

~JEHOASH 2 (238) (Je-ho'ash)

- King of Israel, son of Jehoahaz and grandson of Jehu. The shortened form of his name, **Joash**, also appears in the **Masoretic** text.
- The word of Yehowah that occurred to Hosea the son of Beeri in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz and Hezekiah, kings of Judah, and in the days of Jeroboam the son of **Joash**, the king of Israel. (**Hosea 1:1**)
- The words of Amos, who happened to be among the sheep raisers from Tekoa, which he visioned concerning Israel in the days of Uzziah the king of Judah and in the days of Jeroboam the son of **Joash**, the king of Israel, two years before the earthquake. (**Amos 1:1**)
- He ruled for 16 years in the middle of the **Ninth Century B.C.E.** During the first part of the reign of this **Jehoash**, son of Jehoahaz over the northern kingdom of Israel, Jehoash son of Ahaziah was king over the southern kingdom of Judah.
- In the thirty-seventh year of **Jehoash** the king of Judah, Jehoash the son of Jehoahaz became king over Israel in Samaria for sixteen years. (**2 Kings 13:10**)
- **Jehoash** generally did what was bad in Yehowah's eyes and allowed calf worship to continue throughout the land. Nevertheless, when the prophet Elisha was sick and near death **Jehoash** went down and wept over him, saying,
- And he continued to do what was bad in Yehowah's eyes. He did not depart from all the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, with which he made Israel sin. In them he walked. (**2 Kings 13:11**)
- As regards Elisha, he had taken sick with the sickness with which he was to die. So **Jehoash** the king of Israel came down to him and began to weep over his face and say; My father, my father, the war chariot of Israel and his horsemen! (**2 Kings 13:14**)

- In response to the prophets request, **Jehoash** shot an arrow out the window toward Syria and then beat the earth with his arrows. However, he only beat three times.
- Elisha was incensed at this, for had he continued to beat the earth five or six times, Elisha said; Then **Jehoash** would have been completely victorious over the Syrians, but now, the prophet declared, he would enjoy only three partial victories.
- And Elisha proceeded to say to him; Take a bow and arrows. So he took to himself a bow and arrows. (2 Kings 13:15)
- And he went on to say to the king of Israel; Put your hand to the bow. Accordingly he put his hand to it, after which Elisha laid his hands upon the hands of the king. (2 Kings 13:16)
- Then he said; Open the window to the east. So he opened it. Finally Elisha said; Shoot! So he shot. He now said; Yehowah's arrow of salvation, even the arrow of salvation against Syria! And you will certainly strike down Syria at Aphek to the finishing point. (2 Kings 13:17)
- And he went on to say; Take the arrows. At that he took them. Then he said to the king of Israel; Strike on the earth. So he struck three times and stopped. (2 Kings 13:18)
- And the man of the true God grew indignant at him, hence he said; It was meant to strike five or six times! In that case you would certainly be striking down Syria to the finishing point, but now it is three times that you will strike down Syria. (2 Kings 13:19)
- In **Jehoash's** three campaigns against the Syrians he did have a measure of success, recovering a number of Israelite cities that Ben-hadad's father Hazael had taken from the northern kingdom.
- Finally Hazael the king of Syria died, and Ben-hadad his son began to reign in place of him. (2 Kings 13:24)
- And **Jehoash** the son of Jehoahaz proceeded to take back again from the hand of Ben-hadad the son of Hazael the cities that he had taken from the hand of Jehoahaz his father in war. Three times **Jehoash** struck him down, and he got to recover the cities of Israel. (2 Kings 13:25)

- **Jehoash** also hired out a hundred thousand of his troops to the king of Judah to fight against the Edomites. However, on the advice of a man of the true God they were dismissed, and although they had been paid a hundred silver talents (\$660,600) in advance, they were angered at being sent home, probably because of losing out on their anticipated share of the booty.

- So after their return North they plundered towns of the southern kingdom, from Samaria, perhaps their base of operations, as far as Beth-horon.

- Further, he hired from Israel a hundred thousand valiant, mighty men for a hundred silver talents. (2 Chronicles 25:6)

- And a certain man of the true God came to him, saying; O king, do not let the army of Israel come with you, for Yehowah is not with Israel, that is, all the sons of Ephraim. (2 Chronicles 25:7)

- But come you yourself, act, be courageous for the war. The true God could cause you to stumble before an enemy, for there exists power with God to help and to cause stumbling. (2 Chronicles 25:8)

- At this Amaziah said to the man of the true God; But what is there to do about the hundred talents that I have given to the troops of Israel? To this the man of the true God said; There exists with Yehowah the means to give you much more than this. (2 Chronicles 25:9)

