

(I) JUDAH UNDER AMAZIAH (2 Kings 14:1-21)

1. Amaziah succeeds Jehoash (Joash) to the throne at 25 years (2 Kings 14:1)
2. Features of his reign
 - a) He did what was right in the sight of God (2 Kings 14:3)
 - b) His role model was his father Joash (2 Kings 14:3b)
 - c) He did not measure up when compared to king David (2 Kings 14:3a)
 - d) The high places (idolatry) were not taken away (2 Kings 14: 4)
 - e) He executed the people who assassinate his father, King Joash (2 Kings 14:5)
 - f) He spared the children of the assassins (2 Kings 14:6)
 - g) Fought and defeated Edom (2 Kings 14:7)
3. Problem between Judah and Israel (2 Chronicles 25)
 - a) Amaziah wanted to go to war against Edom
 - b) He built up a huge army
 - c) He also hired mercenary soldiers from Israel to fight alongside
 - d) He was advised against this by a prophet of God
 - e) Amaziah heeded the words of the prophet and went on to defeat the Edomites (called "people of Seir" 2 Chronicles 25:11)
4. Israel was angry and felt insulted at being dropped (2 Chronicles 25:13)
 - a) On their way home they burned down cities of Judah
 - b) They also killed 300 men from Judah (2 Chronicles 25:13)
5. Angry but foolish declaration of war against Jehoash the son of Jehoahaz (2 Kings 14:8; 2 Chronicles 25:17-24)

- a) He failed to heed the words of warning by a prophet of God
 - b) He also worshipped idols of the people of Seir (2 Kings 25:14-15)
6. Jehoash mocked Amaziah with a parable (2 Kings 14:9-10)
- a) Amaziah was warned not to allow his victory over Edom to go to his head (2 Kings 14:9)
 - b) Israel had a far stronger army than Judah at this point of time (2 Kings 14:10)
7. War between Judah and Israel (2 Kings 14:11-21)
- a) Amaziah was defeated by Jehoash (2 Kings 14:13)
 - b) Amaziah was captured (2 Kings 14:14)
 - c) Jerusalem was looted by Jehoash's army (2 Kings 14:13-14)
8. Amaziah was assassinated (2 Kings 14:18-20)
9. Azariah his son succeeded to the throne at 16 years of age (2 Kings 14:21)
- His focus was on rebuilding Judah (2 Kings 14:22)

(II) ISRAEL UNDER JEROBOAM II (2 Kings 14:22-29)

1. Jeroboam succeeded Jehoash to the throne of Israel (2 Kings 14:23)
2. Bad Features of his reign
- a) He had a long reign of 40 years (2 Kings 14:23)
 - b) He did evil in the sight of the Lord (2 Kings 14:24)
 - c) He practised the idolatry of Jeroboam (2 Kings 14:24)
3. Good features of his reign
- a) He restored the territory of Israel (2 Kings 14:25, 28)
 - b) Jonah the prophet ministered in his reign (2 Kings 14:25)

c) Israel was delivered from destruction by the Lord (2 Kings 14:26-27)