

between. Ahaz says, "I will send a great gift to the king of Assyria and ask him to come and protect me and he will attack Syria and Israel from the back and the result is that great pressure will be removed from me and I will be safe. So that is what he did. Then King Ahaz came and conquered the two lands, completely conquered Damascus and slew Rezin, conquered the land of Israel, and ~~put~~ Pekah was killed probably by some of his own people and Hoshea was put up as a puppet king. Then we read in verse 10 that King Ahaz went to Damascus to meet the king of Assyria. So an altar which was at Damascus and king Ahaz sent to Urijah, the priest, and fashioned the altar and the pattern of it according to all the workmanship thereof and Urijah the priest built an ~~altar~~ altar according to all that king Ahaz had took from Damascus. So Urijah the priest made it against King Ahaz and came from Damascus and so the king offered on this new altar ^{which} represented his loyalty to Assyria which he had gotten in Damascus where he met Tiglath Pileasar.

(Question) Yes, Tiglath Pileasar did what Ahaz desired. He removed the menace. After he had done that then he ~~at~~ made Ahaz subject to him and he put heavy tribute on him and he made it difficult for him and so we find there that after his conquest of the other lands, Judah wasn't very well off because Tiglath Pileasar was distressing him. Tiglath Pileasar knew well enough that they had come to him for help not because they liked him and not that he could trust them and he made them pay heavy tribute and mistreated them and they were in a disagreeable situation from which they soon revolted against him. But now they were nominally a protectorate of the Assyrians. They were an independent kingdom but were supposed to pay tribute to him and subject him to some extent. That is what took place then as a result of Ahaz's ~~clever~~ clever scheme. Ahaz made this very clever plan and he was going to throw off the big powers against one another. He was going to use power politics cleverly and thus he was going to get the king of Assyria to conquer the kingdoms which were attacking him and he would be safe.