

2 Kings 15

Verses 1 -7

In the twenty-seventh year of Jeroboam king of Israel, Azariah son of Amaziah king of Judah became king. ² He was sixteen years old when he became king, and he reigned for fifty-two years in Jerusalem; and his mother's name was Jecoliah of Jerusalem. ³ He did what was right in the sight of the Lord, in accordance with everything that his father Amaziah had done. ⁴ Only the high places were not eliminated; the people still sacrificed and burned incense on the high places. ⁵ And the Lord afflicted the king, so that he had leprosy to the day of his death. And he lived in a separate house, while Jotham the king's son was in charge of the household, judging the people of the land. ⁶ Now *as for* the rest of the acts of Azariah and all that he did, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Judah? ⁷ And Azariah lay down with his fathers, and they buried him with his fathers in the city of David, and his son Jotham became king in his place.

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See Chart 1505

Southern Kings					
	King	Began	Ended	Years	Co-reign
1	Rehoboam	930	913	17	
2	Abijam (aka Abijah)	913	911	3	
3	Asa	911	870	41	
4	Jehoshaphat	873/870	848	25	3 years
5	Jehoram	853/848	841	8	5 years
6	Ahaziah (aka Jehoahaz)	841	841	1	
	Athaliah	841	835	6	
7	Joash (aka Jehoash)	835	796	40	
8	Amaziah	796	767	29	
9	Uzziah (aka Azariah)	791/767	740	52	24 years
10	Jotham	750/740	731	16	10 years

5 And the Lord afflicted the king, so that he had leprosy to the day of his death. And he lived in a separate house, while Jotham the king's son was in charge of the household, judging the people of the land.

God afflict him with leprosy because he attempted to burn incense in the house of the Lord.

See 2 Chronicles 26:16

16 But when he became strong, his heart was so proud that he acted corruptly, and he was untrue to the Lord his God, for he entered the temple of the Lord to burn incense on the altar of incense.

We know when this happened in 750 BC because his son Jotham sat on his father's throne for the last 10 years of Uzziah's reign while he had leprosy.

See chart 1510

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This is the clearest evidence we have that a king had a co-reign with his father. We know there were other kings that had a co-reign but the evidence is much more subtle and it takes a lot of pain stacking analysis of the various kings and what year they began and ended their reigns in relation to the other kings.

⁶ Now as for the rest of the acts of Azariah and all that he did, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Judah?

His acts are recorded in 2 Chronicles 26:6 -15 and are summarized in the chart below.

See chart 1515

Acts of Uzziah

- 1 Now he went out and fought against the Philistines, and broke down the wall of Gath, and Ashdod; and he built cities among the Philistines.
- 2 The Ammonites gave tribute to Uzziah, and his fame extended to the border of Egypt
- 3 Uzziah built towers in Jerusalem at the Corner Gate, the Valley Gate, and he fortified them.
- 4 Uzziah had an army of 307,500, who could wage war with great power
- 5 Uzziah prepared for all the army shields, spears, helmets, and body armor
- 6 In Jerusalem he made machines of war for the purpose of shooting arrows and great stones

Verses 8 - 12

⁸ In the thirty-eighth year of Azariah king of Judah, Zechariah the son of Jeroboam became king over Israel in Samaria for six months. ⁹ He did evil in the sight of the Lord, just as his fathers had done; he did not desist from the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, into which he misled Israel. ¹⁰ Then Shallum the son of Jabesh conspired against him, and struck him in the presence of the people and killed him, and reigned in his place. ¹¹ Now as for the rest of the acts of Zechariah, behold they are written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Israel. ¹² This is the word of the Lord which He spoke to Jehu, saying, “Your sons to the fourth generation shall sit on the throne of Israel.” And so it was.

⁸ In the thirty-eighth year of Azariah king of Judah, Zechariah the son of Jeroboam became king over Israel in Samaria for six months.

