



Kings: The Complacent Generation

King Jotham

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Main Text

2 Kings 15:32-38

In the second year of Pekah the son of Remaliah, king of Israel, Jotham the son of Uzziah, king of Judah, began to reign. He was twenty-five years old when he became king, and he reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem. His mother's name *was* Jerusha the daughter of Zadok. And he did *what was* right in the sight of the Lord; he did according to all that his father Uzziah had done. However the high places were not removed; the people still sacrificed and burned incense on the high places. He built the Upper Gate of the house of the Lord. Now the rest of the acts of Jotham, and all that he did, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah? In those days the Lord began to send Rezin king of Syria and Pekah the son of Remaliah against Judah. So Jotham rested with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the City of David his father. Then Ahaz his son reigned in his place.

Jotham's Personal Dedication

King Jotham was devoted to God and rebuilt part of the house of God. He also had military success.

How and why did King Jotham reign differently than his father?

Jotham's Complacency

King Jotham failed to tear down the high places and left strongholds throughout the kingdom.

What problems arise when we are more concerned by our personal devotion to God and less concerned about those around us?

What high places do you need to tear down to avoid complacency?