

July 6/Day 187

2 Kings 14

Verses 1-6

- I know it's confusing because some of these kings have the same name. You can try to tell them apart by noting in which kingdom they reigned. Try not to get bogged down with names and dates, rather take note of what you learn about them, the culture, and God.
- What are we told about the character of Amaziah?
- What were the people doing at that time? Why?
- Do you remember it was said of several of the kings that though they did right and followed God, they did not remove the high places (the place of sacrifice to false gods/idols).
- What did he do to the servants who killed his father?
- Why did he not kill their sons?

Verses 7-10

- What did Jehoash's tale mean?
- Who did he consider the cedar and who did he consider the thorn bush?

Verses 11-14

- Which side won the battle?
- What did Jehoash do with Amaziah?
- What did he do in Jerusalem?
- Should Amaziah have provoked him?

Verses 15-16

- Who succeeded Jehoash? This is Jeroboam II.

Verses 17-22

- What happened to Amaziah?
- Who succeeded him?
- Azariah is also known as Uzziah. We will see him in the book of Isaiah.
- What are we told about him here?

Verses 23-27

- What was Jeroboam II like?
- What did he restore?
- According to verse 25, who did the LORD speak to? We will see him tomorrow.

- What was very bitter? What did Israel not have?
- How did God save them? Can God use evil men? What is the application for us?

Verses 28-29

- Who succeeded this Jeroboam?

2 Chronicles 25

Verses 1-4

- This is the parallel passage from the one above. See if you gain any further information.
- If Amaziah was 25 when he became king and he reigned 29 years, how old was he at the end of his reign? This is how people make timelines, by just observing the information.
- What was Amaziah like?

Verses 5-10

- According to verse six, whom did Amaziah hire from Israel?
- Why did Amaziah end up not using them?
- The men from Israel were paid, so do you think they were angry because they wasted their time?

Verses 11-13

- What do you think is in the Valley of Salt?
- What happened to the men thrown off the cliff?

Verses 14-16

- What did Amaziah do with the gods of Seir?
- Note: Don't forget the Edomites are descendants of Esau and Mt. Seir was their territory.
- How did God feel about what Amaziah did?
- What did the prophet ask?
- Did Amaziah receive the word of the prophet?

Verses 17-19

- Now we see Amaziah provoking Joash. How does the extra information from the previous paragraph add to what we read above in 2 Kings?

Verses 20-24

- What does verse 20 tell us about the battle in regard to God? This chapter in 2 Chronicles has told us that God was displeased with Amaziah's idolatry and now we see that this is why God allowed him to be defeated.

Verses 25-28

- Where are the acts of Amaziah written? We read this above.
- What insight do we gain from verse 27?
- Now we know why he fled to Lachish.

See you tomorrow.