

## 2 Kings 15:1-31 **Azariah (Uzziah) King of Judah – Kings of Israel, Zechariah, Shallum, Menahem, Pekahiah and Pekah**

### Azariah Reigns in Judah(2 Chron 26:3-23)

<sup>1</sup> In the twenty-seventh year of Jeroboam king of Israel, Azariah (Uzziah) the son of Amaziah, king of Judah, became king.

<sup>2</sup> He was sixteen years old when he became king, and he reigned fifty-two years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Jecholiah of Jerusalem.

<sup>3</sup> And he did what was right in the sight of the Lord, according to all that his father Amaziah had done, <sup>4</sup> except that the high places were not removed; the people still sacrificed and burned incense on the high places.

<sup>5</sup> Then the Lord struck the king, so that he was a leper until the day of his death; so he dwelt in an isolated house. And Jotham the king's son was over the royal house, judging the people of the land.

<sup>6</sup> Now the rest of the acts of Azariah, and all that he did, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah? <sup>7</sup> So Azariah rested with his fathers, and they buried him with his fathers in the City of David. Then Jotham his son reigned in his place.

### Zechariah Reigns in Israel

<sup>8</sup> In the thirty-eighth year of Azariah (Uzziah) king of Judah, Zechariah the son of Jeroboam reigned over Israel in Samaria six months.

<sup>9</sup> And he did evil in the sight of the Lord, as his fathers had done; he did not depart from the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who had made Israel sin.

<sup>10</sup> Then Shallum the son of Jabesh conspired against him, and struck and killed him in front of the people; and he reigned in his place.

<sup>11</sup> Now the rest of the acts of Zechariah, indeed they are written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel.

<sup>12</sup> This was the word of the Lord which He spoke to Jehu, saying, "Your sons shall sit on the throne of Israel to the fourth generation." And so it was.

### Shallum Reigns in Israel

<sup>13</sup> Shallum the son of Jabesh became king in the thirty-ninth year of Uzziah king of Judah; and he reigned a full month in Samaria.

<sup>14</sup> For Menahem the son of Gadi went up from Tirzah, came to Samaria, and struck Shallum the son of Jabesh in Samaria and killed him; and he reigned in his place.

<sup>15</sup> Now the rest of the acts of Shallum, and the conspiracy which he led, indeed they are written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel.

<sup>16</sup> Then from Tirzah, Menahem attacked Tiphseh, all who were there, and its territory. Because they did not surrender, therefore he attacked it. All the women there who were with child he ripped open.

### Menahem Reigns in Israel

17 In the thirty-ninth year of Azariah (Uzziah) king of Judah, Menahem the son of Gadi became king over Israel, and reigned ten years in Samaria.

18 And he did evil in the sight of the Lord; he did not depart all his days from the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who had made Israel sin.

19 Pul king of Assyria came against the land; and Menahem gave Pul a thousand talents of silver, that his hand might be with him to strengthen the kingdom under his control. 20 And Menahem exacted the money from Israel, from all the very wealthy, from each man fifty shekels of silver, to give to the king of Assyria. So the king of Assyria turned back, and did not stay there in the land.

21 Now the rest of the acts of Menahem, and all that he did, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel? 22 So Menahem rested with his fathers. Then Pekahiah his son reigned in his place.

### Pekahiah Reigns in Israel

23 In the fiftieth year of Azariah king of Judah, Pekahiah the son of Menahem became king over Israel in Samaria, and reigned two years.

24 And he did evil in the sight of the Lord; he did not depart from the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who had made Israel sin.

25 Then Pekah the son of Remaliah, an officer of his, conspired against him and killed him in Samaria, in the citadel of the king's house, along with Argob and Arieah; and with him were fifty men of Gilead. He killed him and reigned in his place.

26 Now the rest of the acts of Pekahiah, and all that he did, indeed they are written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel.

### Pekah Reigns in Israel

27 In the fifty-second year of Azariah king of Judah, Pekah the son of Remaliah became king over Israel in Samaria, and reigned twenty years.

