

## Seeking False Saviors

*2 Kings 16:5-9 (with 2 Chronicles 28:5-21 and Isaiah 7-8)*

1. King of Judah Facing a \_\_\_\_\_ Situation
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_ of an alliance of enemies
    - i. Syria and Israel \_\_\_\_\_ Assyrian control
    - ii. Syria and Israel plan to install \_\_\_\_\_ king
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_ hearts of Ahaz and his people
  - c. \_\_\_\_\_ from the LORD
    - i. That enemy alliance will not \_\_\_\_\_
    - ii. That Ephraim (Israel) will \_\_\_ within 65 years
    - iii. To replace fear with \_\_\_\_\_
  - d. \_\_\_\_\_ from the LORD
    - i. Sign of \_\_\_\_\_ warns of Assyrian danger
    - ii. Sign of Isaiah's \_\_\_\_\_ prophesies Assyrian invasion against enemies to Judah's neck
  
2. King of Judah Reaping His \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. The LORD \_\_\_\_\_ Ahaz into enemies' hands
    - i. Because of his terrible \_\_\_\_\_
    - ii. Because Judah had \_\_\_\_\_ the LORD
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_ won a battle and took many captives
    - i. Important Red Sea port \_\_\_\_\_ taken
  - c. \_\_\_\_\_ invaded and took captives
  - d. \_\_\_\_\_ raided and captured many cities
  - e. \_\_\_\_\_ inflicted great damage on Judah
    - i. \_\_\_\_\_ Judean soldiers killed in one day
    - ii. King's \_\_\_\_\_ killed along with 2 key leaders
    - iii. \_\_\_\_\_ captives taken along with spoil
      1. Israel \_\_\_\_\_ by the LORD
      2. Ephraimite chiefs \_\_\_\_\_ enslavement
        - a. Confessing \_\_\_\_\_ of Israel
        - b. \_\_\_\_\_ for the captives

### 3. King of Judah \_\_\_\_\_ His Path

- a. "Sells his \_\_\_\_\_"
- b. "\_\_\_\_\_ over promise"
  - i. Seeks "\_\_\_\_\_" from Tiglath-Pileser
  - ii. Liberally \_\_\_\_ his "savior" with gold & silver
- c. Receives a \_\_\_\_\_ reward
  - i. Assyria does cause Syria to \_\_\_\_\_
  - ii. The LORD \_\_\_\_\_ Judah due to Ahaz
  - iii. Assyria \_\_\_\_\_ rather than strengthens Judah

*Thus says the LORD: 'For three transgressions of Damascus, and for four, I will not revoke the punishment., because they have threshed Gilead with threshing sledges of iron. So I will send a fire upon the house of Hazael, and it shall devour the strongholds of Ben-Hadad. I will break the gate-bar of Damascus, and cut off the inhabitants from the Valley of Aven, and he who holds the scepter from Beth-eden; and the people of Syria shall go into exile to Kir.'*

Amos 1:3-5 (over a decade prior to our texts)

*"I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son. When he commits iniquity, I will discipline him with the rod of men, with the stripes of the sons of men, but my steadfast love will not depart from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I put away from before you."*

2 Samuel 7:14-15

*"If you are not firm in faith, you will not be firm at all."*

Isaiah 7:9b

## Quote on Ahaz's Faith

"Ahaz walks the way of human ingenuity. It may be *royal* human ingenuity, but it is still *human* ingenuity. This thinking says to itself, 'My troubles are too complex for me to lean upon Yahweh's assurances, but I see a clear and obvious way to solves this problem.' ... Shucked to the bone, the choice is between pragmatism or promise. (Ahaz had Yahweh's promise of deliverance through Isaiah [Isaiah 7:3-9].) Do I go with what I am sure will work or wait for what God offers? Do I jump on an immediate solution or submit to what God requires?"

(Dale Ralph Davis, *2 Kings: The Power and the Fury*, 2005, p 234-235)