



Three Judean Kings in a row  
who began well but finish poorly:

Joash

835-796

forsook Lord  
and killed a  
prophet

(is murdered)

2 Kgs. 12  
II Chron. 24

Amaziah

796-767

bowed before  
idols and began  
a foolish war

(is murdered)

II Kgs. 14  
II Chron. 25

Uzziah

767-739

profaned the  
temple

(is made leprous)

II Kgs. 15  
II Chron. 26

**“Tragedy is a tool for the living to gain wisdom, not a guide by which to live.”**

**--Robert Kennedy**

# KINGS OVER THE ISRAELITES

## NORTH

## SOUTH

931 BC

***Jeroboam, 22***  
***Nadab, 2***

***Rehoboam, 17***  
***Abijam, 3***  
***Asa, 41***

***Baasha, 24***  
***Elah, 2***

***Zimri, 7 days***

***Tibni 5 (co-reign)***

***Omri, 12***  
***Ahab, 22***  
***Ahaziah, 2***  
***Jehoram, 12***

***Jehoshaphat, 25***

***Jehoram, 8***  
***Ahaziah, 1***  
***(Athaliah, 6)***  
***Joash, 40***

***Jehu, 28***  
***Jehoahaz, 17***  
***Jehoash, 16***  
***Jeroboam II, 41***

***Amaziah, 29***

***Uzziah, 52***

797 BC



**14:21-29**

# Jeroboam

(41 year rule)

**He did evil...**

**Military success and  
restored lost land**

**Used by God  
“to save Israel”**

**Received info  
from Jonah**

**Evil throughout reign**

**15:1-7**

# Uzziah

(52 year rule)

**He did right...**

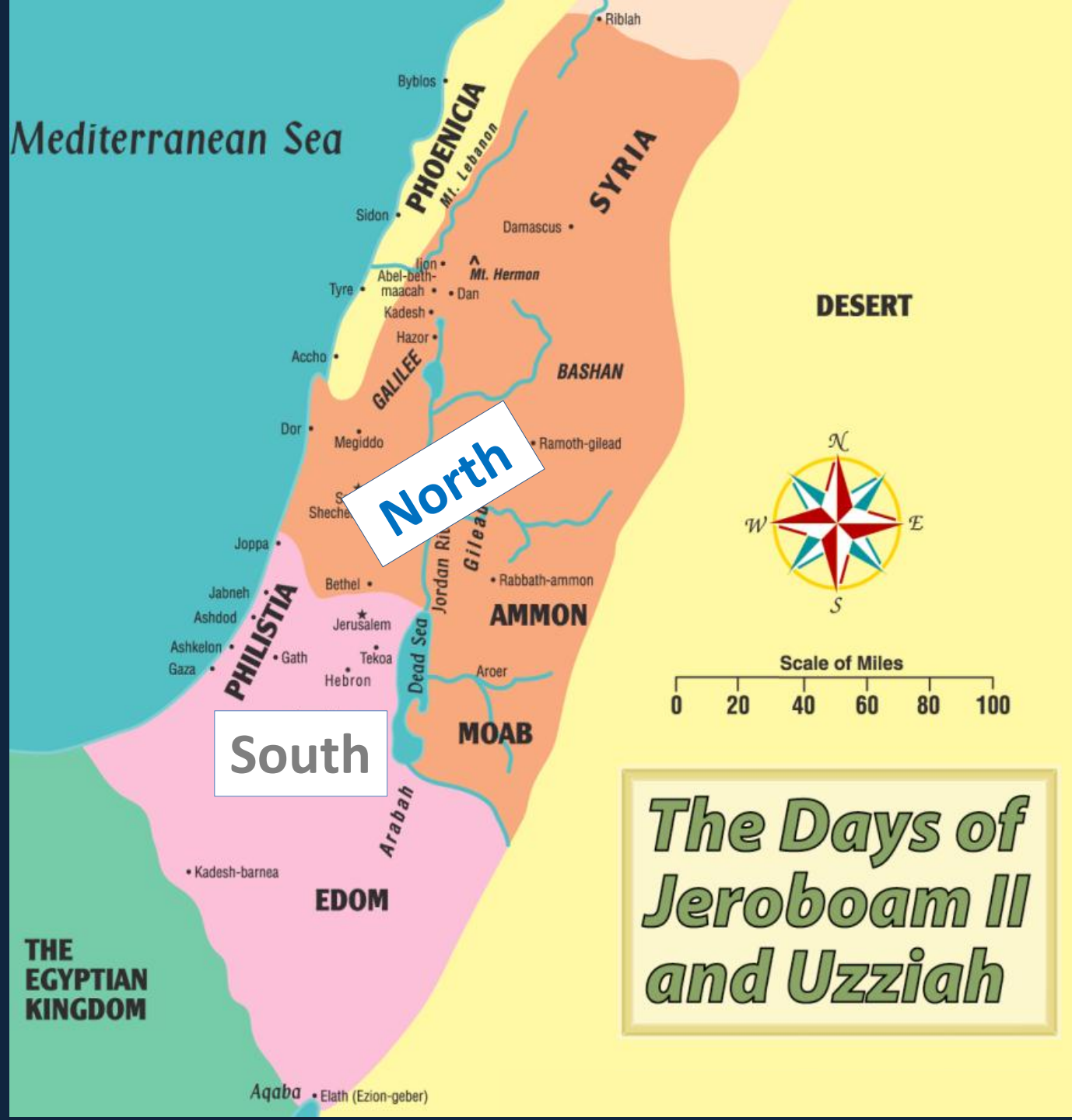
**Military success and  
restored lost land**

