

King Ahaz - Harmony

Based on the *English Standard Version* - with some modification from the Hebrew - and with the *Sacred Name* included

	2 Kings 16	2 Chronicles 28
A	AHAZ BECOMES KING IN JUDAH - c.735 BC	
1	In the seventeenth year of Pekah the son of Remaliah, Ahaz the son of Jotham, king of Judah, began to reign.	<p>1 Ahaz was twenty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem; and he did not do right in the eyes of Yehovah as David his father had done,</p> <p>2 but he walked in the ways of the kings of Israel. He even made metal images for the Baals.</p> <p>3 And he burned incense in the valley of the Son of Hinnom and burned his sons in the fire, according to the abominations of the nations whom Yehovah drove out before the people of Israel.</p> <p>4 He sacrificed and burned incense on the high places and on the hills and under every green tree.</p>
2	Ahaz was twenty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem. And he did not do what was right in the eyes of Yehovah his God, as his father David had done,	
3	but he walked in the way of the kings of Israel,	
4	He even let his son pass through the fire, according to the despicable practices of the nations whom Yehovah drove out before the people of Israel. And he sacrificed and burned incense on the high places and on the hills and under every green tree.	
B	INVASION FROM THE NORTH BY SYRIA AND ISRAEL - c.734 BC	
5	Then Rezin king of Syria (Lit: Aram) and Pekah son of Remaliah, king of Israel, came up to wage war on Jerusalem, and they besieged Ahaz, but could not conquer him.	2 Kings 15:37 - In those days (of Jotham) Yehovah began to send against Judah Rezin the king of Syria and Pekah the son of Remaliah.
C	RESIN, KING OF SYRIA, DEFEATS JUDAH	
6	At that time Rezin king of Syria recovered Elath for Syria, and drove the men of Judah from Elath entirely; and the Arameans came to Elath, where they dwell to this day.	<p>5 Therefore, Yehovah his God gave him into the hand of the king of Syria, who defeated him and took captive great number of his people and brought them to Damascus.</p>
D	PEKAH, KING OF ISRAEL, DEFEATS JUDAH	
5		<p>(5) He was also given into the hand of the king of Israel, who struck him with great force.</p> <p>6 For Pekah the son of Remaliah killed 120,000 from Judah in one day, all of them men of valor, because they had forsaken Yehovah, God of their fathers.</p> <p>7 And Zichri, a mighty man of Ephraim, killed Maaseiah the king's son and Azrikam the commander of the palace and Elkanah the second to the king.</p> <p>8 The men of Israel took captive 200,000 of their relatives, women, sons and daughters. They also took much spoil from them and brought the spoil to Samaria.</p> <p>9 But a prophet of Yehovah was there, whose name was Oded, and he went out to meet the army that came to Samaria and said to them, "Behold, because Yehovah, the God of your fathers, was angry with Judah, He gave them into your hand, but you have killed them in a rage that has reached up to heaven.</p> <p>10 "And now you intend to subjugate the people of Judah and Jerusalem, male and female, as your slaves. Have you not sins of your own against Yehovah your God?"</p> <p>11 "Now hear me, and send back the captives from your relatives whom you have taken, for the fierce anger of Yehovah is upon you."</p> <p>12 Certain chiefs also of the men of Ephraim, Azariah the son of Johanan, Berechiah the son of Meshillemoth, Jehizkiah the son of Shallum, and Amasai the son of Hadlai—stood up against those who were coming from the war</p> <p>13 and said to them, "You shall not bring the captives in here, for you propose to bring upon us guilt against Yehovah in addition to our present sins and guilt. For our guilt is already great, and there is fierce wrath against Israel."</p> <p>14 So the armed men left the captives and the spoil before the princes and all the assembly.</p> <p>15 And the men who have been mentioned by name rose and took the captives, and with the spoil they clothed all who were naked among them. They clothed them, gave them sandals, provided them with food and drink, and anointed them, and carrying all their feeble among them on donkeys, they brought to their kinsfolk at Jericho, the city of palm trees. Then they returned to Samaria.</p>
E	AHAZ WORSHIPS THE GODS OF SYRIA	
22		<p>22 Now in the time of his distress this same King Ahaz became yet more unfaithful to Yehovah.</p> <p>23 For he sacrificed to the gods of Damascus that had defeated him, and said, "Because the gods of the kings of Syria helped them, I will sacrifice to them that they may help me." But they became the ruin of him and of all Israel.</p>

