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3165c AM, 3875 JP, 839 BC, 40,1 SK, 3 NK

**545. SK-**The next year some small bands of men belonging to Hazael, king of Syria, attacked Judah and Jerusalem and killed all the chiefs of the people. They took all their spoil back to their king. When they were gone, Joash was left very sick. [E52] [L75] In revenge for Jehoiada's son Zechariah's death, his servants conspired against him and killed him in his bed at the beginning of the fortieth year of his reign. {#2Ch 24:1,23-27 2Ki 12:1,17-21} His successor, Amasiah, began his reign of twenty-nine years toward the end of the second year of Joash, king of Israel. {#2Ki 14:1,2} When he was established in his kingdom, he killed the servants who had murdered his father. He spared their children, however, according to the law of God as delivered by Moses. {#2Ki 14:5,6 2Ch 25:3,4}

3178 AM, 3888 JP, 826 BC 14 SK, 16 NK

**549.** Amasiah became proud of his recent victory over the Edomites. In the fourteenth year of his reign, Josephus stated that he provoked Joash, king of the Israelites, to battle. {\*Josephus, Antiq., l. 9. c. 9. s. 3. (199) 6:105} In the battle at Bethshemesh, he was defeated and taken prisoner. He was

released on payment of a large ransom, including hostages.  
{#2Ki 14:8-14 2Ch 25:17-24}

**550. NK-Joash defeated Amasiah, king of Judah, and took him prisoner. He broke down six hundred feet of the wall of Jerusalem from the gate of Ephraim to the corner gate. When he had taken all the treasure from both the temple and the king's house, he returned to Samaria. {#2Ki 14:13,14 2Ch 25:23,24}**

**3194c AM, 3904 JP, 810 BC, 29 SK, 15 NK**

**553. SK-When Amasiah discovered a conspiracy against him at Jerusalem, he fled to Lachish, where he was murdered. From there he was carried to the city of David and buried. {#2Ki 14:19,20 2Ch 25:27,28}**