

The Death of Jotham [Judah] (732t BC)

2 Kings 15:36–38	2 Chronicles 27:7–9
<p>36 Now the remainder of the acts of Jotham which he did, <i>are</i> they not written on the scroll of the events of the days of the kings of Judah?</p> <p>37 (Now, in those days, Yahweh began to send Rezin the king of Aram and Pekah the son of Remaliah against Judah.)</p> <p>38 So Jotham slept with his ancestors and was buried with his ancestors in the city of David his ancestor, and his son Ahaz became king in his place.</p>	<p>7 Now the remainder of the words of Jotham and all his wars and his ways, behold, they are written upon the scroll of the kings of Israel and Judah.</p> <p>8 He was twenty-five years old when he became king, and he reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem.</p> <p>9 And Jotham slept with his ancestors, and they buried Him in the city of David. And his son Ahaz became king in his place.</p>

Ahaz [Judah] Compounds His Idolatry (732 BC)

2 Kings 16:10–18	2 Chronicles 28:22–25
<p>10 So King Ahaz went to meet Tiglath-Pileser the king of Assyria <i>in</i> Damascus, and he saw the altar which <i>was</i> in Damascus, so King Ahaz sent to Uriah the priest the builder's plan of the altar and the exact model of how it had been made.</p> <p>11 So Uriah the priest built the altar according to all that King Ahaz had sent from Damascus; thus Uriah the priest did before King Ahaz came from Damascus.</p> <p>12 When the king came from Damascus, the king saw the altar, so he went near to the altar and went up on it.</p> <p>13 Then he offered his burnt offerings and his grain offerings, he poured his libations and dashed the blood of his fellowship offerings against the altar.</p> <p>14 Now the bronze altar which was before Yahweh, he brought over from the front of the temple, from between <i>his</i> altar and the temple of Yahweh, and he placed it at the side of <i>his</i> altar to the north.</p> <p>15 Then King Ahaz commanded Uriah the priest, saying, "On the great altar burn the morning burnt offering and the grain offering of the evening, the burnt offering of the king and his grain offering, the burnt offering of all of the people of the land, their offerings, their libations, and all of the blood of the burnt offerings, the blood of the sacrifices you must dash on it. But the bronze altar shall be for me to inquire <i>by</i>."</p> <p>16 So Uriah the priest did according to all that King Ahaz commanded.</p> <p>17 Then King Ahaz cut off the side panels of the water carts and removed from upon them the basin, and the sea he took down from the bronze oxen that were under it and put it on a stone base.</p> <p>18 The covering for the Sabbath which they had built in the palace and in the entrance of the king to the outside, he removed <i>from</i> the temple of Yahweh because of the presence of the king of Assyria.</p>	<p>22 And in the time of his distress, King Ahaz continued to act unfaithfully against Yahweh.</p> <p>23 He sacrificed to the gods of Damascus that had defeated him and said, "Because the gods of the king of Aram helped them, I will sacrifice to them so that they will help me." But they were a disaster to him and to all Israel.</p> <p>24 Then Ahaz gathered the objects of the house of God, and he cut the objects of the house of God to pieces.</p> <p>And he shut the doors of the house of Yahweh and made for himself altars in every corner of Jerusalem.</p> <p>25 And in every city of Judah he made high places to burn</p>

incense to other gods, and he provoked Yahweh, the God of his ancestors, to anger.
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Isaiah's Prophecy to Judah—The Righteous King (c. 730 BC)

Isaiah 8:18–12:6

Isaiah Addresses His Followers

8:18 Look! I and the children whom Yahweh has given to me *are* like signs and portents in Israel from Yahweh of hosts, the one who dwells on the mountain of Zion. [[Heb 2:13](#)]

19 Now if they tell you, “Consult the ghosts and the spirits, those who chirp and those who mutter. Should not a people consult its gods, the dead on behalf of the living,

20 for teaching and for testimony?” surely they *who* speak like this have no dawn.

