

# **I & 2 KINGS –CHRONICLES HARMONY-LESSON EIGHTEEN**

## **I. THE REIGNS OF AZARIAH (UZZIAH), JOTHAM AND AHAZ OVER JUDAH – THE REIGNS OF ZECHARIAH, SHALLUM, MENAHEM, PEKAHIAH AND PEKAH OVER ISRAEL (2 Kings 15-16, 2 Chronicles 26-28)**

- A. Reign of Azariah (Uzziah) over Judah (2 Kings 15:1-7, 2 Chronicles 26:1-23)
  - 1. The character of his reign:
    - a. Begins reign at the age of 16 – reigns 52 years
    - b. Prosperous reign – success in war – building projects (2 Chronicles 26:1-15)
    - c. Did right before the eyes of the Lord- yet, people continued to offer sacrifices and incense in high places.
  - 2. Struck with leprosy for presumptuous sin - separated the rest of his life in separate house (2 Chronicles 26:16-23)
  
- B. Reign of Zechariah over Israel (15:8-12)
  - 1. The character of his reign:
    - a. Reigns for six months
    - b. Did evil in the sight of the Lord
  - 2. Shallum conspires and kills him
  - 3. Prophecy to Jehu fulfilled (cf. 2 Kings 10:30)
  
- C. Reign of Shallum over Israel (15:13-15)
  - 1. He reigns one month
  - 2. Assassinated by Menahem in Samaria, who reigns in his stead
  
- D. Reign of Menahem over Israel (15:16-22)
  - 1. The character of his reign:
    - a. Reigns ten years
    - b. Did evil in the sight of the Lord
  - 2. Exacts money from people to pay off Pul, the king of Assyria to have him turn back from invading the land of Israel
  
- E. Reign of Pekahiah over Israel (15:23-26)
  - 1. The character of his reign:
    - a. Reigns two years
    - b. Did evil in the sight of the Lord
  - 2. Pekah, a captain, conspires against Pekahiah, and assassinates him in Samaria in the palace of the king's house.
  
- F. Reign of Pekah over Israel (15:27-31)
  - 1. The character of his reign:
    - a. Begins reign in the 52<sup>nd</sup>. Year of Azariah (Uzziah), king of Judah and reigns twenty years
    - b. Did evil in the sight of the Lord

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2. Assyrian king, Tiglath-pileser comes to take captives from Israel away to Assyria.
  3. Hoshea conspires and assassinates Pekah
- G. Reign of Jotham over Judah (15:32-38)
1. The character of his reign:
    - a. Begins reigning in the second year of Pekah at the age of 25 – reigns sixteen years.
    - b. Did right in the sight of the Lord – yet high places not removed – people sacrificed and burnt incense in high places
  2. Builds higher gate in the house of the Lord
  3. God begins to send the Kings of Syria and Israel against Judah
- H. Reign of Ahaz over Judah (16:1-20, 2 Chronicles 28:1-27)
1. The character of his reign:
    - a. Begins reign in the seventeenth year of Pekah at age 20 – reigns sixteen years in Jerusalem
    - b. Did not that which is right in the sight of the Lord – did evil according to the abominations of the heathen
  2. Seeks help of Tiglath-pileser against the king of Syria
  3. Has altar built in Jerusalem like the altar in Damascus – has sacrifices offered on new altar

**QUESTIONS:**

1. How old was Azariah (Uzziah) when he began to reign over Judah?
2. What explanation can you give for the discrepancy between **15:1** (Uzziah began to reign in Jereboam's 27<sup>th</sup>. Year) and **14:23** (Jeroboam begins reign over Israel in the 15<sup>th</sup>. year of Uzziah's father's reign (Amaziah) who reigned 29 years)?
3. Azariah (Uzziah) reigned in Judah over the time which \_\_\_\_\_ kings reigned over Israel.
4. Against whom did Azariah (Uzziah) successfully war against by tearing down cities' walls?

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5. What was Uzziah's attitude toward husbandry?
6. What military equipment did Uzziah put in place in the towers he built in the wilderness?
7. Why was King Azariah (Uzziah) struck with leprosy?
8. What major prophet began his prophetic work in the last days of King Azariah (Uzziah)?
9. What was the character of the evil that Kings Zechariah, Menahem, Pekahiah and Pekah followed during their reigns over Israel?
10. What prophecy was fulfilled in the reign of Zechariah?
11. Shallum reigned how long in Samaria over Israel?  
How did his reign come to an end?
12. Why was Menahem so cruel to the inhabitants of Tirzah?
13. What Assyrian ruler came up against Israel during Menahem's reign?
14. How did Menahem get his money to turn the Assyrian ruler away from the land of Israel?
15. How did Pekah bring an end to the dynasty of Menahem?
16. What Assyrian king came up against Israel during the reign of Pekah and carried some into captivity?
17. Who conspired against Pekah and killed him?
18. Describe the character of Jotham's reign over Judah:

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19. What did Jehovah begin to do in the days of Jotham?  
Why?
20. Whom did Jehovah send to Ahaz to encourage him during the same time?
21. Describe the character of Ahaz's reign over Judah:
22. What measures did King Ahaz take to overcome Rezin, the king of Syria?
23. Why did King Ahaz command Urijah, the priest, to construct an altar?
24. King Ahaz discarded the brazen altar of Jehovah when he had his altar built. (T) (F)
25. Why did Ahaz cut down and remove the bases of the ten brazen levers of the temple?
26. King Ahaz was buried in Jerusalem in the sepulchers of the kings of Israel. (T) (F)