See Chart 1520

Northern Kings

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10	Jehu	841	814	28	
11	Jehoahaz	814	798	17	
12	Jehoash (aka Joash)	798	782	16	
13	Jeroboam II	793/782	753	41	11 years
14	Zechariah	753	752	6 months	
15	Shallum	752	752	1 month	
16	Menahem	752	742	10	
17	Pekahiah	742	740	2	
18	Pekah	752	732	20	
19	Hoshea	732	722	9	

¹⁰ Then Shallum the son of Jabesh conspired against him, and struck him in the presence of the people and killed him, and reigned in his place.

The overthrow of Zechariah fulfilled the prophecy given by Hosea.

See Hosea 1:4

⁴ And the Lord said to him, “Name him Jezreel; for in just a little while I will punish the house of Jehu for the bloodshed of Jezreel, and I will put an end to the kingdom of the house of Israel.

The rulers of Jezreel beheaded King Ahab's 70 sons at Jezreel and brought their heads to Jehu at his “request”. Jehu was responsible for this massacre.

¹² This is the word of the Lord which He spoke to Jehu, saying, “Your sons to the fourth *generation* shall sit on the throne of Israel.” And so it was.

Zachariah will be the last king in the Jehu dynasty and the fulfillment of this prophesy.

This dynasty started with Jehu in 841 BC and will end with Zechariah in 752 BC, covering a period of 89 years.

See chart 1520 above.

Verses 13 -16

¹³ Shallum the son of Jabesh became king in the thirty-ninth year of Uzziah king of Judah, and he reigned for one month in Samaria. ¹⁴ Then Menahem the son of Gadi went up from Tirzah and came to Samaria, and struck Shallum son of Jabesh in Samaria, and killed him and became king in his place. ¹⁵ Now as for the rest of the acts of Shallum and his conspiracy which he formed, behold, they are written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Israel. ¹⁶ Then Menahem attacked Tiphseh and all who were in it and its borders from Tirzah, because they did not open up to him; so he attacked it and ripped up all its women who were pregnant.

¹³ Shallum the son of Jabesh became king in the thirty-ninth year of Uzziah king of Judah, and he reigned for one month in Samaria.

See chart 1525

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

Menahem killed Shallum and reigned for ten years in Samaria.

See chart 1530

Northern Kings

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Tirzah once served as a capital of the Northern Kingdom during the reign of Jeroboam I