21 And it will pass through it distressed and hungry, and this shall happen: when it is hungry, it will be enraged, and it will curse its king and its gods, and it will face upward

22 or look to *the* earth. But look! Distress and darkness, *the* gloom of affliction! And *it will be thrust into* darkness!

The Reign of a Righteous King—The Messiah and the Millennium

9:1 But there will be no gloom for those who were in distress. In former times he treated *the* land of Zebulun and Naphtali with contempt, but in the future he will honor the way of the sea beyond the Jordan, Galilee *of* the nations.

2 The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;
light has shined on those who lived in a land of darkness. [[Matt 4:14–16](#)]

3 You have made the nation numerous;
you have not made the joy great.
They rejoice in your presence as *with* joy at the harvest,
as they rejoice when they divide plunder.

4 For you have shattered the yoke of its burden
and the stick of its shoulder,
the rod of its oppressor, on the day of Midian.

5 For every boot that marches and shakes the earth
and garment rolled in blood
will be for burning—fire fuel.

6 For a child has been born for us;
a son has been given to us.
And the dominion will be on his shoulder,
and his name is called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

7 His dominion will grow continually,
and to peace there will be no end
on the throne of David and over his kingdom,
to establish it and sustain it
with justice and righteousness
now and forever.

The zeal of Yahweh of hosts will do this.

God's Wrath against Proud Israel

8 The Lord has sent out a word against Jacob,
and it fell on Israel.

9 And all of the people knew it,
Ephraim and the inhabitants of Samaria
in pride and arrogance of heart, saying,

10 “*The* bricks have fallen, but we will build *with* dressed stone.
The sycamore-fig trees were felled, but we will replace *them with* cedars.”

11 So Yahweh strengthened the adversaries of Rezin against him,
and he provoked his enemies—

12 Aram from *the* east
and Philistines from *the* west—
and they devoured Israel with the whole mouth.

He has not turned away his anger in all of this,
and his hand is still stretched out.

God's Wrath against Unrepentant Leaders

- 13 And the people did not turn to the one who struck it,
and they did not seek Yahweh of hosts.
- 14 So Yahweh cut off head and tail from Israel,
palm branch and reed *in* one day.
- 15 Elders and the respectable *are* the head,
and prophets who teach lies *are* the tail.
- 16 And the leaders of this people were misleading *them*,
and those who were led *were* confused.
- 17 Therefore the Lord did not rejoice over its young men,
and he did not have compassion on its orphans and widows,
for everyone *was* godless and an evildoer,
and every mouth *was* speaking folly.
In all of this his anger did not turn away,
and still his hand *is* stretched out.

God's Destruction of the Nation

- 18 For wickedness burned like fire;
it consumed brier and thorn.
And it kindled the thickets of the forest,
and they swirled upward *in* a column of smoke.
- 19 The land was burned through the wrath of Yahweh of hosts,
and the people became like fire fuel.
People had no compassion toward each other.
- 20 They devoured on *the* right but *still* were hungry
and devoured on *the* left but they were not satisfied.
Each one devoured the flesh of his arm,
- 21 Manasseh *devoured* Ephraim, and Ephraim Manasseh;
together they *were* against Judah.
In all of this his anger has not turned away,
and still his hand *is* stretched out.

Lament: Judah's Oppression Will Lead to Its Demise

- 10:1 Ah! Those who decree decrees of evil,
and writers who have written harm,
- 2 to guide *the* needy away from legal claims,
and to rob the justice from the poor of my people,
to make widows their spoil;
and they plunder orphans.
- 3 And what will you do at *the* day of punishment,
and at calamity? It comes from afar!
To whom will you flee for help,
and where will you leave your wealth,
- 4 save that they bow down under the prisoners
and fall under the slain?
In all of this his anger has not turned away,
and still his hand *is* stretched out.