**Enabled by God  
“God helped him”**

**Received info  
from Zechariah**

**Good till abrupt tragic fall**

Mediterranean Sea



North

South

DESERT

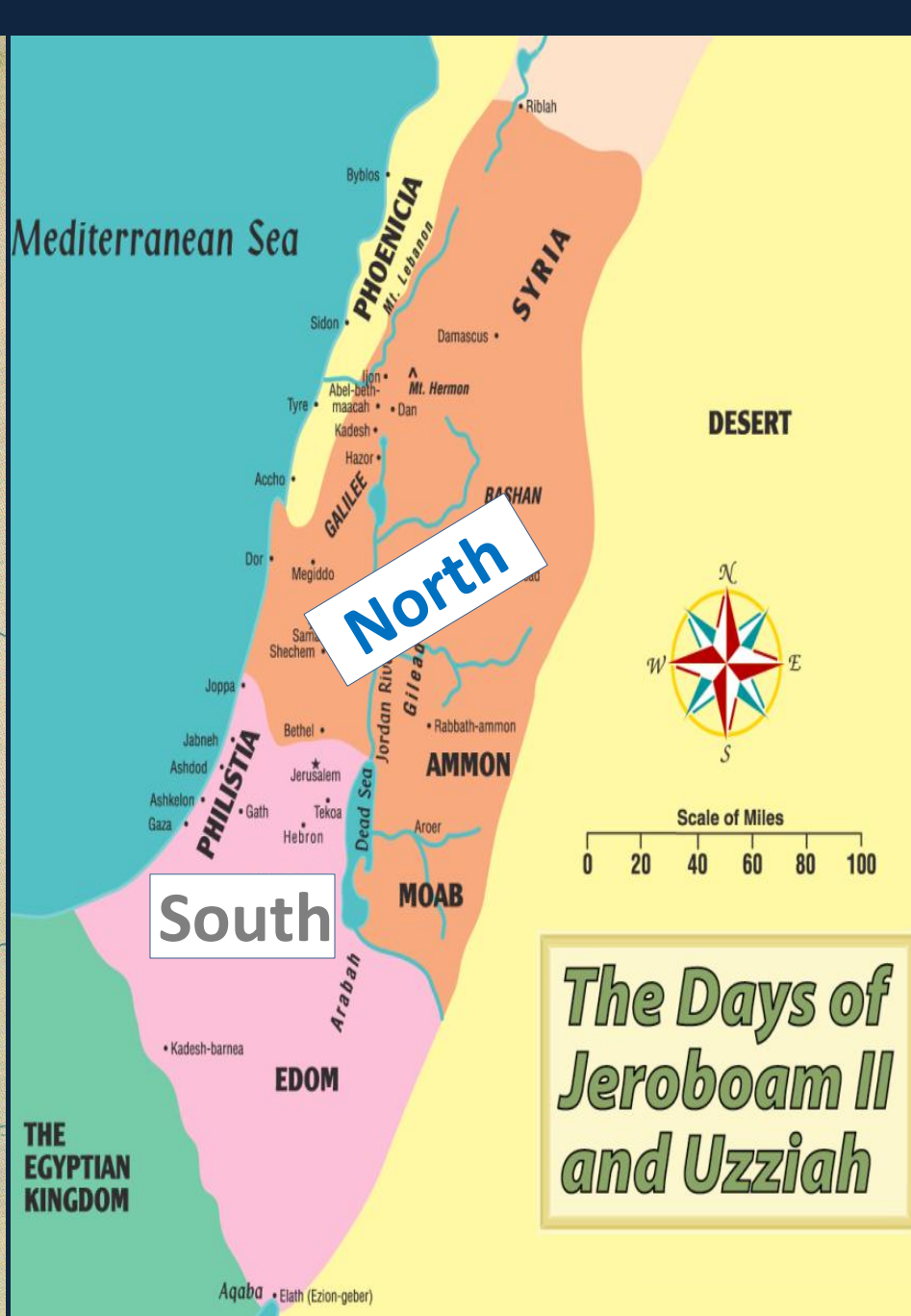


Scale of Miles

