

## Good Beginnings - Bad Endings: 2 CHR 26-32.

### Uzziah

A. Introductory summary: 26:1-3.

-Built/restored Eloth. Reigned 52 years.

B. Good beginning: Godliness (seeking and fearing) leads to prosperity: 26:4-5.

C. Successes: 26:6-15. Built great army, defeating Philistines and Ammonites.

**D. TURNING POINT: Pride: enters Temple to usurp priests: 26:16.**

C'. Disaster: Struck with leprosy: 26:17-20.

B'. Bad ending: Ends in shame: 26:21. Lived separately, shared regency with Jotham.

A'. Concluding summary: 26:22-23. Not buried in City of David.

### Jotham

A. Introductory summary: 27:1. Reigned 16 years.

B. Good beginning: Godliness: 27:2. (Did not enter the temple.) People corrupted.

**D. CENTER: Building temple gate and defeating Ammonites: 27:3-5.**

B'. Good ending: Godliness brings success: 27:6.

A'. Concluding summary: 27:7-9. Buried in City of David.

### Ahaz

A. Introductory summary: 28:1a. Reigned 16 years.

B. Bad beginning: Evil practices including sacrifice of sons: 28:1b-4.

C. Military disasters due to wickedness: Defeated by Syrians and Pekah. 28:5-8.

**D. CENTER: Judah spared by prophet's message: 28:9-15.**

**- Captives returned by Israel due to Lord's command.**

C'. Military disasters due to wickedness: Seeks help from Assyria. 28:16-21.

- Uses temple treasures as bribe which failed.

B'. Bad ending: Evil practices: sacrificed to god of Damascus. 28:22-25.

A'. Concluding summary: 28:26-27. Buried in Jerusalem.

## Hezekiah

A. Becomes king, cleanses temple, mobilizes priests and levites, restores worship: 29:1-36.

B. Hezekiah restores passover and calls for northern tribes to join: 30:1-27.

C. Organizes priests, works with whole heart and prospers. 31:1-21.

**D. Invasion, sickness, pride: 32:1-33.**

- Sennacherib attacks, Hezekiah prepares for siege, trusts in Lord. 1-8.

- Sennacherib makes his case for surrender: don't trust the Lord. 9-19.

- Prayers answered with miraculous defeat of Assyrians. 20-23.

- Hezekiah's illness leads to prayer and extended life: 24-26.

- Riches lead to pride, fails test of Babylonian visit: 27-31.

- Buried in city of David. 32-33.

Parts:  $7+5+7+4 = 23$ .

### Divisions:

26 Uzziah goes from glory to leprosy due to usurping the priests.

27 Jotham is all good but the people are not.

28 Ahaz is wicked but Judah is spared.

29-32 Hezekiah goes from good to bad despite being saved from Assyrians and illness.

**Pattern:**

**26 Uzziah: Good to bad.**

**27 Jotham: All good.**

**28 Ahaz: All bad**

**29-32 Hezekiah: Good to bad.**

**Theme: A consistently faithful king is hard to find.**