God Will Judge Assyria for Its Pride

- 5 Ah! Assyria, the rod of my anger,
and a staff is in their hand: my wrath!
- 6 I send him against a godless nation,
and I command him against the people of my wrath,
to capture spoil
and to carry off plunder,

and to make them a trampling place,
like *the* clay of *the* streets.

- 7 But he does not think this,
and his heart does not plan this.
For *it is* in his heart to destroy
and to cut off not a few nations.
- 8 For he says, “Are not my commanders altogether kings?
9 *Is* not Calno like Carchemish?
Is not Hamath like Arpad?
Is not Samaria like Damascus?”
- 10 As my hand has reached to the kingdoms of the idols
—and their images were greater than those of Jerusalem and Samaria—
11 shall I not do to Jerusalem and its idols
what I have done to Samaria and her idols?” [cf. [2 Kgs 18:33-35](#)]

12 And this shall happen: when the Lord has finished all his work against Mount Zion and Jerusalem, “I will punish the arrogance of the king of Assyria and his haughtiness.”

13 For he says,

“I have done *it* by the strength of my hand
and by my wisdom, for I have understanding,
and I have removed *the* boundaries of peoples,
and I have plundered their stores,
and like a bull I have brought down the inhabitants.

- 14 And my hand has found, like *a* nest, the wealth of the peoples,
and like the gathering of forsaken eggs, I myself have gathered all the earth.
And *there* was no fluttering wing or open mouth or chirp.”
- 15 Does the ax boast against the one who cuts with it,
or the saw magnify itself against *the* one who moves it to and fro?
As if a rod should move the one who lifts it!
As if a staff should lift up that which is not wood!
- 16 Therefore the Lord, Yahweh of hosts, will send leanness among his sturdy warriors,
and a burning like *the* burning of fire will burn under his glory.
- 17 And the light of Israel will become like a fire,
and his holy one like a flame,
and it will burn and devour his thorns and briers in one day.
- 18 And he will destroy the glory of his forest and orchard completely,
and it will be like the wasting away of one who is sick.
- 19 And the rest of the trees of his forest will be a small number,
and a boy can write them *down*.

God Will Save a Remnant

- 20 And this shall happen: on that day, the remnant of Israel and the survivors of the house of Jacob
will not continue to lean on *the* one who struck it
but will lean on Yahweh, the holy one of Israel, in truth.
- 21 A remnant will return
—the remnant of Jacob—to *the* mighty God.
- 22 For though your people Israel was like the sand of the sea,
only a remnant of it will return.
Annihilation *is* determined,
overflowing *with* righteousness. [[Rom 9:27](#)]
- 23 For the Lord Yahweh of hosts *is* about to make a complete destruction
and a determined end in the midst of all the earth.

24 Therefore thus says the Lord Yahweh of hosts:

“My people who live *in* Zion,
you must not be afraid of Assyria.

It beats you with the rod,
and it lifts up its staff against you as the Egyptians did.

25 *My* indignation will come to an end in just a very little while,
and my anger *will be* directed to their destruction.”

26 And Yahweh of hosts is going to swing a whip against him,
as when Midian was defeated at the rock of Oreb;
and his staff *will be* over the sea,
and he will lift him up as he did in Egypt.

27 And this shall happen: on that day,

he will remove his burden from your shoulder
and his yoke from your neck,
and a yoke will be destroyed because of fat.

Invading Assyrians Will Be Cut Off

28 He has come to Aiath,
he has passed through Migron;
at Micmash he deposited his baggage.

29 They crossed over *the* pass;
Geba *is* a place of overnight lodging for us.
Ramah trembles;
Gibeah of Saul has fled.

30 Daughter of Gallim, cry out *with* your voice;
Laishah, listen!
Anathoth is poor.

31 Madmenah flees!
The inhabitants of Gebim bring themselves into safety!

32 This day taking a stand at Nob,
he will shake his fist *at* the mountain of the daughter of Zion,
at the hill of Jerusalem.

33 Look! The Lord Yahweh of hosts is about to lop off *the* branches with great power,
and the towering trees will be felled,
and the tall trees will be brought low.

