

(9) Amaziah

BIBLICAL RECORD:

- 2 Kings 14:11-22
- 2 Chronicles 25:1-29
- 1st reference: 2 Kings 12:21
- Last reference: 2 Chronicles 26:4
- Mentioned 35 times in the Bible

POSITION:

- 9th King in the Southern Kingdom of Judah

REIGN:

- 29 years
- 796-767 B.C.

CHARACTER:

- Mostly Good

DEATH:

- **2 Kings 14:19-20** – “And they formed a conspiracy against him in Jerusalem, and he fled to Lachish; but they sent after him to Lachish and killed him there. Then they brought him on horses, and he was buried at Jerusalem with his fathers in the City of David.”

FAMILY:

- Father was Joash
- Mother was Jehoiaddin from Jerusalem

RULER(s) IN THE NORTHERN KINGDOM:

- Jehoahaz (17), the 11th king in the Northern Kingdom of Israel
- Continued into the 27th year of Jeroboam II (41)

PROPHET(s):

- Isaiah

OBSERVATIONS:

FACTS:

- 25 years old when he became king
- The high places were not removed. 2 Kings 5:4
- He executed the officials that had murdered his father, Joash. 2 Kings 14:5
- In addition to his army of 300,000 men, 20 years-old or older, he hired 100,000 fighting men from the Northern Kingdom of Israel for 100 talenys of silver. 2 Chronicles 25:5-10, 13
 - The “man of God” told Amaziah not to use the troops from the Northern Kingdom because God was not with Israel. 2 Chronicles 25:7
 - Concerned about the 100 talents of silver he had paid, the man of God” told him, “The Lord can give you much more than that.” 2 Chronicles 25:9

- The troops from Israel were furious at Amaziah when he dismissed them, and on the way back north they raided towns from Samaria to Beth Horon. They killed 3,000 people and carried off “great quantities of plunder.” 2 Chronicles 25:13
- Defeated 10,000 Edomites in the Valley of Salt. 2 Kings 14:7
 - The army killed 10,000 men of Seir (Petra). 2 Chronicles 25:11
 - 10,000 men were captured, taken to the top of a cliff and thrown off. 2 Chronicles 25:12
 - Amaziah brought back the gods of the people of Seir, set them up as his own gods, bowed down to them, and offered sacrifices to them. 2 Chronicles 25:14
 - God was angry with Amaziah and sent a prophet to him who said, “Why do you consult this people’s god, which could not save their own people from your hand?” **2 Chronicles 25:15**
- Sent a challenging messengers to Jehoash, King of Israel, with a challenge to meet him “face to face.” King Jehoash refused and answered him in a parable. 2 Kings 14:8-10
- King Jehoash attacked King Amaziah at Beth-Shemesh in Judah, and Judah was defeated. 2 Kings 14:11-14
 - Amaziah was captured. 2 Kings 14:13
 - Jehoash went on to Jerusalem and broke down a 600 foot section of the wall. 2 Kings 14:13
 - Jehoash carried away all the articles of gold and silver he found in the Temple and in the treasuries of the royal palace. 2 Kings 14:14 These had been in the care of Obed-Edom. 2 Chronicles 25:24
 - Took hostages from Judah to Samaria. 2 Kings 14:14
- Amaziah lived 15 years after the death of King Jehoash, King of Israel died. 2 Kings 14:17
- Amaziah was killed at Lachish. 2 Kings 14:21 “From the time that Amaziah turned away from following the Lord, they conspired against him in Jerusalem and he fled to Lachish, but they sent men after him to Lachish and killed him there.” **2 Chronicles 25:27**
- “All the people of Judah” made his 16 year-old son, Azariah, king in his place. **2 Kings 14:21**

LESSONS FROM HIS LIFE & REIGN:

KEY PASSAGE(s):

- **2 Chronicles 25:2** – “He did what was right in the eyes of the Lord, but not wholeheartedly.”
- **2 Chronicles 25:8** – “. . . For God has the power to help or to overthrow.”