

The Detestable Things

2 Kings 16:1-4 (cf. 2 Chronicles 28:1-4)

1. What Ahaz Did _____ Do
 - a. What was _____ in the LORD's eyes
 - b. Like _____ his father
 - c. Like _____ generations before him
 - i. Jotham – a good king
 - ii. Uzziah – a good king before _____
 - iii. Amaziah – a good king before _____
 - iv. Joash – a good king until Jehoiada's _____

2. What Ahaz _____ Do
 - a. Walked in the way of _____'s kings
 - i. Like _____ (8:18)
 - b. Made metal images for _____ (2 Chron. 28)
 - i. Even after Baal worship _____ in Israel
 - c. Made his son "_____ through in the fire"
 - i. Like the pagan king of _____ (3:27)
 - ii. Like the _____ things of other nations
 1. Which the _____ drove out
 2. Why _____ will be driven out
 - iii. Burned his sons as an _____ (2 Ch 28)
 - iv. _____ this practice to God's people
 1. _____ picks it up at the end (17:17)
 2. _____ will practice it (21:6)
 3. _____ will condemn it (Jer 7:31)
 - d. Sacrificed in the _____ places
 - i. Upon hills and under _____ luxuriant tree
 - ii. _____ description (indicates King did it)
 - iii. Likely involved _____ rites (1 Kings 14:23)
 - e. Summary → Ahaz became a _____ polytheist in hopes that some god would deliver him.

For they also built for themselves high places and pillars and Asherim on every high hill and under every green tree, and there were also male cult prostitutes in the land. They did according to all the abominations of the nations that the LORD drove out before the people of Israel.

1 Kings 14:22-23

Then [Moab's king] took his oldest son who was to reign in his place and offered him for a burnt offering on the wall. And there came great wrath against Israel. And they withdrew from him and returned to their own land.

2 Kings 3:27

And he walked in the way of the kings of Israel, as the house of Ahab had done, for the daughter of Ahab was his wife. And he did what was evil in the sight of the LORD.

2 Kings 8:18

And they burned their sons and their daughters as offerings and used divination and omens and sold themselves to do evil in the sight of the LORD, provoking him to anger.

2 Kings 17:17

And he burned his son as an offering and used fortune-telling and omens and dealt with mediums and with necromancers. He did much evil in the sight of the LORD, provoking him to anger.

2 Kings 21:6

And they have built the high places of Topheth, which is in the Valley of the Son of Hinnom, to burn their sons and their daughters in the fire, which I did not command, nor did it come into my mind.

Jeremiah 7:31

Quote on AhaZ's Despicable Practices

“Of course, our abominations are often desecralized. In my own land our fertility rites are more often celebrated in university dormitories than at Asherah chapels and Moloch receives his due in sterile clinics rather than at religious shrines. As of this writing, my own government cannot muster enough votes to stop the horror of ‘partial-birth’ abortion. The ‘gathering darkness’ is not confined to Judah, and organizing national prayer breakfasts or lobbying for evangelical chaplains in Congress will never disperse it.”

(Dale Ralph Davis, *2 Kings: The Power and the Fury*, 2005, p 232)