See 1 Kings 14:17

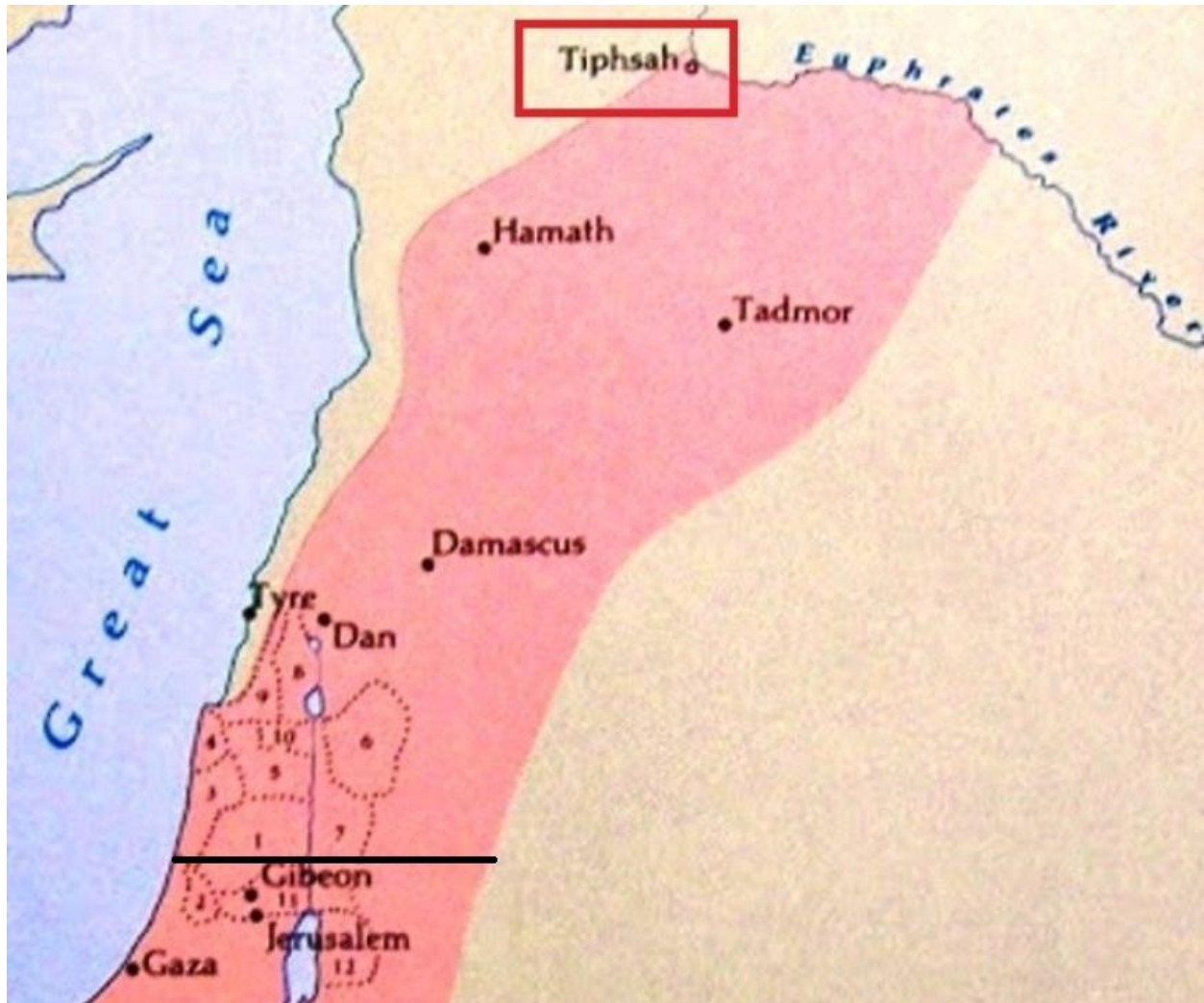
17 Then Jeroboam's wife arose and departed, and came to Tirzah. As she was entering the threshold of the house, the child died.

See map 1535 Tirzah



¹⁶ **Then Menahem attacked Tiphseh and all who were in it and its borders from Tirzah, because they did not open up to him; so he attacked it and ripped up all its women who were pregnant.**

See map 1540



The Northern kingdom began at the black line (just an approximation because the border was uneven) and extended to the Euphrates River. When Menahem took the throne the town of Tiphseh rejected his rule and he acted swiftly and violently to end their opposition. However, the killing of the pregnant woman is inexplicable and we know that this kind of action will not go unpunished.

Verses 17 -22

¹⁷ In the thirty-ninth year of Azariah king of Judah, Menahem the son of Gadi became king over Israel *and reigned* for ten years in Samaria. ¹⁸ He did evil in the sight of the Lord; for all his days he did not desist from the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, into which he misled Israel. ¹⁹ Pul, the king of Assyria, came against the land, and Menahem gave Pul a thousand talents of silver so that his hand might be with him to strengthen the kingdom under his rule. ²⁰ Then Menahem collected the money from Israel, from all the mighty men of wealth, from each man fifty shekels of silver to pay the king of Assyria. So the king of Assyria returned and did not stay there in the land. ²¹ Now *as for* 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 lay down with his fathers, and his son Pekahiah became king in his place.

