

2 Chronicles 25:1-28 **Amaziah King of Judah**

Amaziah Reigns in Judah (2 Kings 14:1-6)

1 Amaziah was twenty-five years old when he became king, and he reigned twenty-nine years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Jehoaddan of Jerusalem.

2 And he did what was right in the sight of Yahweh (the Lord), but not with a loyal heart.

3 Now it happened, as soon as the kingdom was established for him, that he executed his servants who had murdered his father the king.

4 However he did not execute their children, but did as it is written in the Law in the Book of Moses, where Yahweh (the Lord) commanded, saying, "The fathers shall not be put to death for their children, nor shall the children be put to death for their fathers; but a person shall die for his own sin."

The War Against Edom (2 Kings 14:7)

5 Moreover Amaziah gathered Judah together and set over them captains of thousands and captains of hundreds, according to their fathers' houses, throughout all Judah and Benjamin; and he numbered them from twenty years old and above, and found them to be three hundred thousand choice men, able to go to war, who could handle spear and shield.

6 He also hired one hundred thousand mighty men of valor from Israel for one hundred talents of silver.

7 But a man of Elohiym (God) came to him, saying, "O king, do not let the army of Israel go with you, for Yahweh (the Lord) is not with Israel — not with any of the children of Ephraim.

8 But if you go, be gone! Be strong in battle! Even so, Elohiym (God) shall make you fall before the enemy; for Elohiym (God) has power to help and to overthrow."

9 Then Amaziah said to the man of Elohiym (God), "But what shall we do about the hundred talents which I have given to the troops of Israel?"

And the man of Elohiym (God) answered, "Yahweh (The Lord) is able to give you much more than this."

10 So Amaziah discharged the troops that had come to him from Ephraim, to go back home. Therefore their anger was greatly aroused against Judah, and they returned home in great anger.

11 Then Amaziah strengthened himself, and leading his people, he went to the Valley of Salt and killed ten thousand of the people of Seir.

12 Also the children of Judah took captive ten thousand alive, brought them to the top of the rock, and cast them down from the top of the rock, so that they all were dashed in pieces.

13 But as for the soldiers of the army which Amaziah had discharged, so that they would not go with him to battle, they raided the cities of Judah from Samaria to Beth Horon, killed three thousand in them, and took much spoil.

Amaziah turned to Idolatry

14 Now it was so, after Amaziah came from the slaughter of the Edomites, that he brought the gods of the people of Seir, set them up to be his gods, and bowed down before them and burned incense to them.

15 Therefore the anger of Yahweh (the Lord) was aroused against Amaziah, and He sent him a prophet who said to him, "Why have you sought the gods of the people, which could not rescue their own people from your hand?"

16 So it was, as he talked with him, that the king said to him, "Have we made you the king's counselor? Cease! Why should you be killed?"

Then the prophet ceased, and said, "I know that Elohiym (God) has determined to destroy you, because you have done this and have not heeded my advice."

Israel Defeats Judah (2 Kings 14:8-14)

17 Now Amaziah king of Judah asked advice and sent to Joash the son of Jehoahaz, the son of Jehu, king of Israel, saying, "Come, let us face one another in battle."

18 And Joash 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 as wife'; and a wild beast that was in Lebanon passed by and trampled the thistle.

19 Indeed you say that you have defeated the Edomites, and your heart is lifted up to boast. Stay at home now; why should you meddle with trouble, that you should fall — you and Judah with you?"

20 But Amaziah would not heed, for it came from Elohiym (God), that He might give them into the hand of their enemies, because they sought the gods of Edom.

21 So Joash king of Israel went out; and he and Amaziah king of Judah faced one another at Beth Shemesh, which belongs to Judah.

22 And Judah was defeated by Israel, and every man fled to his tent.

23 Then Joash the king of Israel captured Amaziah king of Judah, the son of Joash, the son of Jehoahaz, at Beth Shemesh; and he brought him to Jerusalem, and broke down the wall of Jerusalem from the Gate of Ephraim to the Corner Gate — four hundred cubits.

24 And he took all the gold and silver, all the articles that were found in Beit Elohiym (the house of God) with Obed-Edom, the treasures of the king's house, and hostages, and returned to Samaria.

