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The reign of Ahaz over Judah. 2 Kings 16:1-20;  
2 Chronicles 28:1-27

- Began at 20 years of age. Reigned for 16 years.
- Did not do what was right and followed after the ways of the kings of Israel
- Made extravagant images for the Baal false deities
- Engaged in human sacrifices in the Valley of the son of Hinnom
- Engaged in idolatrous practices all over the land

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The reign of Ahaz over Judah. 2 Kings 16:1-20;  
2 Chronicles 28:1-27

- God initially spared Jerusalem from the hands of Rezin, King of Syria, and Pekah, King of Israel.
  - This was according to the word of God delivered by Isaiah. Isaiah 7:1-9
  - They were able to conquer some of the other areas of the country.

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The reign of Ahaz over Judah. 2 Kings 16:1-20;  
2 Chronicles 28:1-27

- God eventually brought judgment through the kings of Syria and Israel.
  - Rezin, King of Syria, defeated Judah and took captives to Damacus.
  - Pekah, King of Israel, defeated Judah.
    - killed Ahaz's son and key people in his court

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The reign of Ahaz over Judah. 2 Kings 16:1-20;  
2 Chronicles 28:1-27

- God eventually brought judgment through the kings of Syria and Israel.
  - Pekah, King of Israel, defeated Judah
    - Took 200,000 captive to Samaria
      - God rebuked this enslavement of fellow Israelites which was forbidden by the Law.
      - God's message through Oded, the prophet, was to send the people back.

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2 Chronicles 28:1-27

- God eventually brought judgment through the kings of Syria and Israel.
  - Pekah, King of Israel, defeated Judah
    - Took 200,000 captive to Samaria
      - Certain chiefs from the tribe of Ephraim also apposed the enslavement of these brothers and sisters from Judah as they recognized that the actions of their nation also merited judgment.

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The reign of Ahaz over Judah. 2 Kings 16:1-20;  
2 Chronicles 28:1-27

- God eventually brought judgment through the kings of Syria and Israel.
  - Pekah, King of Israel, defeated Judah
    - Took 200,000 captive to Samaria
      - The soldiers who took the captives turned them over to these chiefs.
      - These chiefs provided for their needs, took care of the weak and brought them to Jericho.

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The reign of Ahaz over Judah. 2 Kings 16:1-20;  
2 Chronicles 28:1-27

- God eventually brought judgment through the kings of Syria and Israel.
  - Ahaz appealed to Tiglath-pileser, king of Assyria for help.
    - Tiglath-pileser took this as an opportunity to finalize his conquest of Syria by taking Damascus, killing Rezin the king, and taking the people captive.
    - Ahaz saw an altar when he went to meet the Assyrian king in Damascus.

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The reign of Ahaz over Judah. 2 Kings 16:1-20;  
2 Chronicles 28:1-27

- God eventually brought judgment through the kings of Syria and Israel.
  - Ahaz appealed to Tiglath-pileser, king of Assyria for help.
    - He had a model and drawings made and sent them to Uriah the priest with the command to build an altar like this in Jerusalem.
    - He replaced the bronze altar of burnt offering before the temple with this altar and moved the bronze altar to a different location in the temple area.

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The reign of Ahaz over Judah. 2 Kings 16:1-20;  
2 Chronicles 28:1-27

- God eventually brought judgment through the kings of Syria and Israel.
- Ahaz appealed to Tiglath-pileser, king of Assyria for help.
  - Ahaz commanded that Uriah offer all the sacrifices and offerings on this altar.
  - He used the bronze altar of Yahweh for divination.

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The reign of Ahaz over Judah. 2 Kings 16:1-20;  
2 Chronicles 28:1-27

- God eventually brought judgment through the kings of Syria and Israel.
- Ahaz appealed to Tiglath-pileser, king of Assyria for help.
  - Removed the bronze oxen from the bottom of the bronze sea and put it on a stone pedestal.
  - Did some structural alterations to the temple in deference to the king of Assyria.

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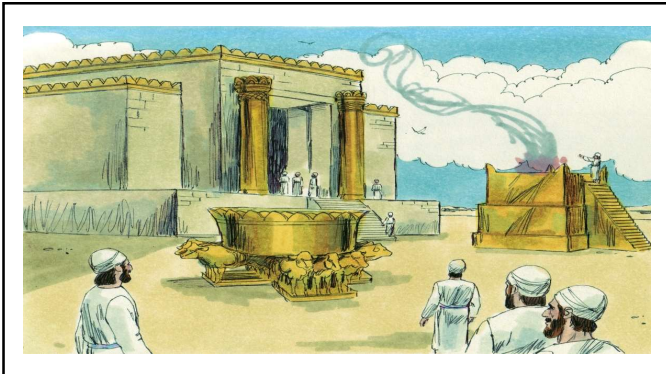
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The reign of Ahaz over Judah. 2 Kings 16:1-20;  
2 Chronicles 28:1-27

- God eventually brought judgment through the kings of Syria and Israel.
  - Ahaz appealed to Tiglath-pileser, king of Assyria for help.
    - Later the Edomites and the Philistines made raids and occupied some of the land.
    - Ahaz called on Tiglath-pileser for help but instead he took payment and exacted tribute but did not help.

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The reign of Ahaz over Judah. 2 Kings 16:1-20;  
2 Chronicles 28:1-27

- Ahaz's later years were marked by increased idolatry.
  - Sacrificed to the gods of the Syrians since he thought they had helped the Syrians defeat him
  - Cut up the vessels from the Temple
  - Closed the doors of the Temple
  - Scattered pagan altars throughout Jerusalem and all the cities of Judah

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The reign of Ahaz over Judah. 2 Kings 16:1-20;  
2 Chronicles 28:1-27

- Died and was buried in Jerusalem but not in the tombs of the kings
- Succeeded by his son Hezekiah

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Lessons

- Trust in God's Word.
- Do not depend on people for what only God can provide.
- Without a firm faith in the clear direction of God, we are left lurching through life from one deficient solution to another.
- Practice redemption, not exploitation.
- Take note of the blinding and deceitful nature of sin.

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