¹⁹ Pul, the king of Assyria, came against the land, and Menahem gave Pul 1000 talents of silver

Pul is better known as Tiglath-pileser

See chart 1545

Kings of Assyria

King	Reign
Shalmaneser III	858-824 BC
Shamshiadad V	823-811 BC
Adadnirari III	810-783 BC
Shalmaneser IV	782-773 BC
Ashurdan III	772-755 BC
Ashurnirari V	754-745 BC
Tiglath-pileser III	744-727 BC
Shalmaneser V	727-722 BC
Sargon II	722-705 BC
Sennacherib	705-681 BC

The king had to collect 1000 talents of silver as tribute to pay off the King of Assyria.

A talent of silver contained 3000 shekels so he needed 3,000,000 shekels.

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3,000,000 shekels / 50 shekels per man = 60,000 men.

The king took this money from “the mighty men of wealth”. This shows that there was still considerable wealth in the Northern kingdom despite their long history of evil kings and a population that had rejected God. So where exactly did the Jews get the idea that the less fortunate in the land were being punished for their sin as we see in the New Testament?

Even the disciples of Jesus had this mistaken philosophy.

See 1 John 9:1-2

As Jesus passed by, He saw a man *who had been blind from birth.* ² And His disciples asked Him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he would be born blind?”

Some man-made philosophies die hard and are reinvented in new ways, so if anyone thinks that they are rich because they are morally superior to the less fortunate we can only hope that someone will reach them with the Gospel Message because they have been deceived by the evil one.

Verses 23 - 26

²³ In the fiftieth year of Azariah king of Judah, Pekahiah the son of Menahem became king over Israel in Samaria, *and reigned* for two years. ²⁴ He did evil in the sight of the Lord; he did not desist from the sins of Jeroboam son of Nebat, into which he misled Israel. ²⁵ Then Pekah the son of Remaliah, his officer, conspired against him and struck him in Samaria, in the castle of the king’s house with Argob and Arieah; and with him were fifty men of the Gileadites, and he killed him and became king in his place. ²⁶ Now as for the rest of the acts of Pekahiah and everything that he did, behold, they are written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Israel.

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See chart 1550

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See Numbers 26:29

²⁸ The sons of Joseph by their families: Manasseh and Ephraim. ²⁹ The sons of Manasseh: of Machir, the family of the Machirites; and Machir fathered Gilead: of Gilead, the family of the Gileadites.

Gilead can refer to the half tribe of Manasseh east of the Jordan River or the entire east side (all 3 tribes) depending on its reference.

Verses 27 -31

²⁷ In the fifty-second year of Azariah king of Judah, Pekah the son of Remaliah became king over Israel in Samaria, *and he reigned* for twenty years. ²⁸ He did evil in the sight of the Lord; he did not desist from the sins of Jeroboam son of Nebat, into which he misled Israel.

²⁹ In the days of Pekah king of Israel, Tiglath-pileser the king of Assyria came and took Ijon, Abel-beth-maacah, Janoah, Kedesh, Hazor, Gilead, and Galilee, all the land of Naphtali; and he led their populations into exile to Assyria. ³⁰ And Hoshea the son of Elah formed a conspiracy against Pekah the son of Remaliah, and struck him and put him to death, and he became king in his place, in the twentieth year of Jotham the son of Uzziah. ³¹ Now *as for* 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.

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

See Chart 1555

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Pekah with help from Aram tried to capture Jerusalem during his reign.

