

(11) Jotham

BIBLICAL RECORD:

- 2 Kings 15:32-38
- 2 Chronicles 27:1-7
- 1st reference: 2 Kings 15:5
- Last reference: Micah 1:1
- Mentioned 19 times in the Bible

POSITION:

- 11th King in the Southern Kingdom of Judah

REIGN:

- 16 years
- 739-734 B.C.

CHARACTER:

- Good

DEATH:

- **2 Kings 15:38** – “So Jotham rested with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the City of David his father.”

FAMILY:

- Father was Uzziah
- Mother was Jerusha, daughter of Zadok

RULER(s) IN THE NORTHERN KINGDOM:

- Pekah (20), 18th King in the Northern Kingdom of Israel
- Became king during Pekah’s 2nd year as king

PROPHET(s):

- Isaiah
- Micah

OBSERVATIONS:

FACTS:

- Age 25 when he began to reign. 2 Kings 15:33
- Rebuilt “the upper gate of the temple of the Lord.” **2 Kings 15:35**
- He did not attempt to unlawfully enter the temple as his father had. 2 Chronicles 27:2
- He made war on the Ammonites that resulted in their bringing tribute to Jotham. 2 Chronicles 27:5
- **2 Chronicles 27:6** – “Jotham grew more powerful because he walked steadfastly before the Lord his God.”
- He died at age 41. His name appears in the genealogy of Jesus. Matthew 1:9

LESSONS FROM HIS LIFE & REIGN:

- Emulate the good things from your parent’s lives, but not the bad things. 2 Chronicles 27:2

KEY PASSAGE(s):

- **2 Chronicles 27:6** – “Jotham grew more powerful because he walked steadfastly before the Lord his God.” Compare this to the statement made about his father, Uzziah in **2 Chronicles 26:16** – “But after Uzziah became powerful, his pride led to his downfall. He was unfaithful to the Lord his God . . .”