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Introduction

Last time we were looking at AHAZ, two weeks ago:

- I. **WE SAW THAT AHAZ WAS WICKED!**
 - A. First, “...He Did Not That Which Was Right In The Sight Of The LORD, Like David His Father.”
(2 Kings 16:2; 2 Chronicles 28:1)
 - B. Second, “...He Walked In The Ways Of The Kings Of Israel.”
(2 Kings 16:3a; 2 Chronicles 28:2)
 - C. Third, “...And Made His Son To Pass Through The Fire, According To The Abominations Of The Heathen , Whom The LORD Cast Out Before The Children Of Israel.”
(2 Kings 16:3b; Cf. 2 Chronicles 28:3)
 - D. Fourth, “He Sacrificed Also And Burnt Incense In The High Places, And On The Hills, And Under Every Green Tree.”
(2 Chronicles 28:4; 2 Kings 16:4)
- II. **WE SAW THE CONSEQUENCES THAT CAME TO AHAZ AND JUDAH FOR THIS GREAT WICKEDNESS!**
 - A. The LORD Allowed REZIN The King Of SYRIA To Invade JUDAH, Kill An Undisclosed Number Of Them, And Carry A Great Multitude Of Them Captive To DAMASCUS!
(2 Chronicles 28:5a)
 - B. The LORD Allowed PEKA The King Of ISRAEL To Smite JUDAH With A Great Slaughter! (2 Chronicles 28:5b-6)
 - C. The LORD Allowed ZICHRI, A Mighty Man Of EPHRAIM, To Slay One Of The King’s Sons, The Governor Of The King’s House, And The King’s Closest Advisor! (2 Chronicles 28:7)
 - D. The LORD Allowed ISRAEL To Spoil JUDAH And To Carry Away A Great Number Of Them Captive To Samaria!
(2 Chronicles 28:8)

- III. **WE SEE THE INTERVENTION OF THE LORD BY WAY OF THE PROPHET OBED ON BEHALF OF THE CAPTIVES CARRIED BACK TO SAMARIA! (2 Chronicles 28:9-15)**

OBED went out before the host that came to **SAMARIA** just as they were about to march all these captives into **SAMARIA!**

OBED charged them with the abuse of the power that the **LORD** had given them over their brethren.

Though the **LORD** did allow **ISRAEL** to attack **JUDAH** because He was angry with **JUDAH** over their idolatry and child sacrifice, the rage by which **ISRAEL** attacked their brethren with reached up to heaven!
- IV. **WE SEE MORE DEFEATS FOR AHAZ AND JUDAH! (2 Chronicles 28:16-19)**
 - A. **The EDOMITES Smote JUDAH And Carried Away Captives! (Vs 17)**
 - B. **The PHILISTINES Invaded South JUDAH And Took Cities And Villages And Began Occupying Them! (Vs 18)**
 - C. **The Reason ALL Of This Was Happening Is Because Of King AHAZ And His Egregious Sins Before The LORD! (Vs 19)**
- V. **WE SEE THE RESPONSE OF AHAZ TO THE ATTACKS BY SYRIA AND ISRAEL. (2 Kings 16:7-8; 2 Chronicles 28:16, 20-21)**

Did **AHAZ** repent of his sin and begin to trust the **LORD** as the prophet **ISAIAH** encouraged him to do in *Isaiah* 7? No!

We will see that **AHAZ** actually doubled down on his wickedness in several different ways by the time everything is said and done. But let’s just consider his first additional act of wickedness!

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Instead of repenting and trusting the **LORD** for deliverance, **AHAZ** submitted himself and his kingdom to the king of **ASSYRIA**.

Psalm 146:3—“Put not your trust in princes, nor in the son of man, in whom there is no help.”

AHAZ sent messengers to **TIG-LATH-PI-LESER**, who was the powerful king of **ASSYRIA**, with presents of gold and silver taken from the treasures of the **TEMPLE** and even his own palace requesting his assistance! (i.e. **AHAZ** robbed the **TEMPLE** of the **LORD** in order to buy help from this heathen king! And on top of that he submitted himself and his people to this king!)

TIG-LATH-PI-LESER was only too glad to take this opportunity to subdue both **SYRIA** and **ISRAEL** and gain an outlet to the sea. He marched on **DAMASCUS**, killed **REZIN**, and carried the people of **DAMASCUS** captive to **KIR**.

At that time **SYRIA** was incorporated into the **ASSYRIAN EMPIRE**. At the same time **TIG-LATH-PI-LESER** also annexed part of the land of **ISRAEL** (*2 Kings 15:29*) prior to **ISRAEL’S** total defeat under the next **ASSYRIAN** king, **SHALMANESER** (*2 Kings 17:3-6*).

So, **AHAZ** paid a heavy financial price for the help he received, but he wasn’t done paying because of what happens next!

VI. WE SEE THE DISTRESSED AHAZ TRESPASS EVEN MORE AGAINST THE LORD GOD BY ADDING THE ASSYRIAN GODS TO HIS PORTFOLIO BY WHICH HE BROUGHT HIS OWN RUIN!
(*2 Kings 16:10-16; 2 Chronicles 28:22-23*)

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VII. WE SEE AHAZ FURTHER DESECRATE THE HOUSE OF GOD AND THE VESSELS TAKEN FROM THE HOUSE OF GOD AND SHUT THE DOORS TO THE TEMPLE!
(*2 Kings 16:17-18; 2 Chronicles 28:24*)

VIII. WE SEE AHAZ PROVOKE THE LORD FURTHER BY EXPANDING THE HIGH PLACES IN JUDAH!
(*2 Chronicles 28:25*)

IX. WE SEE THE LORD GOD TERMINATED HIS REIGN BY TERMINATING HIS LIFE!
(*2 Kings 16:19-20; 2 Chronicles 28:26-27*)
AHAZ died in the sixteenth year of his wicked rule having done much damage to the kingdom of **JUDAH!**

Both politically and spiritually he had been instrumental in undermining the very foundations of the kingdom of **JUDAH**.

Though **AHAZ** was buried in Jerusalem, he was **NOT** buried with the other kings of the House of **DAVID**.

Conclusion

LORD willing, next week we will see his son **HEZEKIAH** reign in his stead!

Have you ever known of someone who came out of a wicked background that turned out good and wondered how that could happen?

Well, that’s what we will see in the good reign of **HEZEKIAH!**

Extra-Biblical sources say that his mother rescued him from being placed in the fiery hands of Molech! I can’t confirm or deny that! But my what a turnaround we will see!