

ISRAEL'S TURMOIL VS. JUDAH'S STABILITY  
(2 Kings 15:27-38)

- I. The Reign of Pekah in ISRAEL (2 Kings 15:27-31)
  - A. CLAIMED the throne by ASSASSINATION
  - B. CONTINUED in the sins of JEROBOAM I
  - C. Ruled for TWENTY YEARS
    - 1. Lost GILEAD and GALILEE to Assyria
    - 2. ASSASSINATED by Hoshea, who then claimed the throne
  
- II. The Reign of Jotham in JUDAH (2 Kings 15:32-38; 2 Chron. 27:1-9)
  - A. The SETTING of His Reign (2 Kings 15:32-33)
    - 1. Ascended in the SECOND year of PEKAH
    - 2. INHERITED the throne from his father UZZIAH
    - 3. MOTHER was Jerusha, daughter of Zadok
    - 4. Ascended at age 25 and ruled for 16 years
  - B. The CHARACTER of His Reign (2 Kings 15:34-35a; 2 Chron. 27:2)
    - 1. He did what was RIGHT in GOD'S eyes
    - 2. Not as GOOD as DAVID, but BETTER than his FATHER
    - 3. The "HIGH PLACES" were not REMOVED

- C. The EVENTS of His Reign (2 Kings 35b-38; 2 Chron. 27:3-9)
1. He built the UPPER GATE of “the HOUSE of the LORD”
  2. He did EXTENSIVE work on the WALL at Ophel
  3. He built NEW TOWNS in the Judean hills
  4. He built FORTRESSES and TOWERS in the woodlands
  5. He DEFEATED the Ammonites and put them under TRIBUTE for THREE YEARS
  6. He was HARASSED by the anti-Assyrian coalition of SYRIA and ISRAEL
  7. Jotham became MIGHTY because he OBEYED GOD

III. Lessons

- A. God often JUDGES the rebellious through the NATURAL CONSEQUENCES of their SIN
- B. While they remained FAITHFUL, God blessed His people with POLITICAL STABILITY
- C. God continues to be PATIENT with INCOMPLETE obedience, but He does not OVERLOOK it