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F	AHAZ PURCHASES AN ALLIANCE WITH ASSYRIA - AGAINST SYRIA - ASSYRIA DESTROYS SYRIA and KILLS KING REZIN - c.532 BC	
	<p>7 So Ahaz sent messengers to Tiglath-pileser king of Assyria, saying, "I am your servant and your son; come up and rescue me from the hand of the king of Syria and from the hand of the king of Israel, who are rising up against me."</p> <p>8 Ahaz also took the silver and gold that was found in the house of Yehovah and in the treasures of the king's house, and sent a present to the king of Assyria.</p> <p>9 And the king of Assyria listened to him. The king of Assyria marched up against Damascus and took it, carrying its people captive to Kir, and he killed Rezin.</p>	<p>2 Kings 15:29 - c.533 BC In the days of Pekah king of Israel, Tiglath-pileser king of Assyria came and captured Ijon, Abel-beth-maacah, Janoah, Kedesh, Hazor, Gilead and Galilee, all the land of Naphtali, and he carried the people captive to Assyria</p>
G	AHAZ TRAVELS TO DAMASCUS - MEETS THE KING OF ASSYRIA - WORSHIPS AT THE ALTAR THERE - HAS A REPLICA BUILT IN JERUSALEM	
	<p>10 When King Ahaz went to Damascus to meet Tiglath-pileser king of Assyria, he saw the altar that was at Damascus. And King Ahaz sent to Uriah the priest a model of the altar, and its pattern, exact in all its details.</p> <p>11 So Uriah the priest built the altar; in accordance with all that King Ahaz had sent from Damascus, so Uriah the priest made it, before King Ahaz arrived from Damascus.</p> <p>12 When the king came from Damascus, the king viewed the altar. Then the king drew near to the altar and went up on it</p> <p>13 and burned his burnt offering and his grain offering and poured his drink offering and threw the blood of his peace offerings on the altar.</p> <p>14 And the bronze altar that was before Yehovah he removed from the front of the house, from the place between his altar and the house of Yehovah, and put it on the north side of his altar.</p> <p>15 And King Ahaz commanded Uriah the priest, saying, "On the great altar burn the morning burnt offering and the evening grain offering and the king's burnt offering and his grain offering, with the burnt offering of all the people of the land, and their grain offering and their drink offering. And throw on it all the blood of the burnt offering and all the blood of the sacrifice, but the bronze altar shall be for me to inquire by."</p> <p>16 Uriah the priest did all this, as King Ahaz commanded.</p>	
H	AHAZ PURCHASES A 2 ND ALLIANCE WITH ASSYRIA - AGAINST EDMOM AND PHILISTIA - ASSYRIA HARASSES AHAZ INSTEAD OF HIS ENEMIES	
	<p>17 And King Ahaz cut off the frames of the stands and removed the basin from them, he also took down the sea from off the bronze oxen that were under it and put it on a stone pedestal.</p> <p>18 And the covered way for the Sabbath that had been built inside the house and the outer entrance for the king, he removed from the house of Yehovah because of the king of Assyria.</p>	<p>16 At that time King Ahaz sent to the king of Assyria for help.</p> <p>17 For the Edomites had again invaded and defeated Judah and carried away captives.</p> <p>18 And the Philistines also made raids on the cities of the Shephelah (lowland) and the Negev (south) of Judah, and had taken Beth-shemesh, Aijalon, Gederoth, Socó with its villages, Timnah with its villages, and Gimzo with its villages. And they settled there.</p> <p>19 For Yehovah humbled Judah because of Ahaz king of Israel, for he had brought about a lack of restraint (Lit: caused disorder) in Judah and had been very unfaithful to Yehovah.</p> <p>20 So Tiglath-pileser king of Assyria came against him and afflicted him instead of strengthening him.</p> <p>21 For Ahaz took a portion from the house of Yehovah and of the palace of the king and of the princes, and gave tribute to the king of Assyria, but did not help him.</p>
I	AHAZ CLOSES THE TEMPLE OF YEHOVAH	
		<p>24 And Ahaz gathered together the vessels of the house of God and cut in pieces the vessels of the house of God, and shut up the doors of the house of Yehovah, and he made himself altars in every corner of Jerusalem.</p> <p>25 In every city of Judah he made high places to burn incense to other gods, provoking to anger Yehovah, the God of his fathers.</p>
J	DEATH OF AHAZ - c.715 BC	
	<p>19 Now the rest of the acts of Ahaz that he did, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Judah?</p> <p>20 And Ahaz slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David; and Hezekiah his son reigned in his place.</p>	<p>26 Now the rest of his acts and all his ways, from first to last, behold, they are written in the Book of the Kings of Judah and Israel.</p> <p>27 And Ahaz slept with his fathers, and they buried him in the city, in Jerusalem, for they did not bring him into the tombs of the kings of Israel; and Hezekiah his son reigned in his place.</p>