

THE LORD IS ABLE TO GIVE THEE MUCH MORE THAN THIS 2 CHRONICLES 25

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Introduction:

Following the death of Joash a man by the name of Amaziah took the throne. Amaziah was 25 when he took the throne and he remained the king for 29 years.

We have little insight about his family but we do know that his mother's name was Jehoadan which means Jehovah pleased or in other words she pleased God.

The name that she gave her son means the strength of Jehovah.

Notice:

1. PROMOTION

2 Chronicles 25:1-4

¹ Amaziah *was* twenty and five years old *when* he began to reign, and he reigned twenty and nine years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name *was* Jehoaddan of Jerusalem. ² And he did *that which was* right in the sight of the LORD, but not with a perfect heart. ³ Now it came to pass, when the kingdom was established to him, that he slew his servants that had killed the king his father. ⁴ But he slew not their children, but *did as it is* written in the law in the book of Moses, where the LORD commanded, saying, The fathers shall not die for the children, neither shall the children die for the fathers, but every man shall die for his own sin.

A. Took the Throne at an Early Age

B. Did That Which Was Right In the Sight of God
But Not With a Perfect Heart

C. Obeyed the Law

From all appearances this was a good man who was ruling with an awareness of God.

But half hearted obedience and service will eventually lead to problems.

2. PREPARATION

2 Chronicles 25:5

⁵ Moreover Amaziah gathered Judah together, and made them captains over thousands, and captains over hundreds, according to the houses of *their* fathers, throughout all Judah and Benjamin: and he numbered them from twenty years old and above, and found them three hundred thousand choice *men, able* to go forth to war, that could handle spear and shield.

A. He prepared by organizing his army.

3. PERCEPTION

A. Saw the enemies threat greater the strength of God.

4. PLAN

A. Warriors (vs.6)

2 Chronicles 25:6

⁶ He hired also an hundred thousand mighty men of valour out of Israel for an hundred talents of silver.

He hired 100,000 mercenaries from Israel to help strengthen his forces.

B. Warning (vs. 7-10)

2 Chronicles 25:7-10

⁷ But there came a man of God to him, saying, O king, let not the

army of Israel go with thee; for the LORD *is* not with Israel, *to wit, with* all the children of Ephraim. ⁸ But if thou wilt go, do *it*, be strong for the battle: God shall make thee fall before the enemy: for God hath power to help, and to cast down. ⁹ And Amaziah said to the man of God, But what shall we do for the hundred talents which I have given to the army of Israel? And the man of God answered, The LORD is able to give thee much more than this. ¹⁰ Then Amaziah separated them, *to wit*, the army that was come to him out of Ephraim, to go home again: wherefore their anger was greatly kindled against Judah, and they returned home in great anger.

He is warned about hiring hit men

He worried about the cost of hiring the 100,000

C. War (vs. 11-12)

2 Chronicles 25:11-12

¹¹ And Amaziah strengthened himself, and led forth his people, and went to the valley of salt, and smote of the children of Seir ten thousand. ¹² And *other* ten thousand *left* alive did the children of Judah carry away captive, and brought them unto the top of the rock, and cast them down from the top of the rock, that they all were broken in pieces.

D. Wrath (vs. 13)

2 Chronicles 25:13

¹³ But the soldiers of the army which Amaziah sent back, that they should not go with him to battle, fell upon the cities of Judah, from Samaria even unto Bethhoron, and smote three thousand of them, and took much spoil.

5. PROBLEM (VS. 14-24)

2 Chronicles 25:14-24

¹⁴ Now it came to pass, after that Amaziah was come from the slaughter of the Edomites, that he brought the gods of the children of Seir, and set them up *to be* his gods, and bowed down himself before them, and burned incense unto them. ¹⁵ Wherefore the anger of the LORD was kindled against Amaziah, and he sent unto him a prophet, which said unto him, Why hast thou sought after the gods of the people, which could not deliver their own people out of thine hand? ¹⁶ And it came to pass, as he talked with him, that *the king* said unto him, Art thou made of the king's counsel? forbear; why shouldest thou be smitten? Then the prophet forbore, and said, I know that God hath determined to destroy thee, because thou hast done this, and hast not hearkened unto my counsel. ¹⁷ Then Amaziah king of Judah took advice, and sent to Joash, the son of Jehoahaz, the son of Jehu, king of Israel, saying, Come, let us see one another in the face. ¹⁸ And Joash king of Israel sent to Amaziah king of Judah, saying, The thistle that *was* in Lebanon sent to the cedar that *was* in Lebanon, saying, Give thy daughter to my son to wife: and there passed by a wild beast that *was* in Lebanon, and trode down the thistle. ¹⁹ Thou sayest, Lo, thou hast smitten the Edomites; and thine heart lifteth thee up to boast: abide now at home; why shouldest thou meddle to *thine* hurt, that thou shouldest fall, *even* thou, and Judah with thee? ²⁰ But Amaziah would not hear; for it *came* of God, that he might deliver them into the hand of *their enemies*, because they sought after the gods of Edom. ²¹ So Joash the king of Israel went up; and they saw one another in the face, *both* he and Amaziah king of Judah, at Bethshemesh, which *belongeth* to Judah. ²² And Judah was put to the worse before Israel, and they fled every man to his tent. ²³ And Joash the king of Israel took Amaziah king of Judah, the son of Joash, the son of Jehoahaz, at Bethshemesh, and brought him to Jerusalem, and brake down the wall of Jerusalem from the gate of Ephraim to the corner gate, four hundred cubits. ²⁴ And *he took* all the gold and the silver, and all the vessels that were found in the house of God with

Obededom, and the treasures of the king's house, the hostages also, and returned to Samaria.

A. His Paganism (vs. 14-16)

B. His Pride (vs. 17-20)

C. His Punishment (vs. 21-24)

Lessons

1. Lack of whole heartedness leads to one having wrongs perceptions, flawed planning, and wrong decisions.
2. We should never see the enemy greater and more powerful than God.
3. God doesn't need our plans He just needs our person.
4. Never trust human reasoning above God's resources.
5. There is always a great cost involved in carrying out our plans than following God's will.
6. Pride goes before destruction and a haughty spirit before a fall.

7. God is able to give much more than anything that we give or pay.