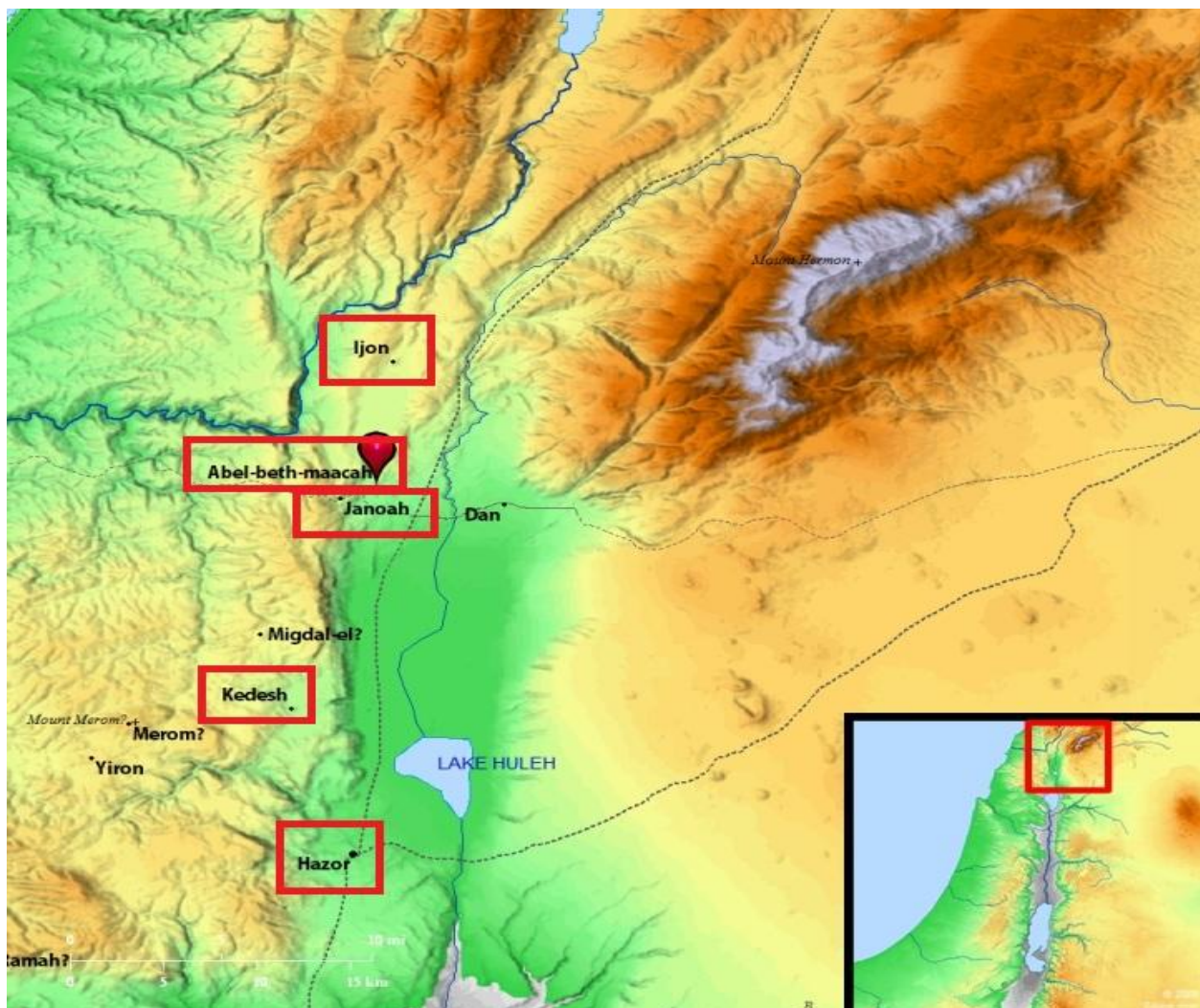
See Isaiah 7:1

Now it came about in the days of Ahaz, the son of Jotham, the son of Uzziah, king of Judah, that Rezin the king of Aram and Pekah the son of Remaliah, king of Israel, went up to Jerusalem to wage war against it, but could not conquer it.

²⁹ In the days of Pekah king of Israel, Tiglath-pileser the king of Assyria came and took Ijon, Abel-beth-maacah, Janoah, Kedesh, Hazor, Gilead, and Galilee, all the land of Naphtali; and he led their populations into exile to Assyria.