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*The Days of  
Jeroboam II  
and Uzziah*







## Uzziah's grave marker

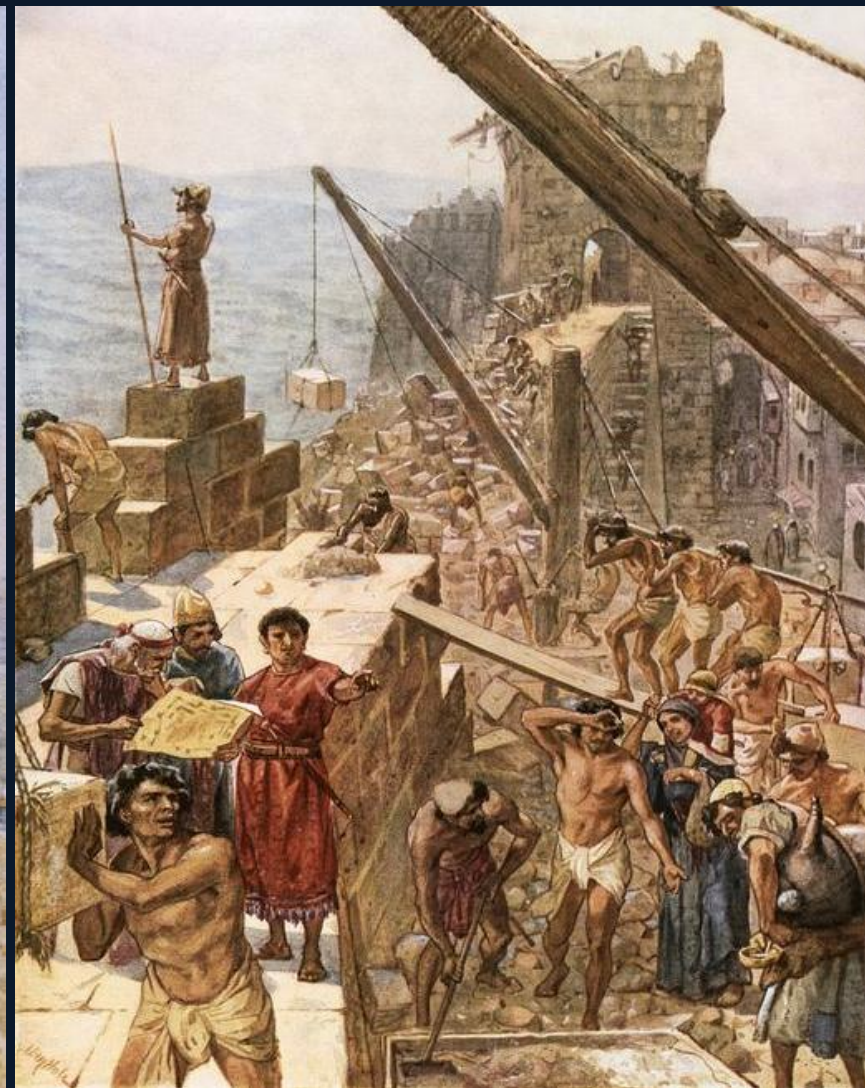
“Hither were brought  
the bones of Uzziah,  
King of Judah, do not  
open!”



