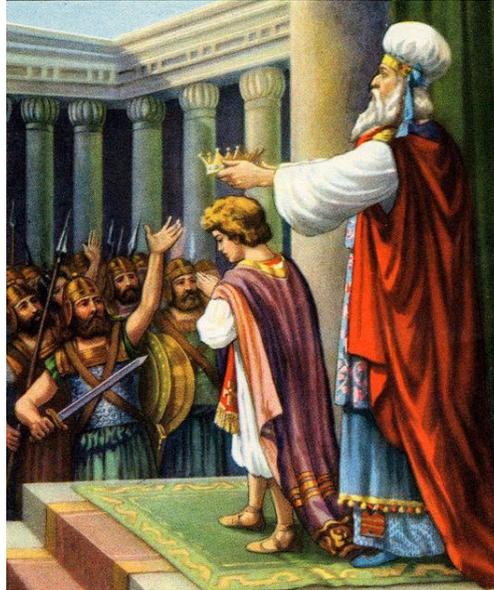


# The Weekly Haftorah

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## The Haftorah for the Second Day of Pesach

The Haftorah is read from Melachim Bet (Kings 2) 23:1-9 and 21-25

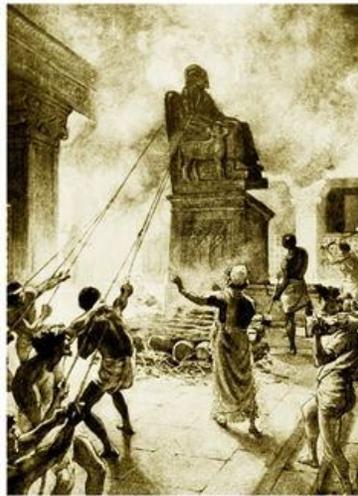


**King Josiah being Coroneted by Chilkiyahu the Kohen Gadol**

**The connection of the Haftorah to Pesach:** The Haftorah relates a very special Pesach season during the reign of King Yoshiyahu.

**The storyline of this week's Haftorah:** The Haftorah is only 14 pesukim long. The Haftorah describes how King Yoshiyahu who ruled over the Kingdom of Yehuda destroyed all the idols in Israel. It then describes the Pesach that followed these events. When the month of Nissan arrived, Yoshiyahu commanded that every Jew come to Yerushalayim to give their Pesach offering. This Pesach was unique as the Jews' sincerity was so much greater. Also special about this particular Pesach was the overwhelming number of Jews who were bringing their offerings. In the past, the kingdom had been split, and now, every Jew was participating. The royal family also donated sheep for people to use for their offerings.

**Background:** King Yoshiyahu's two predecessors were both reshaim, evil people. His grandfather, King Menashe, set up an idol in the Bais Hamikdash and also erased the name of Hashem in the Torah, replacing it with the name baal (an idol). King Menashe's son, Amon, placed an idol in the Holiest of Holies. After two years of reign, Amon was assassinated by his ministers, and his eight year old son, Yoshiyahu, succeeded him. Yoshiyahu had all of the idols destroyed outside of Yerushalaim in the valley of Kidron. He then ordered the ashes to be moved to Bais Ail. Yoshiyahu also got rid of all the wizards, and priests.



King Josiah cleaned out Jerusalem of its Idols

**King Yoshiyahu's Biography:** King Yoshiyahu was Bnai Yisroel's last gasp — the last good thing that happened to the Israelites before their kingdom was destroyed. Yoshiyahu became king as a child of only eight, and soon took an interest in Hashem, contrary to his father King Amon. Early in life he instituted reforms and took steps against idol worship. At 25 years of age, Yoshiyahu decided to rebuild the Temple, deteriorated with age. As the workers were cleaning, they found an obscure book that no one had ever heard of — the Torah, forgotten by previous generations. As the king listened to his secretary read the Torah, he was struck with grief and terror, certain that Hashem was furious with him and his people for their disobedience. Immediately, Yoshiyahu set upon a system to eliminate idol worship and renew the worship to Hashem. He toured the land, destroying idol shrines, and celebrated the Passover for the first time in decades. The revival was wonderful. But as soon as Yoshiyahu died, the people returned to their evil ways.