28 And he did evil in the sight of the Lord; he did not depart from the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who had made Israel sin.

29 In the days of Pekah king of Israel, Tiglath-Pileser king of Assyria came and took Ijon, Abel Beth Maachah, Janoah, Kedesh, Hazor, Gilead, and Galilee, all the land of Naphtali; and he carried them captive to Assyria.

30 Then Hoshea the son of Elah led a conspiracy against Pekah the son of Remaliah, and struck and killed him; so he reigned in his place in the twentieth year of Jotham the son of Uzziah.

31 Now the rest of the acts of Pekah, and all that he did, indeed they are written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel.

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Facts Revealed:

### Azariah (Uzziah) Reigns in Judah [2 Kings 15:1-5, 2 Chron 26:3-23]

✧ In the twenty-seventh year of Jeroboam king of Israel, Azariah (Uzziah) the son of Amaziah, king of Judah, became king.

Azariah (Uzziah) the son of Amaziah became king of Judah at 16 years of age and reigned 52 years in Jerusalem. [2 Kings 15:1-2] (Azariah was the priest) [2 Chronicles 26:17]

Uzziah did what was right in the sight of Yahweh, except the high places were not removed and the people sacrificed and burnt incense on the high places. [2 Kings 15:3-4]

✧ The high places continued to be a point of error for the more righteous kingdom of Judah.

✧ Worship on the high places was a pagan practice in idol worship and condemned by Yahweh. [Leviticus 26:30, Numbers 33:50-54, Deuteronomy 12:2, 33:29]

✧ Through all the kings from the time of the Judges, the high places remained until Hezekiah removed them. [2 Kings 18:1-6]

✧ The high places were rebuilt by Manasseh the son of Hezekiah. [2 Kings 21:1-9]

✧ The High Places were finally destroyed by Josiah who reigned 31 years in Jerusalem, he died at the hand of Pharaoh Necho king of Egypt 22.5 years before Judah fell to the king of Babylon. [2 Kings 23:1-20, 29]

✧ Then the Lord struck the king, so that he was a leper until the day of his death; so he dwelt in an isolated house. And Jotham the king's son was over the royal house, judging the people of the land. [2 Kings 15:5]

✧ When Yahweh is blessing everything a man does because of the good heart of the man, revealing a weakness in human nature, that man tends to become prideful and arrogant. This arrogance leads him to fall from the grace of Elohiym and into punishment, thus Uzziah became a leper because he transgressed with the holy things attempting to worship Yahweh wrongfully. [2 Kings 15:5, 2 Chronicles 26:16-21]

✧ Worship of Yahweh is good but it must be done in an acceptable manner. [Deuteronomy 12:1-8, 29-31]

✧ Only the priests were authorized to offer incense on the Incense Alter before the Lord in the Tabernacle and in the Temple. [Exodus 30:7-8]

✧ Even the priests Nadab and Abihu were killed when they offered incense before Yahweh improperly. [Leviticus 10:1-2]

✧ Now the rest of the acts of Azariah (Uzziah), and all that he did, are written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah? [2 Kings 15:6, 2 Chronicles 26:1-23]

✧ Azariah (Uzziah) died and was buried with his fathers in the City of David.

Jotham his son reigned in his place. [2 Kings 15:7]

### During the 52 year reign of Uzziah king of Judah, 5 kings reigned in Israel [2 Kings 15:8-31]

#### Zechariah Reigns in Israel

✧ In the thirty-eighth year of Azariah (Uzziah) king of Judah, Zechariah the son of Jeroboam reigned over Israel in Samaria six months. [2 Kings 15:8]

And he did evil in the sight of the Lord, as his fathers had done; he did not depart from the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who had made Israel sin. [2 Kings 15:9]

✧ Then Shallum the son of Jabesh conspired against him, and struck and killed him in front of the people; and he reigned in his place. [2 Kings 15:10]

The rest of the acts of Zechariah, indeed they are written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel. [2 Kings 15:11]

✧ This was the word of the Lord which He spoke to Jehu, saying, "Your sons shall sit on the throne of Israel to the fourth generation." And so it was. [2 Kings 10:30, 15:12] (could not find his reign mentioned in the Chronicles).