## Seal of Megiddo

“Shema, Servant of Jeroboam”





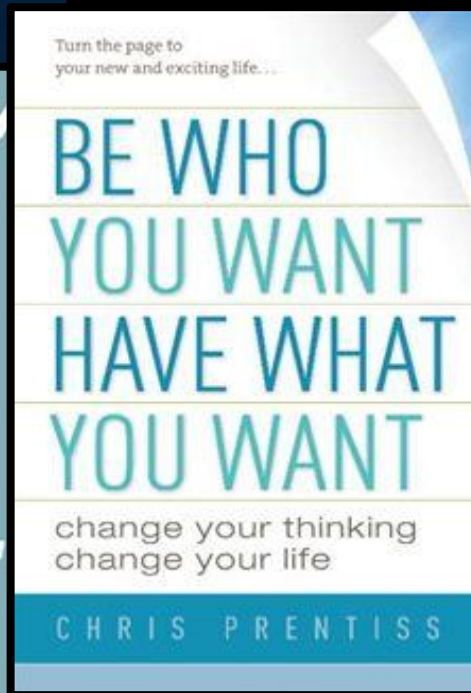
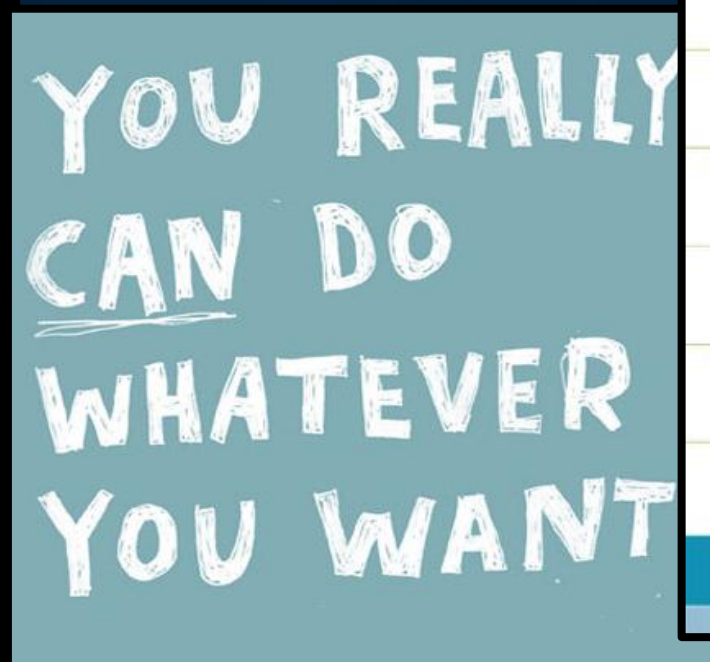
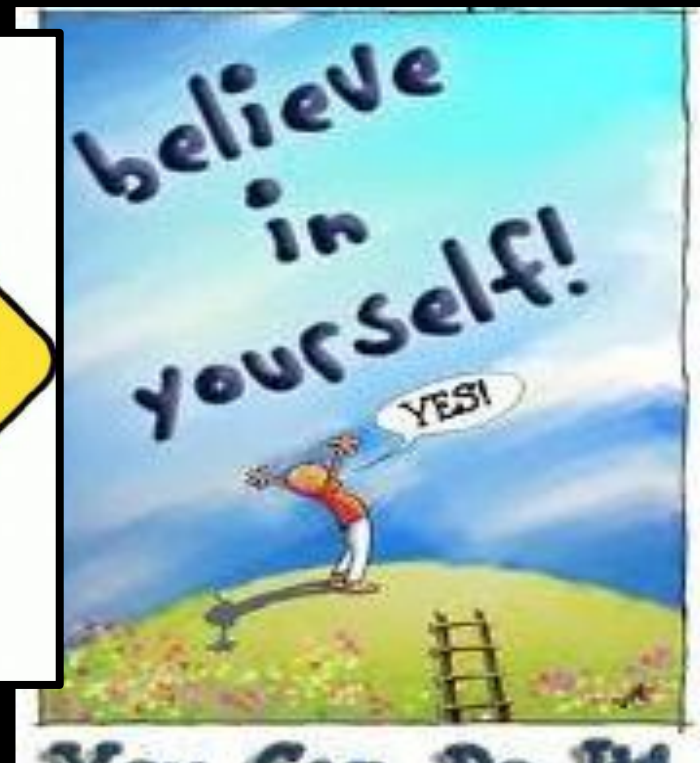
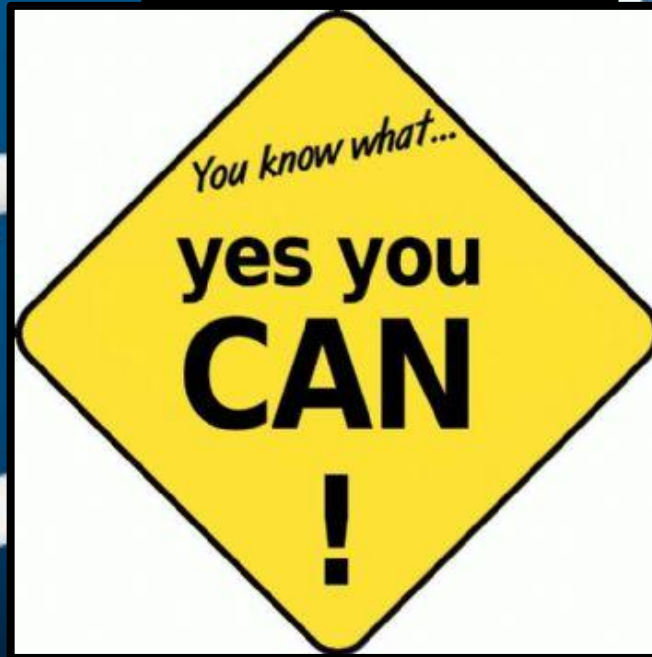
**... he made engines of war  
invented by skillful men to be  
on the corners for the purpose  
of shooting arrows and great  
stones**





