

WHO WAS KING AHAZ?

2 Kings 16

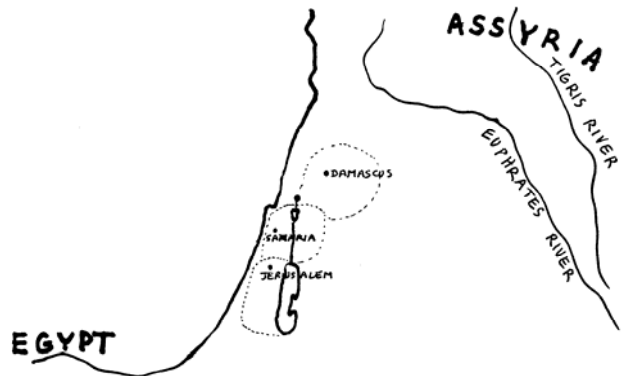
Read 2 Kings 16 one section at a time. As you finish reading each section, read the comments below and answer the questions.

Verses 1-4

Ahaz ends the longest period of good kings in Judah's history, 102 years!
What do you think it means that Ahaz "made his son pass through the fire"?

Verses 5-6

Label Israel, Syria, and Judah on the map.



Verses 7-9

Assyria is a different country than Syria. If you go north of Syria until you get to the Euphrates River, and then go east to the Tigris River, you will find Assyria. At this time it was becoming a very important power in the Middle East.

Ahaz struck a deal with Tiglath-Pileser, the king of Assyria. What was the deal?

Do you think Yehowah wanted Ahaz to turn to Assyria for help? Who should he have turned to?

Do you think Ahaz should have paid Tiglath-Pileser with silver and gold from the Lord's Temple? Why or why not?

Verses 10-18

What did Ahaz see in Damascus when he went there to meet Tiglath-Pileser?

The altar in the temple Solomon had built stood for the Lord. Its fire stood for His love. What do you think is the spiritual meaning of moving the bronze altar away from the front of the Temple and replacing it with a foreign altar?

Ahaz also changed the lavers and the bronze sea. What did he do to them?