

Isaiah's Reality

WEEK 2

Week 2 Handout

Please read the following passages with your team and have them fill in the blanks:

2 Kings 15 (Azariah (Uzziah) Reigns in Judah)

2 Kings 16 (Ahaz Reigns in Judah)

Glancing back into the chapters of Isaiah 1 through 5 from last week.

The time period of Israel's history is told in 2 Kings 15 through 21 and 2 Chronicles 26 through 33. ("Enduring Word" commentary)

At that time, we see King Uzziah reigned for 52 years in Jerusalem. He did what was right in the eyes of the Lord, according to all that his father Amaziah had done. Nevertheless, the high places were not taken away and the people still sacrificed and worshipped on the high places. During that time, other kings were serving in Israel who were not following the Lord. They were assassinating each other to gain a position of power. King Uzziah died of leprosy and his son, Jotham, became king. He too did right in the eyes of the Lord just as his father Uzziah had done but did not take down the high places of idol worship. When Jotham died, his son Ahaz, became king of Judah.

Fast forwarding to the next chapter, we see Ahaz is completely disobedient to the Lord, even sacrificing his own son in the fire. He was proud, irreverent, and sought his own pleasures, even making an exact copy of the altar from Tiglath-pileser, the king of Assyria.



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2 Timothy 3:1-5 (NLT), which says, “But realize this, that in the last days difficult times will come. For men will be lovers of self, lovers of money, boastful, arrogant, revilers, disobedient to parents, ungrateful, unholy, unloving, irreconcilable, malicious gossips, without self-control, brutal, haters of good, treacherous, reckless, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, holding on to a form of godliness, although they have denied its power. Avoid such men as these.