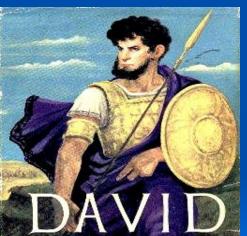
AMATZYAH LIKE HIS FATHER, JOASH

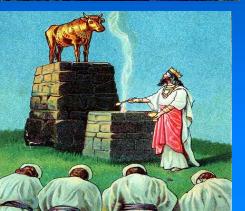
- He was righteous is some ways, but allowed the *bamot* (high places) to continue in operation
- Bamot were in use so long that it had become usual and normal
- Originally pagan, people tried to "convert" them to being for YHWH
- Occasional prophet or priest would speak out against bamot, but was considered a fanatic
- A very slow decline from Moses-led Torah observance to manmade doctrines, rituals, and practices











Moses receives the Torah

TORAH SEEMS LIKE OLD NEWS

- Torah given to a wandering group of tent dwellers
- Israel was now more "modern" & living a settled life in their own country
- 500 years ➤ James 1:22 -25 The mirror of the Torah
 - The "Word" of James was the Hebrew Bible (OT)
 - New Testament wouldn't exist for another 150 years
 - NT and OT now form a complete and unified "Word"

200 years

2nd Kings 14

Saul The Genealogy of the Kings of Ancient Israel and Judah DAVID David **** Ish-bosheth Adonijah Solomon Absalom Rehoboam -Jeroboam I . Wife Nadab --- Baasha Abijah Elah - - - Zimri - - - Omri Asa Jehoshaphat Ahab — Jezebel Ahaziah · · · Jehoram Athaliah --- Jehoram Denotes transfer of power Indicates rulers of the united Jehu **4**-----Ahaziah Kingdom of Israel Indicates rulers of Israel Jehoash Jehoahaz (after the division of the kingdom) **AMATZYAH** Amaziah Indicates rulers of Judah (after the division of the kingdom) Uzziah Jehoash Jotham Jeroboam II Ahaz Hezekiah

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Zedekiah

Jehoiachin

Kingdoms of Beirut Israel and Judah Sidon Damascus Mt. Hermon ARAM Acco Sea of Galilee Ashtaroth Tabor Megiddo. Mediterranean Beth-shan Taanach . kamoth-gilead Sea Ibleam. Jabesh-gilead? ISRAEL **EPHRAIM** Nebo Ashdod. Bethlehem Ashkelon Mareshah • Hebron Dibon Gaza. IUDAH Raphia Beersheba MOAB *Kir-hareseth PHILISTIA Region Bozrah periodically contested **EDOM** by Judah Kadeshand Edom WILDERNESS

2ND KINGS 14 2ND CHRONICLES 25

- Benjamin no longer in coalition with the north
- Some of Benjamin exiled to Assyria, some exiled later to Babylon
- ➤ 2nd Chron. 25:7 identifies Ephraim as synonymous with Israel
- Ephraim often representative of 10 lost tribes

EPHRAIM IN **PROPHECY**

- ➤ Ezekiel 37:15 22
- Ezekiel taken by Nebuchadnezzar to Babylon
- Ezekiel speaks of the 10 tribes as "Ephraim"
- Prophesied that Ephraim would return to an already re-established State of Israel
- NEVER happened in history until 1948

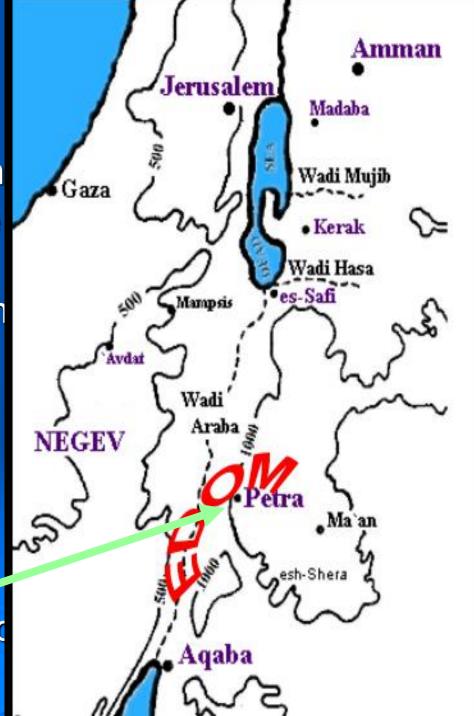




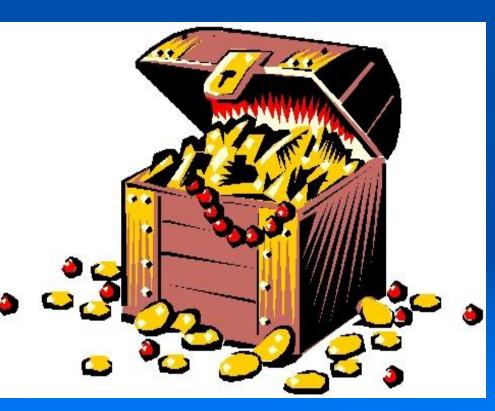


KING AMATZYAH ATTACKS EDOM

- Amatzyah conquers Edom
- King David the 1st Israelite to conquer Edom
- Judah lost control of Edom under King Y'horam
- Yokte'el = set the teeth on edge means criticism
- Amatzyah returned home with Edomite idols
- > The Rock = Sela = Petra
- Very extensive canyon and area called Petra



KINGS AND SOLDIERS WANTED THE SPOILS OF WAR!



- Amatzyah mustered 300,000 soldiers from Judah and Benjamin
- Then he hired 100,000 mercenaries from Israel
- Paid 7000 lbs. of silver to King Joash of Israel
- Ish Elohim told Amatzyah that if he used the mercenaries, he would lose
- Amatzyah sent them home, but they looted Judahite villages along the way to get something for their trouble

EDOMITES THROWN TO THEIR DEATHS

- Amatzyah returns to Judah with Edomite god/idols and burns incense to them!
- How could a Hebrew king, victorious over an enemy, now bow down to that enemy's gods??
- A prophet condemns him for it, and the King refuses to heed the warning of destruction



AMATZYAH SEEKS WAR WITH ISRAEL



OVERCONFIDENCE

- Amatzyah challenges Joash to a battle
- > Reasons:
- A) Joash KEPT the 7000 lbs. of silver
- B) Joash gave his mercenaries permission to raid the Judahite towns
- > C) An issue of honor
- Amatzyah felt as if he had faced-down God and won



THE PARABLE OF THE CEDAR AND THISTLE

- King Joash replies to King Amatzyah with an insult
- Warns Amatzyah to not let his victory over Edom go to his head
- Amatzyah ignores the advice and battles Joash at Beit-Shemesh
- Judah's army defeated, and Amatzyah is captured



JOASH HUMILIATES AMATZYAH

- Ephraim Gate is today the Jaffa Gate
- > 600 ft. of wall dismantled
- Northern wall because Israel is to the north
- Jerusalem's enemies will come from the north in End-Times
- Temple looted
- Families captured and sent to Samaria
- Amatzyah under house arrest for many years