The first 5 towns mentioned here were in Northern Israel.

See Maps 1560



The region of Galilee is mentioned in this list.

See map 1565



This region is just south of the 5 towns that were shown on the previous map.

Two of the last three places that are listed here are Gilead (1/2 tribe of East Manasseh), and Naphtali.

See Map 1570



The overthrow of these areas and even much of Judah was prophesied by Isaiah.

See Isaiah 8:7 – 8

⁷ Now therefore, behold, the Lord is about to bring on them the strong and abundant waters of the *Euphrates* River, That is, the king of Assyria and all his glory; And it will rise over all its channels and go over all its banks.

⁸ Then it will sweep on into Judah, it will overflow and pass through, It will reach as far as the neck; And the spread of its wings will fill the expanse of your land, Immanuel.

Verses 32 - 38

³² In the second year of Pekah the son of Remaliah king of Israel, Jotham the son of Uzziah king of Judah became king. ³³ He was twenty-five years old when he became king, and he reigned for sixteen years in Jerusalem; and his mother's name was Jerusha the daughter of Zadok. ³⁴ He did what was right in the sight of the Lord; he acted in accordance with everything that his father Uzziah had done. ³⁵ Only the high places were not eliminated; the people still sacrificed and burned incense on the high places. He built the upper gate of the house of the Lord. ³⁶ Now as for the rest of the acts of Jotham which 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 Rezin the king of Aram and Pekah the son of Remaliah against Judah. ³⁸ And Jotham lay down with his fathers, and he was buried with his fathers in the city of his father David; and his son Ahaz became king in his place.

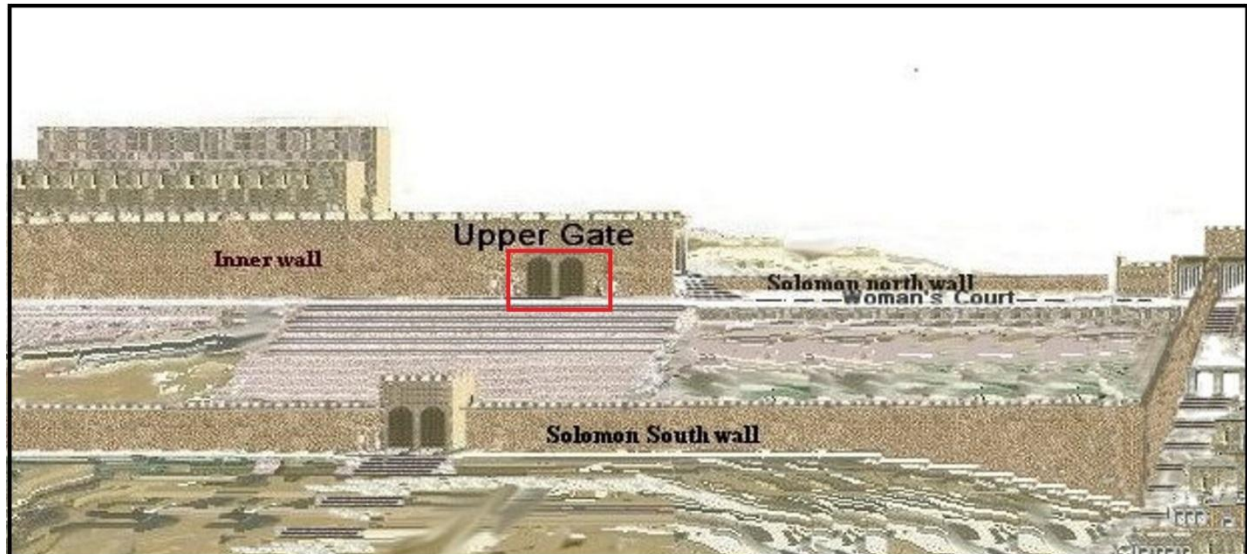
Jotham king of Judah became king. He was twenty-five years old when he became king, and he reigned for sixteen years in Jerusalem

