

JOURNEY THROUGH THE BIBLE  
THE TALE OF NINE KINGS (PART 2)  
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2 KINGS 14-15; 2 CHRO. 25-27

## INTRODUCTION

I. A PRESUMPTUOUS KING "AMAZIAH"  
(2 KINGS 14:1-20; 2 CHRON. 25)

A. UNBELIEF (14:7; 25:5-13).

B. IDOLATRY (2 CHRO. 25:14-16).

THE VARIOUS FORMS OF MODERN IDOLATRY HAVE ONE THING AT THEIR CORE: SELF.

THIS BRAND OF MODERN IDOLATRY TAKES VARIOUS FORMS:

1. WE WORSHIP AT THE ALTAR OF MATERIALISM WHICH FEEDS OUR NEED TO BUILD OUR EGOS THROUGH THE ACQUISITION OF MORE "STUFF."

2.WE WORSHIP AT THE ALTAR OF OUR OWN PRIDE AND EGO.

3.WE IDOLIZE MANKIND THROUGH NATURALISM AND THE POWER OF SCIENCE.

4.WE WORSHIP AT THE ALTAR OF SELF TO THE EXCLUSION OF ALL OTHERS AND THEIR NEEDS AND DESIRES.

C.PRIDE (14:8-14; 2 CHRO. 25:17-24).

PRIDE BLINDS THE MIND, DISTORTS THE VISION, AND SO INFLATES THE EGO THAT THE PERSON CAN'T TELL TRUTH FROM FICTION.

PRIDE IS AN ELEVATED VIEW OF AND A PREOCCUPATION WITH SELF.

PRIDE IS A FAULT WE DESPISE IN OTHERS YET FREELY EXCUSE AND EVEN JUSTIFY IN OURSELVES.

HOW, THEN, DOES ONE OVERCOME THE GRIEVOUS SIN OF PRIDE?

1. WE MUST UNDERSTAND THAT PRIDE, LIKE DANGEROUS NARCOTICS, IS ADDICTIVE AND DETRIMENTAL TO OUR WELL-BEING.

2. TO OVERCOME PRIDE, WE MUST REMEMBER, AS THE PSALMIST DID, OUR CONDITION BEFORE CHRIST'S SALVATION:

3. TO OVERCOME PRIDE, WE MUST PRAISE THE LORD,  
NOT SELF.

CONCLUSION