

# Lesson 4

## Oded, A Man of Faith Stands Alone Against Many

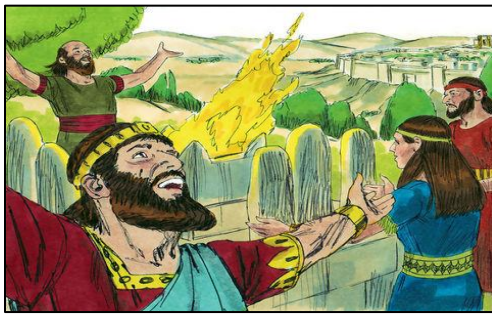
Lesson Text: 2 Kings 16 and 2 Chronicles 28



Our lesson today begins with a wicked king and a kingdom divided.

The kingdom had split into 2 kingdoms when Rehoboam, the son of Solomon ascended the throne. A man named Jeroboam had taken over the northern kingdom of Israel, leaving Rehoboam to rule Judah.

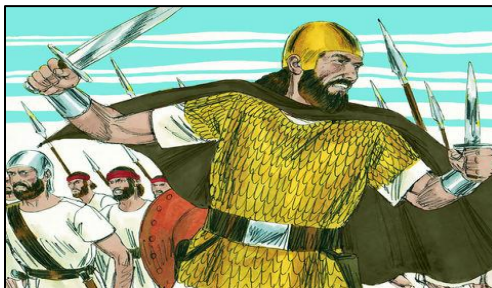
We now have the kingdom of Judah and the kingdom of Israel.



King Ahaz was the king of Judah for sixteen years. He was not a good king.

He was an idol worshiper, he burnt incense to idols, and unbelievably, he burnt his children in sacrifice to the fake gods.

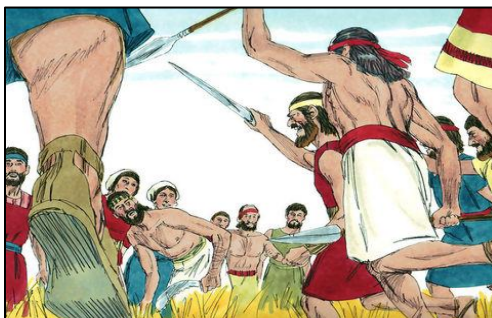
He sacrificed and burnt incense in the high places, on the hills and under every green tree.



This man was not a good example for his people, and he is not a good example for us today.

In 2 Chronicles 28:5, we see that the Lord God delivered him into, first, the hand of the king Rezin of Syria.

King Rezin and his army smote King Ahaz and carried a lot of people away as their captives and brought them to Damascus.

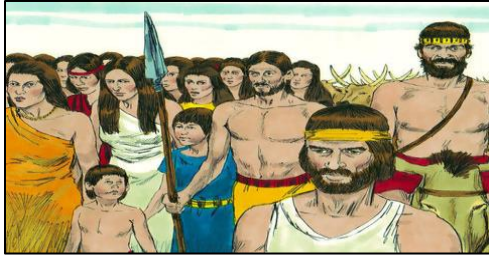


We then see that King Pekah of Israel also smote King Ahaz with a great slaughter.

King Pekah's army slew a hundred and twenty thousand valiant men all in one day.

We are told in verse 6 that this was done because King Ahaz and his people had forsaken the Lord God of their fathers.

They had left God and worshiped idols.



King Pekah and his army captured two hundred thousand women and children from Judah.

They took the people and carried them and much spoil to Samaria.

In verse 9 we see that a prophet of the Lord named Oded was in Samaria and he went out before the host that came to Samaria with their captives and spoil.

He doesn't go out to say hi. He confronts them. Alone.

He confronts them, knowing that God was with him. Even though he was the only person to stand up to this army, he had faith that God would be with him.

He tells them that their actions in slaying and capturing the people of Judah displeased God. He tells them they had sinned against the Lord their God.

Oded tells them to release their captives that they captured of their brethren.

He goes on to say that the fierce wrath of the Lord was upon them for their actions.

The bravery of Oded was witnessed by many and other princes of Israel stood up against them that came from war.

They told the army that they would not allow them to bring the captives there because they had already offended against the Lord.