- Accordingly Amaziah separated them, namely, the troops that had come to him from Ephraim, to go to their own place. However, their anger got very hot against Judah, so that they returned to their own place in the heat of anger. (2 Chronicles 25:10)

- As for the members of the troop whom Amaziah had sent back from going with him to the war, they began making raids upon the cities of Judah, from Samaria clear to Beth-horon, and went striking down three thousand of them and taking a great plunder. (2 Chronicles 25:13)

- It was probably in retaliation for this that the king of Judah provoked **Jehoash** to fight. In the battle that followed, Judean King

Amaziah was captured at Beth-shemesh, and in the follow-up Jehoash's forces broke through the wall of Jerusalem, looting the temple and house of the king of their gold and silver and taking hostages back to Samaria.

- Then it was that Amaziah sent messengers to **Jehoash** the son of Jehoahaz the son of Jehu the king of Israel, saying; Do come. Let us look each other in the face. (**2 Kings 14:8**)
- At that **Jehoash** the king of Israel sent to Amaziah the king of Judah, saying; The thorny weed itself that was in Lebanon sent to the cedar that was in Lebanon, saying; Do give your daughter to my son as a wife. However, a wild beast of the field that was in Lebanon passed by and trampled the thorny weed down. (**2 Kings 14:9**)
- You have unmistakably struck down Edom, and your heart has lifted you up. Enjoy your honor and dwell in your own house. Why, then, should you engage in strife under unfavorable conditions and have to fall, you and Judah with you? (**2 Kings 14:10**)
- And Amaziah did not listen. So **Jehoash** the king of Israel came up, and they proceeded to look each other in the face, he and Amaziah the king of Judah, at Beth-shemesh, which belongs to Judah. (**2 Kings 14:11**)
- And Judah came to be defeated before Israel, so that they took to flight, each one to his tent. (**2 Kings 14:12**)
- And it was Amaziah the king of Judah the son of **Jehoash** the son of Ahaziah that Jehoash the king of Israel captured at Beth-shemesh, after which they came to Jerusalem and he made a breach in the wall of Jerusalem at the Gate of Ephraim clear to the Corner Gate, four hundred cubits. (**2 Kings 14:13**)
- And he took all the gold and silver and all the articles to be found at the house of Yehowah and in the treasures of the house of the king and the hostages and then returned to Samaria. (**2 Kings 14:14**)
- Then Amaziah the king of Judah took counsel and sent to **Jehoash** the son of Jehoahaz the son of Jehu the king of Israel, saying; Come! Let us look each other in the face. (**2 Chronicles**

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- You have said to yourself; Here you have struck down Edom. And your heart has lifted you up to be glorified. Now do keep dwelling in your own house. Why should you engage in strife in a bad position and have to fall, you and Judah with you? (**2 Chronicles 25:19**)
- But Amaziah did not listen, for it was from the true God for the purpose of giving them into his hand, because they had searched for the gods of Edom. (**2 Chronicles 25:20**)
- So **Jehoash** the king of Israel went up, and they proceeded to look each other in the face, he and Amaziah the king of Judah, at Beth-shemesh, which belongs to Judah. (**2 Chronicles 25:21**)
- And Judah came to be defeated before Israel, so that they took to flight each one to his tent. (**2 Chronicles 25:22**)
- And it was Amaziah the king of Judah, the son of **Jehoash** the son of Jehoahaz, that **Jehoash** the king of Israel seized at Beth-shemesh, after which he brought him to Jerusalem and made a breach in the wall of Jerusalem, from the Gate of Ephraim clear to the Corner Gate, four hundred cubits. (**2 Chronicles 25:23**)
- And he took all the gold and the silver and all the articles that were to be found in the house of the true God with Obed-edom and the treasures of the king's house and the hostages, and then returned to Samaria. (**2 Chronicles 25:24**)
- Finally, **Jehoash** died and was buried in Samaria, and his son Jeroboam II ruled in his place.
- As for the rest of the affairs of **Jehoash** and all that he did and his mightiness and how he fought against Amaziah the king of Judah, are they not written in the book of the affairs of the days of the kings of Israel? (**2 Kings 13:12**)

- Finally **Jehoash** lay down with his forefathers, and Jeroboam himself sat upon his throne. In turn Jehoash was buried in Samaria with the kings of Israel. (**2 Kings 13:13**)
- As for the rest of the affairs of **Jehoash**, what he did and his mightiness and how he fought against Amaziah the king of Judah, are they not written in the book of the affairs of the days of the kings of Israel? (**2 Kings 14:15**)
- Finally **Jehoash** lay down with his forefathers and was buried in Samaria with the kings of Israel, and Jeroboam his son began to reign in place of him. (**2 Kings 14:16**)