

2 Chronicles 27:1-9 **Jotham king of Judah**

Jotham Reigns in Judah (2 Kings 15:32-38)

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2 And he did what was right in the sight of Yahweh (the Lord), according to all that his father Uzziah had done (although he did not enter the temple of Yahweh (the Lord)). But still the people acted corruptly.

3 He built the Upper Gate of Beit Yahweh (the house of the Lord), and he built extensively on the wall of Ophel.

4 Moreover he built cities in the mountains of Judah, and in the forests he built fortresses and towers.

5 He also fought with the king of the Ammonites and defeated them. And the people of Ammon gave him in that year one hundred talents of silver, ten thousand kors of wheat, and ten thousand of barley. The people of Ammon paid this to him in the second and third years also.

6 So Jotham became mighty, because he prepared his ways before Yahweh Elohayv (the Lord his God).

7 Now the rest of the acts of Jotham, and all his wars and his ways, indeed they are written in the book of the kings of Israel and Judah.

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9 So Jotham rested with his fathers, and they buried him in the City of David. Then Ahaz his son reigned in his place.

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✧ When a leader causes the people to sin it is destructive for the nation, however when a righteous leader seeks to lead the people in holiness it seldom turns a people already steeped in sin to come to repentance. [Hebrews 10:26-31]

✧ The heart of the people continued to resist the influence of a godly king.

✧ Yotham's Building accomplishments. [2 Chronicles 27:3-4]

✧ Yahweh gave Jotham victory over the Ammonites and they paid abundantly for three years because he prepared his way before Yahweh Elohayv. [2 Chronicles 27:5-6]

✧ The rest of His accomplishments are recorded in the book of the kings of Israel and Judah. [2 Chronicles 27:7]

✧ Jotham died and was buried in the City of David. [2 Chronicles 27:9]

✧ Ahaz his son reigned in his place. [2 Chronicles 27:9]

✧ Even with a good leader, a sinful society will bring on the wrath of God. [2 Chronicles 28:1-4]