King Uzziah of Judah

In the 27th year of the reign of King Jeroboam
II of Irael, Uzziah Son of amaziah became king of
Judah[2] at the age of Sixteen, and he ruled in
Jerusalem for 52 years. His Mother was Jecoliah
from Jerusalem.[3] Following the example of his father,
he did what was pleasing to the LORD.[4] But the
Pagan Places of worship were not destroyed,
and the people continued to offer sacrifices and
burn incense there.[5] The lord Struck Uzziah with a
dreaded skin disease that Staged with him the rest
of his life. He lived in a house on his own, relieved
of all duties, while his Son Jotham governed the
country.[6] Everything else that Uzziah did is recorded in
The history of kings of Judah.[7] Uzziah died
and was buried in the royal burial ground in
Davids City, and his Son Jotham succeeded him
as King.

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King Zechariah of Israel

8 In the thirty-eighth year of the reign of King Uzziah of
Judah, Zechariah son of Jeroboam II became king of
Israel, and he ruled in Samaria for six months. 9 He,
like his predecessors, sinned against the LORD. He
followed the wicked example of King Jeroboam son
of Nebat, who led Israel into sin. 10 Shallum son
of Jabesh conspired against King Zechariah, assassinated
him at Ibleam, and succeeded him as king.
11 Everything else that Zechariah did is recorded in
The History of the Kings of Israel.
12 So the promise was fulfilled which the LORD had made
to King Jehu: "Your descendants, down to the fourth
generation, will be kings of Israel."

King Shallum of Israel.

13 In the thirty-ninth year of the reign of
King Uzziah of Judah, Shallum, son of
Jabesh became King of Israel, and he ruled
in Samaria for one month.

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14. Menehem, son of Gadi went from Tirzah to Samaria, assassinated Shallum, and succeeded 15 him as King. Everything else that Shallum did, including an account of his conspiracy, is recorded in 'The History of the Kings of Israel.' 16 As Menahem was on his way from Tirzah he completely destroyed the city of Tappuah, its inhabitants, and the surrounding territory, because the city did not surrender to him. He even ripped open the bellies of all pregnant women.

King Menahem of Israel.

17 In the thirty-ninth year of the reign of King Uzziah of Judah, Menahem son of Gadi became King of Israel, and he ruled in Samaria 18 for ten years. He sinned against the Lord, following the wicked example of King Jeroboam son of Nebat, who led Israel into sin till the day of his death. 19 Pul of Assyria,

the emperor of Assyria, crowded Israel, and Menahem gave him thirty four thousand kilograms of silver to gain his support in strengthening Menahem's power over the country.
20 Menahem got the money from the rich men of Israel by forcing each one to contribute fifty pieces of silver. So Tiglath Pileser went back to his own country.
21 Everything else that Menahem did is recorded in The History of the Kings of Israel. 22 He died and was buried, and his son Pekahiah succeeded him as King.

26. Everything else that Pekahiah did is recorded in 'The History of the Kings of Israel.'

King Pekah of Israel

27 In the fifty second year of the reign of King Uzziah of Judah, Pekah son of Remaliah became king of Israel, and he ruled in Samaria for twenty years.

28. He sinned against the Lord, following the wicked example of King Jeroboam son of Nebat, who led Israel into sin.

29 It was while Pekah was King that Tiglath Pileser, the emperor of Assyria, captured the cities of Ijon, Abel Beth Maacah, Janoah, Kedesh, and Hazor, and the territories of Gilead, Galilee, and Naphtali, and took the people to Assyria as prisoners.

30 In the twentieth year of the reign of Jotham son of Uzziah as king of Judah, Hoshea son of Elah plotted against King Pekah, assassinated him, and succeeded him as king.

31 Everything else that Pekah did is recorded in The History of the Kings of Israel.

King Jotham of Judah

32 In the second year of the reign of Pekah son of Remaliah as King of Israel,

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Jotham son of Uzziah became King of
Judah 33 at the age of twenty-five, and he
ruled in Jerusalem for sixteen years.
His mother was Jerusha, the
daughter of Zadok. Following the example
of his father Uzziah, Jotham did
what was pleasing to the Lord.
35 But the pagan places of worship
were not destroyed, and the people
continued to offer sacrifices and
burn incense there. It was Jotham
who built the North Gate of the Temple.
36. Everything else that Jotham did is
recorded in 'The History of the Kings of
Judah'.
37 It was while he was king that the
Lord first sent King Rezin of Syria and
King Pekah of Israel to attack Judah.
38 Jotham died and was buried in
the royal tombs in David's city, and

his son Ahaz succeeded him as king.