**Famous Phrases:** Kings 2, 23:25, "*V'chamohu lo hayah melech asher shav el Hashem b'chol livavo uv'chal nafsho, uv'chol m'odo*" " Before him there was no king like him (Yoshiyahu) who turned to Hashem with all his heart and all his soul and all his resources" Yoshiahu fulfilled the exhortation we say three times a day in Keri'at Shema , "*V'ahavta et Hashem Elokecha b'chal l'vavcha uv'chal nafshicha u'vchal m'odecha*" "And you shall love Hashem, with all your heart and all your soul and all your resources"



Josiah was killed by Pharaoh Necho in Megiddo

**Timeline:**

ERA OF THE PROPHETS

ERA OF FIRST TEMPLE - 410 YEARS

ERA OF THE KINGS

CENTURY 31

990 3000 3010 3020 3030 3040 3050 3060 3070 3080 3090  
 770 -760 -750 -740 -730 -720 -710 -700 -690 -680 -670

THE FIRST BAIS HAMIKDASH

ERA OF FIRST TEMPLE - 410 YEARS

1000 YEARS PROPHECY FROM REVELATION AT SINAI TO END OF THE PROPHETS

ELIJAH THE PROPHET

YAH BEN ODED  
NANI HARO'EH  
BEN CHANANI

OVADIAH &  
MICHAIHU  
BEN YIMLAH

YACHAZIEL BEN  
ZECHARIAH &  
ELIEZER  
BEN DODAVAHU

YONAH  
BEN AMITAI

YEHOIADA  
HAKOHEN

ZECHARIAH  
BEN YEHOIADA

ELISHA BEN SHAFAT

ASA

THE KINGS OF JUDAH

ASA

ASA

YEHORAM  
ACHAZIAH  
BEN YEHORAM

YEHOASH BEN ACHAZIAH

YEHOSHAPHAT

ASALIAH

YEHOSHAPHAT TEACHES PEOPLE THE LAW  
YEHOSHAPHAT MAKES A TREATY WITH ACHAV  
AND JOINS IN BATTLE AGAINST KAM

ASA SUTRS AID FROM ARAM  
ASA IMPRISONNS CHANANI FOR REBUNING HIM

YEHORAM MARRIES ACHAV'S DAUGHTER  
STAYS FROM BARRON  
ACHAZIAH IS KILLED BY YEHU  
HIS MOTHER ASALIAH TAKES OVER RULE  
YEHOSHAPHAT COOPERATES WITH ACHAZIAH IN BUILDING  
A FLEET AND IS RESCUED BY ELIEZER BEN DODAVAHU

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BAASHA

THE KINGS OF ISRAEL

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TIVNI  
OMRI

ACHAV BEN OMRI

YEHORAM  
BEN ACHAV

YEHOACHAZ BEN YEHOASH

ELAH

OMRI

YEHU BEN YEHOSHAPHAT

ZIMRI

ACHAZIAH  
BEN ACHAV

BAASHA DESTROYS THE ENTIRE  
HOUSE OF JEHOASH

BAASHA ATTACKS JUDAH

ACHAV MARRIES ZEVEL AND WORSHIPS BAAL  
ACHAV AND ZEVEL KILL MANY OF THE PROPHETS

ACHAZIAH INQUIRES OF THE GOD OF SKRON  
ELIJAH FORETELLS ACHAV'S DEATH

YEHU DESTROYS THE HOUSE OF ACHAV

ELAH IS KILLED  
BY ZIMRI

ZIMRI DESTROYS  
HOUSE OF BAASHA

OMRI REBELS  
SABARBA  
AS HIS CAPITAL

ELIJAH PROPHECIZES A DROUGHT  
ELIJAH REFUTES PROPHETS OF BAAL ON  
MOUNT CAMEL AND KILLS THEM

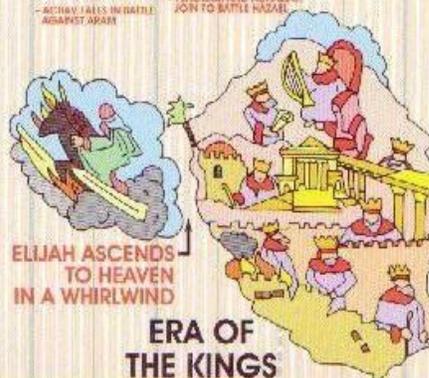
BEN-HADAD OF ARAM CONQUERS  
SABARBA BUT IS THEN DEFEATED

ACHAV SEALS VINEYARD FROM NABOTH  
ACHAV FALLS IN BATTLE  
AGAINST ARAM

YEHORAM JOINS WITH YEHOSHAPHAT  
AND BODI AGAINST MOAB

NAAMAN IS CURED BY ELISHA IN SAMARIA

BEN-HADAD BESIEGES SAMARIA THEN FLEES  
YEHORAM AND ACHAZIAH  
JOIN TO BATTLE HAZARL



ERA OF THE KINGS

A NEW SYSTEM  
OF TEMPLE  
MAINTENANCE  
BY YEHOASH

OF ZERAH  
ETHIOPIAN

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