

Doctrine of Jotham

1. Jotham was the son of King Uzziah, or Azariah, and his wife Jerushah, who was the daughter of Zadok.
 - *2 Chronicles 27:1 Jotham was twenty and five years old when he began to reign, and he reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem. His mother's name also was Jerushah, the daughter of Zadok.*
2. He was the eleventh king of Judah.
3. After administering the kingdom for about 13 years during his father's leprosy, he succeeded to the throne BC 740, when he was 25 years old.
 - *2 Kings 15:5 And the Lord smote the king, so that he was a leper unto the day of his death, and dwelt in a several house. And Jotham the king's son was over the house, judging the people of the land.*
4. Jotham reigned 16 years in Jerusalem. He avoided assuming any priestly duties that proved to be disastrous to his father.
5. He was contemporary with Pekah and with the prophet Isaiah.
6. Jotham, though a good king, was unable to correct all of the corrupt and idolatrous practices of the people.
 - *2 Kings 15:34 And he did that which was right in the sight of the Lord: he did according to all that his father Uzziah had done. 35 Howbeit the high places were not removed: the people sacrificed and burned incense still in the high places. He built the higher gate of the house of the Lord.*
7. Turning his attention to fortifying the city of Jerusalem, Jotham built the upper gate of the Temple, which was the northern gate of the inner court.
8. He also built "cities in the hill country of Judah" and "fortresses and towers on the wooded hills".
 - *2 Chronicles 27:2 And he did that which was right in the sight of the Lord, according to all that his father Uzziah did: howbeit he entered not into the temple of the Lord. And the people did yet corruptly. 3 He built the high gate of the house of the Lord, and on the wall of Ophel he built much. 4 Moreover he built cities in the mountains of Judah, and in the forests he built castles and towers.*
9. When the Ammonites refused to pay Jotham the tribute money they had paid to Uzziah, Jotham waged a successful war on the nation.

- *2 Chronicles 26:8 And the Ammonites gave gifts to Uzziah: and his name spread abroad even to the entering in of Egypt; for he strengthened himself exceedingly.*
10. For three years after the defeat of the Ammorites, Jotham compelled them to pay one hundred talents of silver and ten thousand measures each of wheat and barley.
- *2 Chronicles 27:5 He fought also with the king of the Ammonites, and prevailed against them. And the children of Ammon gave him the same year an hundred talents of silver, and ten thousand measures of wheat, and ten thousand of barley. So much did the children of Ammon pay unto him, both the second year, and the third.*
11. After a reign of eighteen years, including his joint reign with Uzziah, Jotham died and was buried in the sepulcher of the kings.
- *2 Kings 15:38 And Jotham slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David his father: and Ahaz his son reigned in his stead.*
 - *2 Chronicles 27:8 He was five and twenty years old when he began to reign, and reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem. 9 And Jotham slept with his fathers, and they buried him in the city of David: and Ahaz his son reigned in his stead.*
12. The history of Jotham is contained in 2 Kings 15 and 2 Chronicles 27.
13. Jotham is mentioned in three of the books of the prophets.
- *Isaiah. Isaiah 1:1 The vision of Isaiah the son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah.*
 - *Hosea. Hosea 1:1 The word of the Lord that came unto Hosea, the son of Beeri, in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah, and in the days of Jeroboam the son of Joash, king of Israel.*
 - *Micah. Micah 1:1 The word of the Lord that came to Micah the Morasthite in the days of Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah, which he saw concerning Samaria and Jerusalem.*