See chart 1575

	King	Began	Ended	Years	Co-reign
10	Jotham	750/740	731	16	10 years
11	Ahaz	743/731	715	16	12 years
12	Hezekiah	728/715	686	29	13 years
13	Manasseh	696/686	642	55	10 years
14	Amon	642	640	2	
15	Josiah	640	609	31	
16	Jehoahaz	609	609	3 months	
17	Jehoiakim	609	598	11	
18	Jehoiachin	598	597	3 months	
19	Zedekiah	597	586	11	

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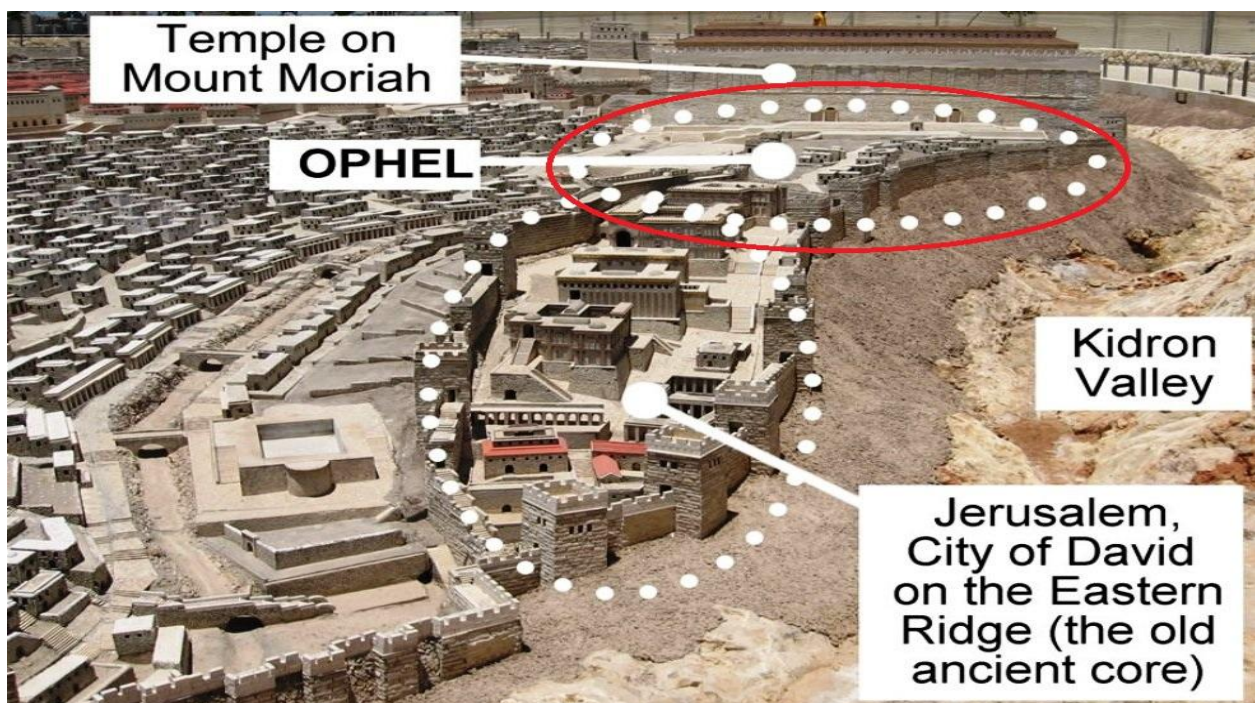
See pic 1580



He also built the wall of Ophel. See 2 Chronicles 27:3

³ He built the upper gate of the house of the Lord, and he built the wall of Ophel extensively.

See pic 1585



This is a better aerial view of this same area including the temple Mount to the north, the Ophel in the center and the City of David to the south.

See pic 1590