*...but Uzziah with a  
censor in his hand  
for burning incense  
was enraged; and  
while he was enraged  
with the priests, the  
leprosy broke out on  
his forehead...*





*as a reminder to the sons of Israel that no layman who is not of the descendants of Aaron should come near to burn incense before the LORD; so that he will not become like Korah and his company—just as the LORD had spoken to him through Moses.*

**Num. 16:40**



*Now after Amaziah came from slaughtering the Edomites, he brought the gods of the sons of Seir, set them up as his gods, bowed down before them and **burned incense to them**...Your heart has **become proud**...*

**25:14,19**

*But when he became strong, his heart was so **proud** that he acted corruptly, and he was unfaithful to the LORD his God, for he entered the temple of the LORD **to burn incense** on the altar of incense.*

**26:18**



# KING UZZIAH ILL

## Stricken by Leprosy During Temple Service After Infringing on High Priest's Rights

*By a Staff Writer*

### THE OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

His Majesty is confined to his bed, following a sudden attack of weakness in the Temple yesterday morning. His Majesty is fully conscious, and his life is not in danger.

By order of His Majesty, after consultation with his Council of Ministers and Scribes, the judicial duties of His Majesty will be performed, commencing tomorrow, by his son Jotham. Hearings scheduled for today are hereby postponed until tomorrow.

ROYAL PALACE

Heavy gloom descended yesterday on the Temple, the Palace, and the streets of Jerusalem, when it became known that His Majesty King Uzziah had been afflicted by an incurable malady.

According to unconfirmed reports, the illness from which His Majesty is suffering is a severe leprosy.

The King collapsed in the Temple yesterday morning as he was preparing to bring the incense offering of the Feast of First Fruits — a function reserved by law and custom to the priests. Thousands of shocked worshippers witnessed the incident.

This morning came the official Palace announcement (see box at left) reporting the King's illness — without, however, mentioning its nature — and the appointment of the King's son, Jotham, as Judge of the People.



**Any pattern for these three Judean  
Kings who finish so poorly?**

# Joash

**He did right  
all the days of  
Jehoida the  
Priest.**

**He kills Zechariah  
the prophet  
for his rebuke.**

**II Chron. 24**

# Amaziah

**He obeyed  
the man of God  
before war with  
Edom.**

**He silences and  
threatens a prophet  
for his rebuke.**

**II Chron. 25**

# Uzziah

**He sought God  
all the days of  
of Zechariah  
the visionary.**

**He is enraged at  
Azariah the priest  
for his rebuke.**

**II Chron. 26**

*But encourage one another day after day, as long as it is still called "today," so that none of you will be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin. (Heb. 3:13)*

*But he who hates reproof is stupid. (Prov. 12:1a)  
Better is open rebuke than love that is concealed.  
Faithful are the wounds of a friend, but deceitful are the kisses of an enemy. (Prov. 27:5,6)*





EPISODE III





The tragedy of  
Anakin Skywalker





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going to   
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**STRONG**