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In the seventeenth year of Pekah son of Remaliah, King Ahaz son of Jotham of Judah began to reign.

2. Ahaz was twenty years old when he began to reign; he reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem. He did not do what was right in the sight of the Lord his God, as his ancestor David had done,

3. but he walked in the way of the kings of Israel. He even made his son pass through fire, according to the abominable practices of the nations whom the Lord drove out before the

people of Israel. 4 He sacrificed and made offerings on the high places, on the hills, and under every green tree. Then King Rezin of Aram and King Pekah son of Remaliah of Israel came up to wage war on Jerusalem; they besieged Ahaz but could not conquer him.

6 At that time the King of Edom recovered Elath for Edom, and drove the Judeans from Elath, and the Edomites came to Elath, where they live to this day.

7 Ahaz sent messengers to King Tiglath-pileser of Assyria, saying "I am your servant and your son. Come up, and rescue me from the hand of the king of Aram and from the hand of the king of Israel, who are attacking me" 8 Ahaz also took the silver & gold found in the house of the Lord & in the treasuries of the King's house & sent a present to the King of Assyria

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9 The king of Assyria listened to him; the king
of Assyria marched up against Damascus, and
took it, carrying its people captive to Kir; then he
killed Rezin. 10 When King Ahaz went to Damascus
to meet King Tiglath-pileser of Assyria, he saw
the altar that was at Damascus. King Ahaz sent
to the priest Uriah a model of the altar, and its
pattern, exact in all details. 11 The priest Uriah built
the altar; in accordance with all that King Ahaz
had sent from Damascus, just so did the priest
Uriah build it, before King Ahaz arrived from
Damascus. When the king came from Damascus, the
king viewed the altar. Then the king drew near to
the altar, went up on it, 13 and offered his burnt
offering and his grain offering; poured his drink
offering and dashed the blood of his offerings of
well being against the altar. 14 The bronze altar that
was before the Lord he removed from the front of
the house, from the place between his altar and the house of
the Lord, and put it on the north side of his altar.

~~My thought~~ King Ahaz commanded the priest Uriah, saying "Upon the great altar offer 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, their grain offering and their drink offering; then dash against 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." 16 The priest Uriah did everything that King Ahaz commanded. 17 Then King Ahaz cut off the frames of the stands, and removed the laver from them; he removed the sea from the bronze oxen that were under it, and put it on a pedestal of stone. The covered portal for use on the sabbath that had been built inside the palace, and the outer entrance for the king he removed from the house of the lord. He did this because of the king of Assyria. Now the rest of the acts of Ahaz that he did, are they Not written in the Book

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of the Annals of the kings of Judah?
Ahaz slept with his ancestors, and was
buried with his ancestors in the city
of David; his son Hezekiah succeeded
him.

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1. In the twelfth year of King Ahaz of Judah, Hoshea son of Elah began to reign in Samaria over Israel, he reigned for nine years.
2. He did what was evil in the sight of the Lord, yet not like the kings of Israel who were before him.
3. King Shalmaneser of Assyria came up against him; Hoshea became his vassal, and paid him tribute.
4. But the King of Assyria found treachery in Hoshea; for he had sent messengers to King So of Egypt, and offered no tribute to the King of Assyria, as he had done year by year; therefore the King of Assyria confined him and imprisoned him.
5. Then the King of Assyria invaded all the land and came to Samaria; for three years he besieged it.
6. In the ninth year of Hoshea the king of Assyria captured Samaria; he carried the Israelites away to Assyria. He placed them in Halah, on the Habor, the river of Gozan, and in the cities of the Medes.

7. This occurred because the people of ~~God~~ Israel had sinned against the Lord their God, who had brought them up out of the land of Egypt from under the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. They had worshipped 8 other gods and walked in the customs of the nations whom the LORD drove out before the people of Israel and in the customs that the kings of Israel had introduced. 9. The people of Israel secretly did things that were not right against the Lord their God. They built for themselves high places at all their towns, from watch-tower to fortified city; 10. they set up for themselves pillars and sacred poles on every high hill and under every green tree; 11. there they made offerings on all the high places, as the nations did whom the Lord carried away before them. They did wicked things, provoking the Lord to anger; 12. they served idols, of which the Lord had said to them, 'You shall not do this.'