34 And he will cut down the thickets of the forest with the axe,
and Lebanon will fall by *the* mighty *one*.

Millennium: The Just and Peaceful Millennial Reign of a Davidic Branch

11:1 And a shoot will come out from the stump of Jesse,
and a branch from its roots will bear fruit.

2 And the spirit of Yahweh shall rest on him—
a spirit of wisdom and understanding,
a spirit of counsel and might,
a spirit of knowledge and the fear of Yahweh.

3 And his breath *is* in the fear of Yahweh.
And he shall judge not by his eyesight,
and he shall rebuke not by what he hears with his ears.

4 But he shall judge *the* poor with righteousness,
and he shall decide for *the* needy of *the* earth with rectitude.
And he shall strike *the* earth with the rod of his mouth,
and he shall kill *the* wicked person with the breath of his lips.

5 And righteousness shall be the belt around his waist,
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

6 And a wolf shall stay with a lamb,
and a leopard shall lie down with a kid,
and a calf and a lion and a fatling together
as a small boy leads them.

7 And a cow and a bear shall graze;

their young shall lie down together.

And a lion shall eat straw like the cattle.

- 8 And an infant shall play over a serpent's hole,
and a toddler shall put his hand on a viper's hole.
- 9 They will not injure and they will not destroy on all of my holy mountain,
for the earth will be full *of the* knowledge *of* Yahweh,
as the waters cover the sea.

Millennium: The Gathering of the Nations to God

10 And this shall happen on that day:

the nations shall inquire of the root of Jesse,
which shall be standing as a signal to *the* peoples,
and his resting place shall be glorious. [[Rom 15:12](#)]

11 And this shall happen on that day:

- The Lord will again *extend* his hand a second *time*
to acquire the remnant of his people that is left,
from Assyria, Egypt, Pathros, Cush, Elam, Shinar, Hamath, and the coastlands of the sea,
- 12 and he will raise a signal for the nations.
And he will gather the outcasts of Israel,
and he will gather the scattered ones of Judah together from the four corners of the earth.
- 13 And the jealousy of Ephraim shall depart,
and the enemies of Judah shall be cut off.
Ephraim shall not be jealous *of* Judah,
and Judah shall not be an enemy *of* Ephraim.
- 14 But they shall swoop upon *the* Philistine shoulder, westward.
Together they shall plunder *the* sons of *the* east.
Edom and Moab will be under their command,
and the sons of Ammon *will be* their subjugated people.
- 15 And Yahweh will divide the tongue of the sea of Egypt,
and he will wave his hand over the river with his scorching wind;
and he will strike it into seven streams,
and he will make it passable by foot.
- 16 So there shall be a highway from Assyria for the remnant of his people that remains,
as there was for Israel when it went up from the land of Egypt.

Millennium: A Song of Trust in God

12:1 And you will say on that day,

"I will give you thanks, Yahweh,
for though you were angry with me,
your anger turned away,
and you comforted me.

- 2 Look! God *is* my salvation;
I will trust, and I will not be afraid,
for my strength and might *is* Yah, Yahweh;
and he has become salvation for me."

3 And you will draw water from the wells of salvation in joy.

4 And you will say on that day,

"Give thanks to Yahweh;
call on his name.
Make his deeds known among the peoples;
bring to remembrance that his name *is* exalted.

- 5 Sing praises *to* Yahweh, for he has done a glorious thing;

this *is* known in all the earth.

- 6 Inhabitant of Zion, shout out and sing for joy,
for the holy one of Israel *is* great in your midst.”

Hezekiah, Ahaz’s Son, Begins Coregency With Ahaz [Judah] (729t/728n BC)

2 Kings 18:1

1 It happened in the third year of Hoshea the son of Elah king of Israel, that Hezekiah the son of Ahaz king of Judah became king.

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Chronological Notes

- 1) For more information regarding Hezekiah’s coregency with Ahaz, see the following resources:
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