They accused them (truthfully) of intending to add more to their sins and trespasses, for their trespass was great and the wrath of God was fierce against Israel.

So, the armed men left the captives and the spoil with the princes and all the congregation.

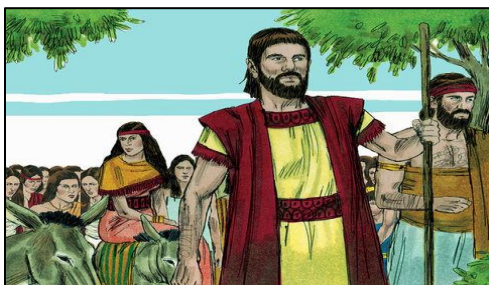
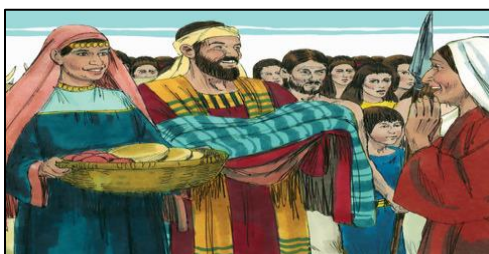
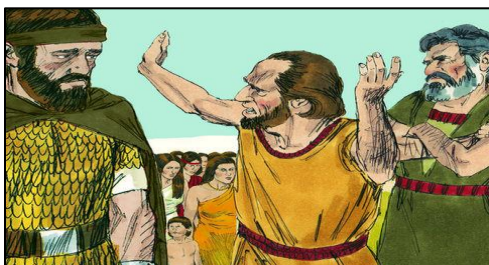
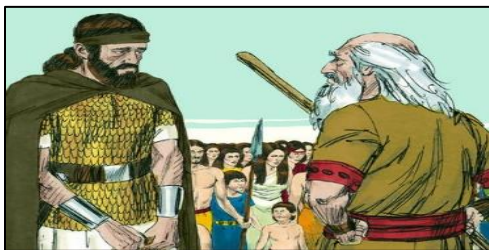
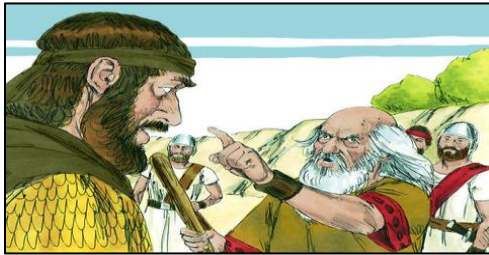
The people who had followed Oded in standing up for what was right then clothed the captives and gave them food and water.

They also put the weak and old on donkeys and carried them to Jericho as free people!

We should follow Oded's example, even today. We should have faith in God to stand up for Him.

Even if we are alone.

Even if we must stand against a crowd of people.



# Thought Questions

We see the example of Oded when he stood up for many women and children. He stood against a king and his army. He told them the wrath of God was upon them and he had faith that God was with him as he stood alone. He set an example for others and caused them to also stand up for what was right.

1. What does it mean to have faith in God?
2. When should we stand up for what is right?
3. How should we stand up for what is right?
4. What if we are scared? What can we do?
5. What are some things we can pray for to help the people of the world?
6. How can we set an example for others?

## Multiple Choice

1. Oded was a \_\_\_\_\_ of God.  
a. king    b. prophet    c. prince    d. judge
2. Oded went out before the host that came to \_\_\_\_\_ .  
a. Sheridan    b. Judah    c. Samaria    d. Jerusalem
3. King \_\_\_\_\_ was the king of Judah.  
a. Ahaz    b. Pekah    c. Araz    d. Oded
4. King \_\_\_\_\_ was the king of Israel.  
a. Ahaz    b. Pekah    c. Araz    d. Oded

## True/False

1. People stood up for what was right after they saw Oded do it alone. \_\_\_\_\_
2. Oded told the army he agreed with them capturing the women and children. \_\_\_\_\_
3. The army laughed at Oded and killed the captives. \_\_\_\_\_
4. Oded told the army the wrath of God was upon them. \_\_\_\_\_

# Cryptogram: 2 Chronicles 28:11

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