

Between her¹ and Tyre and Phoenicia where the Baal worship was dominant was this large country from which it had been completely wiped out. Consequently Athaliah was not in an extremely strong position and it was possible that Joida, the high priest, should ~~order an~~ organize a conspiracy and that they should put the little boy Joash as king. So Joash became king under these auspices and had the temple repaired and the worship of the Lord re-established and the Baal worship rooted out from the kingdom of Judah, and that was the end of the Baal crisis in Judah. But as Joash became older he went on in his own ways and became quite an arbitrary ruler and was rather unpopular and ~~was~~ the king whose life began so excellently ended up in not a very good way. In the end the servant killed him and his son became king in his stead. His son Amaziah seems to have been a rather

(Question) According to the account of Solomon. He built $70-3\frac{1}{2}$ (one and a half) but there is very little known about it. There is nothing preserved that has the name on it or anything like that. It is highly questionable what it is. It is really referring, of course, to II Kings 12:20 where it says that they slew Joash in the house of Millah. Now in II Chronicles it doesn't say. It says in II Chronicles that they slew him on his bed and he died. Well, that would rather fit with the idea that it was in Jerusalem, the place which Solomon built. That that was the place where he was living. It would fit with that. But it is a thing on which we don't have very definite evidence.

Now "b" then, Amaziah, his son, was a man who was anxious to become a powerful ruler like David of old. Without David's ~~ability~~ ability, certainly without David's humility, without David's trust in God, he set out to become a powerful ruler. The first thing that he decided to do was to call upon the northern kingdom to fight with him and ~~Joash~~ the king of Judah asked him to come and have a battle and see who was the stronger of the two, he said to him, "The thistle in Lebanon ^{sent} ~~said~~ to the cedar in Lebanon saying give thy daughter to my son to wife." That was what he thought of him. You are like a thistle and I