

INTRODUCTION

- * We are in our final stage (kings of the south) of our study of the Biblical history of Israel in the morning messages. Dr. Steve is leading an examination of the book of Ezra on Wednesday evenings and, Lord willing, will continue on through Nehemiah and Esther.
- * During our consideration of the kings of the north and south, we have seen the importance of leadership, influence and the effects of decision making.
- * Within each of these categories an underlying factor is the character of the individual, or leader. One's character truly determines the direction in which that individual will make decisions, provide influence, and ultimately lead others.
- * Today, we will consider the character of Amaziah and effect that had upon his leadership and decision-making.

INSTRUCTION

I. HIS DECISION REGARDING THE A _____ (2 Kgs 14:1-6; 2 Chron 25:1-4)

A. The Action of the King (cf. Deut 24:16)

B. The Heart of the King (cf. Deut 24:16)

II. HIS DECISION REGARDING THE M _____ (cf. 2 Kgs 14:7; 2 Chr 25:5-13)

A. The S _____ (2 Chron 1: 4-6)

1. THE P _____ OF THE KING
2. THE E _____ OF THE PROPHET
 - a. The Prophet's Message
 - b. The King's Concern

B. The R _____ (2 Chron 1: 4-6)

1. THE S _____ OF THE EDMITES
2. THE B _____ OF THE MERCENARIES

III. HIS DECISION REGARDING THE I _____ (cf. 2 Chron 25:14-16)

A. The Re _____ of YHWH (2 Chron 25:14-15)

B. The R _____ of Amaziah (2 Chron 25:16)

IV. HIS DECISION REGARDING THE S _____ (cf. 2 Kgs 14:8-16; 2 Chr 25:17-28)

A. Amaziah's C _____ (2 Chron 25:17; Prov 3:7; 12:15; 26:12)

B. Jehoash's R _____ (2 Chron 25:18-19)

C. Judah's D _____ (2 Chron 25:20-28)

1. THE CAPTURE OF AMAZIAH (v. 20-23)
2. THE COLLAPSE OF JERUSALEM (v. 23-24)
 - a. The Destruction of the City Walls
 - b. The Confiscation of the Temple Treasures
3. THE CONSPIRACY OF THE PEOPLE (v. 25-28)

INTROSPECTION

- * "Amaziah did what was right in the sight of the LORD, but not with a loyal heart."
HOW WOULD GOD DESCRIBE YOU?
- * HAVE YOU CHOSEN TO BOW DOWN TO THE DEFEATED IDOLS OF THE NATIONS?
- * DO YOU STRUGGLE WITH BEING "WISE IN YOUR OWN EYES"? ARE YOU WILLING TO CONFESS THAT TO THE LORD AND HUMBLE YOUR HEART IN HIS PRESENCE?
- * IS THERE A NEED TO "CHANGE THE WAY YOU THINK" ... AND, THEREFORE, ACT?