

2 Chronicles 27

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27 Jotham was twenty and five years old when he began to reign, and he reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem. His mother's name also was Jerushah, the daughter of Zadok. (When Uzziah died, Jotham was no longer an acting king) (Jotham = Yahoveh is perfect)

²And he did that which was right in the sight of the LORD, according to all that his father Uzziah did: howbeit he entered not into the temple of the LORD. And the people did yet corruptly. (The high places continued with the people. Jotham didn't enter the temple, which he should have, to worship God. Maybe he was fearful for his father being stricken with leprosy. His father was punished for playing the priest, not for entering the temple)

³He built the high gate of the house of the LORD, and on the wall of Ophel he built much. (He fortified much)

⁴Moreover he built cities in the mountains of Judah, and in the forests he built castles and towers. (These were for defense against marauding bands in the rural areas; also a place to securely store weapons)

⁵He fought also with the king of the Ammonites, and prevailed against them. And the children of Ammon gave him the same year an hundred talents of silver, and ten thousand measures of wheat, and ten thousand of barley. So much did the children of Ammon pay unto him, both the second year, and the third. (They had stopped paying tribute when Uzziah became a leper)

⁶So Jotham became mighty, because he prepared his ways before the LORD his God. (Bless God and He will bless you. Jotham never fell to idol worship)

⁷Now the rest of the acts of Jotham, and all his wars, and his ways, lo, they are written in the book of the kings of Israel and Judah.
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⁸He was five and twenty years old when he began to reign, and reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem. (Almost a repeat of verse 1; maybe to show that he did well for his entire reign)

⁹And Jotham slept with his fathers, and they buried him in the city of David: and Ahaz his son reigned in his stead. (Ahaz was one of the worst kings of Judah)