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel? ¹⁶ And Joash slept with his fathers, and was buried in Samaria with the kings of Israel; and Jeroboam his son reigned in his place.

¹⁷ And Amaziah the son of Joash king of Judah lived fifteen years after the death of Joash son of Jehoahaz king of Israel. ¹⁸ And the rest of the acts of Amaziah, and all that he did, *are* not these 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; and they sent after him to Lachish, and killed him there. ²⁰ And they brought him upon horses; and he was buried in Jerusalem with his fathers in the City of David.

²¹ And all the people of Judah took Azariah, and he 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 slept with his fathers.

²³ In the fifteenth year of Amaziah son of Joash king of Judah, Jeroboam son of Joash began to reign over Israel in Samaria, *and reigned* forty-one years. ²⁴ And he did that which was evil in the sight of the Lord. He did not depart from all the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who led Israel to sin. ²⁵ He recovered the coast of Israel from the entrance of Hamath to the Sea of the Arabah, according to the word of the Lord God of Israel, which He spoke by His servant Jonah the son of Amittai, the prophet of Gath Hopher. ²⁶ For the Lord saw *that* the affliction of Israel *was* very bitter, and that they were few in number, straitened and in need, and destitute, and Israel had no helper. ²⁷ And the Lord said that He would not blot out the seed of Israel from under heaven; so He delivered them by the hand of Jeroboam the son of Joash.

²⁸ And the rest of the acts of Jeroboam and all that he did, and his mighty deeds, which he achieved in war, and how he recaptured for Israel, from Damascus and Hamath, *all that belonged* to Judah, *are* not these things written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel? ²⁹ And Jeroboam slept with his fathers, even with the kings of Israel; and Zechariah his son reigned in his place.