

## 68. The Thistle and the Cedar

### 2 Kings 14:8-14 AMP

Then Amaziah sent messengers to Jehoash son of Jehoahaz, the son of Jehu, king of Israel, saying, Come, let us look one another in the face and test each other.

Jehoash king of Israel replied to Amaziah king of Judah, The thistle in Lebanon sent to the cedar in Lebanon, saying, Give your daughter to my son as wife. And a wild beast of Lebanon passed by and trampled the thistle [leaving the cedar unharmed].

You have indeed smitten Edom, and your heart has lifted you up. Glory in that, and stay at home; for why should you meddle to your hurt and provoke calamity, causing you to fall, you and Judah with you?

But Amaziah would not hear. So Jehoash king of Israel went up; and he and Amaziah king of Judah measured swords at Beth-shemesh, which belongs to Judah.

But Judah was defeated by Israel, and every man fled home.

And Jehoash king of Israel captured Amaziah king of Judah, son of Joash, the son of Ahaziah, at Beth-shemesh, and came to Jerusalem and broke down the wall of Jerusalem from the Ephraim Gate to the Corner Gate, 400 cubits.

He seized all the gold and silver and all the vessels found in the Lord's house and in the treasuries of the king's house, also hostages, and returned to Samaria.



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| AMAZIAH  | EPHRAIM    | PASSED     |
| BEAST    | FACE       | PROVOKE    |
| BELONGS  | GATE       | SAMARIA    |
| BETH     | GOLD       | SMITTEN    |
| CALAMITY | HOSTAGES   | TEST       |
| CEDAR    | JEHOASH    | THISTLE    |
| CORNER   | LEAVING    | TRAMPLED   |
| CUBITS   | LEBANON    | TREASURIES |
| DAUGHTER | MEDDLE     | UNHARMED   |
| DEFEATED | MESSENGERS | WILD       |