



Pekah turned toward the south (P) to increase his holdings; Rezin of Damascus did likewise (R, R), menacing Judah and taking Elath from the Jews (2 Kings 16:5, 6). Threatened on both sides, Ahaz refused God's

proffered help (Isa. 7:8) and bribed Tiglath-pileser of Assyria with Temple treasures to save him. Assyria took Damascus and slew Rezin, while shortly thereafter Pekah was killed even as he had slain his predecessor.