### Shallum Reigns in Israel

- ✧ Shallum the son of Jabesh became king in the thirty-ninth year of Uzziah king of Judah; and he reigned a full month in Samaria. For Menahem the son of Gadi went up from Tirzah, came to Samaria, and struck Shallum the son of Jabesh in Samaria and killed him; and he reigned in his place. [2 Kings 15:13-14]
- ✧ Now the rest of the acts of Shallum, and the conspiracy which he led, indeed they are written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel. [2 Kings 15:15] (could not find his reign mentioned in the Chronicles).
- ✧ Then from Tirzah, Menahem attacked Tiphseh, all who were there, and its territory. Because they did not surrender, therefore he attacked it. All the women there who were with child he ripped open. [2 Kings 15:16]

### Menahem Reigns in Israel

- ✧ In the thirty-ninth year of Azariah (Uzziah) king of Judah, Menahem the son of Gadi became king over Israel, and reigned ten years in Samaria. And he did evil in the sight of the Lord; he did not depart all his days from the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who had made Israel sin. [2 Kings 15:17-18]
- ✧ When Pul the king of Assyria came against the land, Menahem taxed the very wealthy fifty shekels of silver each amounting to a thousand talents of silver and gave it to Pul, so the Assyrians turned back and left the land. [2 Kings 15:19-20]
- ✧ Now the rest of the acts of Menahem, and all that he did, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel? [2 Kings 15:21] (could not find his reign mentioned in the Chronicles).
- ✧ So Menahem rested with his fathers. Then Pekahiah his son reigned in his place. [2 Kings 15:22]

### Pekahiah Reigns in Israel

- ✧ In the fiftieth year of Azariah (Uzziah) king of Judah, Pekahiah the son of Menahem became king over Israel in Samaria, and reigned two years. And he did evil in the sight of the Lord; he did not depart from the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who had made Israel sin. [2 Kings 15:23-24]
- ✧ Pekah the son of Remaliah, one of the king's officers with fifty men of Gilead, came to the Citadel (fortress) of the king's house in Samaria, killed Pekahiah and two of his aids Argob and Arieh, then Pekah reigned in his place. [2 Kings 15:25]
- ✧ Now the rest of the acts of Pekahiah, and all that he did, indeed they are written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel. [2 Kings 15:26] (could not find his reign mentioned in the Chronicles).

### Pekah Reigns in Israel

- ✧ In the fifty-second year of Azariah (the last year of Uzziah) king of Judah, Pekah the son of Remaliah became king over Israel in Samaria, and reigned twenty years. And he did evil in the sight of the Lord; he did not depart from the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who had made Israel sin. [2 Kings 15:27-28]
  - ✧ The tenacious clinging to the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat from the time the nation of Israel was divided and the kingly lines that were wiped out by God should have been warning enough of the need to turn back to Yahweh. [1 Kings 12:25-33, 13:33-34, 14:1-16, 15:25-30, 16:1-4, 7, 21:20-24, 2 Kings 9:1-10, 13:1-2, 15:9, 18, 24, 28]
- ✧ In the days of Pekah king of Israel, Tiglath-Pileser king of Assyria came and took Ijon, Abel Beth Maachah, Janoah, Kedesh, Hazor, Gilead, and Galilee, all the land of Naphtali; and he carried them captive to Assyria. [2 Kings 15:29]
  - ✧ Assyrian captivity begins.

- ✧ Then Hoshea the son of Elah led a conspiracy against Pekah the son of Remaliah, and struck and killed him; so he reigned in his place in the twentieth year of Jotham the son of Uzziah. [\[2 Kings 15:30\]](#)
- ✧ It was the twelfth year of Ahaz king of Judah, Jotham the son of Uzziah only reigned sixteen years. [\[2 Kings 15:32-33, 17:1\]](#)
- ✧ Now the rest of the acts of Pekah, and all that he did, indeed they are written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel. [\[2 Kings 15:31, 2 Chronicles 28:5-8\]](#)