13 Yet the Lord warned Israel and Judah by every
prophet and every seer, saying, "Turn from your evil ways and
keep my commandments and my statutes, in accordance with all
the law that I commanded your ancestors and that I sent to you by
my servants the prophets.
14 They would not listen but were stubborn, as their
ancestors had been, who did not believe in the
Lord their God.
15 They despised his statutes and his covenant that he made
with their ancestors, and the warnings he gave them. They went
after false idols and became false; they followed the nations that
were around them, concerning whom the Lord had commanded them
that they should not do as they did.
16 They rejected all the commandments of the Lord
their God and made for themselves cast images
of two calves; they made a sacred pole, worshipped
all the host of heaven, and served Baal.
17 They made their sons and their daughters pass through fire; they used divination
and augury; and they sold themselves to do evil in the sight of the Lord,
provoking him to anger.

18. Therefore the LORD was very angry with Israel and
removed them out of his sight; none was left but
the tribe of Judah alone. 19. Judah also did not keep
the commandments of the lord their God but walked in the customs
that Israel had introduced. 20 The Lord rejected all the
descendants of Israel; he punished them and gave
them into the hand of plunderers, until he had
banished them from his presence. 21 When he had
torn Israel from the house of David they made Jeroboam, son
of Nebat king. Jeroboam drove Israel from following the Lord
and made them commit great sin. 22. The people of Israel
walked in all the sins which Jeroboam did; they did
not depart from them, 23. until the lord removed
Israel out of his sight, as he had spoken by all his
servants the Prophets. So Israel was exiled from
their own land to Assyria until this day.

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24 And the king of Assyria brought people from Babylon, Cuthah, Avva, Hamath, and Sepharvaim, and placed them in the cities of Samaria instead of the people of Israel; and they took possession of Samaria, and dwelt in cities. 25 And at the beginning of their dwelling there, they did not fear the LORD; therefore the LORD sent lions among them, which killed some of them. 26 So the king of Assyria was told, "The nations which you have carried away and placed in the cities of Samaria do not know the law of the god of the land; therefore he has sent lions among them, and behold, they are killing them, because they do not know the law of the god of the land." 27 Then the king of Assyria commanded, "Send there one of the priests whom you carried away thence; and let him go and dwell there, and teach them the laws of the god of the land." 28 So one of the priests whom they had carried away from Samaria came and lived in Bethel, he taught them how they should worship the LORD.

29 But every nation still made gods of its own and put them in the shrines of the high places that the people of Samaria had made, every nation in the cities in which they lived.

30 the people of Babylon made Succoth-benoth, the people of Cuth made Nergal, the people of Hemath made Ashima;

31 the Avites made Nibhaz and Tartak; the Sepharvites burned their children in the fire to Adrammelech and Anammelech, the gods of Sepharvaim. They also worshipped the LORD and appointed from among themselves all sorts of people as priests of the high places, who sacrificed for them in the shrines of the high places. ~~So they worshipped the Lord and appointed from among themselves all sorts of people as priests of the high places, who sacrificed for them in the shrines of the high places.~~ So they worshipped the Lord, but they also served their own gods, after the manner of the nations from among whom they had been carried away.

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34 To this day they continue to practise their former customs.

They do not worship the Lord and they do not follow the statutes or the ordinances ~~ordinary~~ of the laws or the commandment that the Lord commanded the children of Jacob, whom he named Israel. 35 The Lord had made a covenant with them and commanded them, You shall not worship other gods or bow ~~to~~ yourselves to them or serve them or sacrifice to them. 36 but you shall worship the LORD, who brought you out of the land of Egypt with great power and with an outstretched ~~hand~~ arm, you shall bow yourselves to him, and to him you shall sacrifice. 37 The statutes and the ordinances and the law and the commandment that he wrote for you, you shall always be careful to observe. You shall not worship other gods; 38 You shall not forget the covenant that I have made with you. You shall not worship other gods, but shall worship the Lord your God: he will deliver you out of the hand of all your enemies 40 They would not listen, however, but

they continued to practise their former custom.
41. So these nations worshipped the Lord, but also served their carved images; to this day their children and their children's children continue to do as their ancestors did.