Death of Amaziah (2 Kings 14:17-20)

25 Amaziah the son of Joash, king of Judah, lived fifteen years after the death of Joash the son of Jehoahaz, king of Israel.

26 Now the rest of the acts of Amaziah, from first to last, indeed are they not written in the book of the kings of Judah and Israel?

27 After the time that Amaziah turned away from following Yahweh (the Lord), they made a conspiracy against him in Jerusalem, and he fled to Lachish; but they sent after him to Lachish and killed him there.

28 Then they brought him on horses and buried him with his fathers in the City of Judah.

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Facts Revealed:

Amaziah Reigns in Judah (2 Kings 14:1-6) [2 Chronicles 25:1-4]

✧ Amaziah was twenty-five years old when he became king, and he reigned twenty-nine years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Jehoaddan of Jerusalem.

And he did what was right in the sight of Yahweh (the Lord), but not with a loyal heart. [2 Chronicles 25:1-2]

- ✧ A heart disloyal toward Yahweh cannot result in favorable behavior or finish.
- ✧ Amaziah began by executing the servants who had killed his father Joash but spared their children according to the commandment recorded by Moses. [Deuteronomy 24:16]

The War Against Edom (2 Kings 14:7) [2 Chronicles 25:5-13]

- ✧ Amaziah gathered the armies of Judah and Benjamin numbering 300,000 to go against Edom. [2 Chronicles 25:5]
- ✧ Seeking more strength he hired 100,000 from Israel for 100 talents of Silver. [2 Chronicles 25:6]
- ✧ A man of Elohiym warned him not to include the men from Israel in his fighting force because Yahweh is not with the people of Israel, so he dismissed them. Elohiym will make you fall before your enemies, Elohiym has power to help and to overthrow. Do not be concerned about the money you gave to the men of Israel, Yahweh is able to give you much more than that. [2 Chronicles 25:7-10]
- ✧ Amaziah led his armies to the Valley of Salt and they killed 10,000 with the sword and cast another 10,000 from the top of the rock to their death. [2 Chronicles 25:11-12]
- ✧ The men of Israel who had been discharged raided the cities of Judah, killing 3,000 and took much spoil. [2 Chronicles 25:13]

Amaziah turned to Idolatry [2 Chronicles 25:14-16]

- ✧ Human arrogance is demonstrated here that caused Amaziah to turn to the idols of the people Yahweh had given him victory over.
- ✧ Yahweh sent him a prophet to warn him of his error, but in arrogance he rejected the words of the prophet and threatened his life. It is human nature to attack the messenger that calls us to repentance.
- ✧ The prophet responded, "I know that Elohiym (God) has determined to destroy you, because you have done this and have not heeded my advice."

Israel Defeats Judah (2 Kings 14:8-14) [2 Chronicles 25:17-24]

- ✧ In his pride and arrogance after the defeat of the Edomites, Amaziah decided to challenge the king of Israel to battle. [2 Chronicles 25:17]
- ✧ The king of Israel acknowledged Amaziah's victory over Edom but warned him to stay at home lest he should fall in battle with Israel. [2 Chronicles 25:18-19]
- ✧ Amaziah's arrogance was used by Elohiym to entice him to go to his death because he had sought after the gods of Edom. [2 Chronicles 25:20]
- ✧ Because of Amaziah's foolishness, he was captured by the king of Israel and Jerusalem suffered much destruction and the king of Israel took all the gold and silver from the Temple and from the king's house along with hostages and returned to Samaria. [2 Chronicles 25:21-24]

Death of Amaziah (2 Kings 14:17-20) [2 Chronicles 25:25-28]

- ✧ Amaziah king of Judah lived 15 years after the death of Joash king of Israel. [2 Chronicles 25:25]
- ✧ Additional information on Amaziah is recorded the book of the kings of Judah and Israel. [2 Chronicles 25:26]
- ✧ After Amaziah turned from following Yahweh they of Jerusalem made a conspiracy against him and sent to Lachish where he had fled and killed him there, brought him back to Judah and buried him with his fathers in the city of Judah.. [2 Chronicles 25:27-28]
- ✧ Nothing good is accomplished by turning from Yahweh to serve idols.