

# 2 KINGS 16 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.

Ahaz, king of Judah,

**<sup>1</sup> In the seventeenth year of Pekah the son of Remaliah Ahaz the son of Jotham king of **Judah** began to reign.**

**<sup>2</sup> Ahaz was twenty years old when he began to reign, and reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem, and **did not what was right in the sight of the Lord his God**, like David his father.**

**<sup>3</sup> But he walked in the way of the kings of Israel, yes, and **made his son to pass through the fire** / so he did such disgusting things; the prophets tell us, things that never entered the mind of God, according to the abominations of the nations, whom the LORD threw out from before the children of Israel.**

**<sup>4</sup> And he sacrificed and burnt incense in the high places, and on the hills, and under every green tree / sacrificed and burnt not to God of all creation, but to a god of their imagination.**

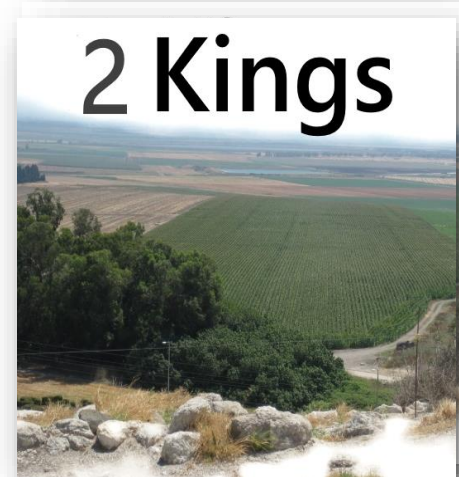
**<sup>5</sup> Then Rezin king of Aram and Pekah son of Remaliah king of Israel came up to Jerusalem to war: and they besieged Ahaz, but could not overcome him.**

**<sup>6</sup> At that time Rezin king of Aram recovered Elath for Aram, and totally drove the **Jews** from Elath: and those of Aram came to Elath, and lived there to this day / this is the first time in the Bible Jewish people are mentioned; though I marvel to this day that most people say silly things like, Abraham was Jewish; he wasn't. Judah was one of his many great grandsons; the two half-Egyptian sons of Joseph, **Ephraim** received the promises first given to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob; Manasseh received the exceptional promise of nation statehood in the last days of the nations before Messiah comes again.**

**<sup>7</sup> So Ahaz sent messengers to Tiglath-pileser king of Aram, saying, I am your servant and thy son: came up, and save me from the hand of the king of Aram, and from the hand of the king of Israel, which rise up against me.**

**<sup>8</sup> And Ahaz took the silver and gold that was found in the house of the Lord, and in the treasures of the household of the king, and sent it for a present to the king of Aram.**

**<sup>9</sup> And the king of Aram listened to him: for the king of Aram went up against Damascus, and took it, and took its people captive to Kir, and killed Rezin.**



<sup>10</sup> And King Ahaz went to Damascus to meet Tiglath-pileser king of Aram, and saw an altar that was at Damascus: and King Ahaz sent to Urijah the priest the model of the altar, and its pattern, according to all its workmanship.

<sup>11</sup> And Urijah the priest built an altar according to all that King Ahaz sent from Damascus: so Urijah the priest made it before King Ahaz came from Damascus.

<sup>12</sup> And when the king arrived from Damascus, the king saw the altar: then the king approached the altar, and offered on it.

<sup>13</sup> And he burned his burnt offering and his meal offering, and poured his drink offering, and sprinkled the blood of his peace offerings, on the altar.

<sup>14</sup> And the bronze altar that was before the LORD, he brought it from in front of the house, from between the altar and the house of the LORD, and put it on the north side of his altar.

<sup>15</sup> And King Ahaz instructed Urijah the priest, saying, On the great altar burn the morning burnt offering, and the evening meal offering, and the king's burnt offering, and his meal offering, with the burnt offering of all the people of the land, and their meal offering, and their drink offerings; and sprinkle on it all the blood of the burnt offering, and all the blood of the sacrifice: but the bronze altar will be for me to inquire by.

<sup>16</sup> Thus Urijah the priest did according to all that King Ahaz instructed.

<sup>17</sup> Then King Ahaz cut off the borders of the pedestals, and removed the laver from off them; and took down the sea from off the bronze oxen which were under it, and put it on a pavement of stones.

<sup>18</sup> And the covered way for the sabbath that they had built in the house, and the outer entry for the king, he removed from the house of the LORD because of the king of Aram.

<sup>19</sup> Now the rest of the acts of Ahaz which he did, are they not written in the Book of Chronicles of the kings of Judah?

<sup>20</sup> And Ahaz slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David: and Hezekiah his son reigned in his place.

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