

am like a cedar. Amaziah should have sense enough to see that Joash was speaking exactly true, not exactly perhaps, it wasn't like a thistle to a cedar, but ~~at~~ certainly Israel was at least 50 per cent stronger, perhaps ~~sixteen~~ twice as strong as Judah, and Amaziah had no chance whatever of defeating Israel. Joash didn't want to bother with him. He was busy in his wars against Syria, but when Amaziah insisted, Joash came down and they met and Joash defeated him and Joash drove him to the city of Jerusalem and took a great deal of property from it and reparations and ~~lost~~ thus Amaziah's life ended with pretty much of a fiasco. The conspiracy was made against him by his own people. He fled to Lachish. He sent to Lachish and slew him there and brought him up to Jerusalem and buried him with his fathers in the city of Judah. A man who was so proud of his ~~own~~ own ability and so determined that he could accomplish a lot for which he had neither the capacity ~~for~~ the means and his life ended in a fiasco and he was buried with his fathers in the city of Judah. Then his young son who was sixteen years of age then is "c" Uzziah. And again we have an instance where a man started in wonderfully and ~~xxx~~ ended in disappointment. How often that does take place.. Uzziah became king and reigned for 54 years and did that which was right in the sight of the Lord and he sought God and he tried to follow the Lord. But when he was strong his heart was lifted up for his destruction. He went into the temple of the Lord to burn incense on the altar of incense, to do what only the priest was to do and the priest withstood him, but he insisted on going in and doing it and the Lord struck him with leprosy and the leprosy rose up in his forehead before the priest and Azariah, the chief priest and all the ~~xxx~~ priests looked on him and behold he was leprous in his forehead and they thrust him out thence and himself also hastened to go out because the Lord had smitten him. Uzziah the king was a leper to the day of his death and lived in a separate house being a leper and was cut off from the house of the Lord. Jotham, his son, was over the king's house judging the people of the land. This certainly suggests that Jotham's reign overlapped with Uzziah's reign. Davis in his Bible Dictionary makes all of