

2 KINGS 15 vs 1

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The first and second books of the kings originally were one book, which Jewish tradition credits to the prophet Jeremiah. The subject follows the successes and failures of the kings of both Judah and Israel. This second book of kings follows the decline of **Israel** leading up to their captivity in Aram; and 170 years later, to the decline of **Judah** leading up to their captivity in Babylon.

Azariah, king of Judah,

¹ In the twenty-seventh year of Jeroboam king of Israel, Azariah son of Amaziah king of **Judah** reigned.

² He was sixteen years old when he began to reign, and he reigned fifty-two years in Jerusalem. And the name of his mother was Jecholiah of Jerusalem.

³ And **he did what was right in the sight of the Lord**, according to all that his father Amaziah had done;

⁴ except that the high places were not removed: the people sacrificed and burnt incense still on the high places. / the hocus pocus places to worship demons were not removed.

⁵ **And the Lord struck the king, so that he was a leper to the day of his death, and lived in a separate house.** And Jotham the king's son was over the house, judging the people of the land.

⁶ And the rest of the acts of Azariah, and all he did, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of **Judah**?

⁷ So Azariah slept with his fathers; and they buried him with his fathers in the city of David: and Jotham his son reigned in his place.

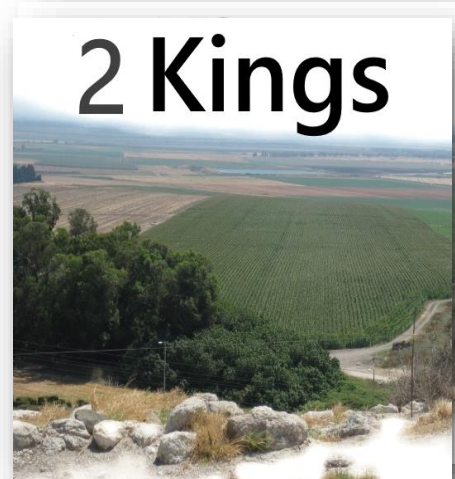
Zechariah, king of Israel,

⁸ In the thirty-eighth year of Azariah king of Judah, Zachariah the son of Jeroboam reign over **Israel** in Samaria six months. / that is all the longer the guy lasted. It's as if the Lord said:

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⁹ And **he did what was 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 made Israel to sin.

¹⁰ And Shallum, son of Jabesh conspired against him, and struck him down publicly before the people, and killed him, and reigned in his place.



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¹¹ And the rest of the acts of Zachariah, See, they are written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of **Israel**.

¹² This was the word the Lord spoke to Jehu: Your sons will sit on the throne of **Israel** to the fourth generation. **And so it happened.**

Shallum, king of Israel,

¹³ Shallum, son of Jabesh began to reign in the thirty-ninth year of Uzziah king of Judah; **and he reigned a full month in Samaria.**

¹⁴ Then Menahem, son of Gadi went up from Tirzah, and came to Samaria, and struck down Shallum, son of Jabesh in Samaria, and killed him, and reigned in his place.

¹⁵ The rest of the acts of Shallum, and his conspiracy which he engineered, See, they are written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of **Israel**. NEXT

Menahem, king of Israel,

¹⁶ Then Menahem struck down Tiphseh, and all who were in it, and its territory from Tirzah: because they did not surrender. So he struck it; and all the women in it who were with child he ripped open.

¹⁷ In the thirty-ninth year of Azariah king of Judah, Menahem, son of Gadi began to reign over **Israel**, and reigned ten years in Samaria.

¹⁸ And **he did what was evil in the sight of the Lord:** he did not depart all his days from the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made **Israel** to sin.

¹⁹ And King Pul of Assyria came against the land: so Menahem gave Pul a 75,000 pounds of silver, that he might strengthen his grasp and confirm with him the kingdom.

²⁰ And Menahem exacted 20 ounces of silver from each of the leading men of Israel, to give to the king of Assyria. So the king of Assyria withdrew and did not stay in the land.

²¹ And 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 And Menahem slept with his fathers; and Pekahiah his son reigned in his place.

Pekahiah, king of Israel,

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²³ In the fiftieth year of Azariah king of Judah Pekahiah the son of Menahem began to reign over Israel in Samaria, and reigned two years. / and you can already hear what is coming,

And **he did what was evil in the sight of the Lord**: he did not depart from the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel to sin.

²⁵ But then his officer Pekah the son of Remaliah, conspired against him, and struck him down in Samaria, at the citadel of the king's house -- with Argob and Arieah, and with him fifty men of Gilead: and he killed him, and reigned in his place. NEXT

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

Pekahiah, king of Israel,

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

²⁸ And **he did what was evil in the sight of the Lord**: he did not depart from the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel to sin.

²⁹ In the days of Pekah king of **Israel** came Tiglath-pileser king of Assyria, and took Ijon, and Abel-beth-maachah, and Janoah, and Kedesh, and Hazor, and Gilead, and Galilee, all the land of Naphtali, and carried them captive to Assyria.

³⁰ And Hoshea the son of Elah conspired against Pekah, son of Remaliah, and struck him, and killed him, and reigned in his place, in the twentieth year of Jotham, son of Uzziah. NEXT

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

Jotham, king of Judah,

³² In the second year of Pekah, son of Remaliah king of **Israel**, Jotham, son of Uzziah king of **Judah** began to reign.

³³ He was twenty-five years old when he became king, and he reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Jerusha, the daughter of Zadok.

³⁴ And **he did what was right in the sight of the Lord**: he did according to all that his father Uzziah had done.

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³⁵ Yet the high places were not removed: the people sacrificed and burned incense still in the high places. He built the higher gate of the house of the Lord. / but the hocus pocus places to worship demons were not removed.

³⁶ Now the rest of the acts of Jotham, and all that he did, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of **Judah**?

³⁷ In those days the Lord began to send against Judah Rezin the king of Syria, and Pekah the son of Remaliah.

³⁸ And Jotham slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David his father: and Ahaz his son reigned in his place.

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