

Event 8: Hazael's Expansion

Event 8 happened during the Heyday of Damascus. The two blue arrows show Hazael's campaign - Hazael seized the Transjordanian Highway from Israel (as recorded in 2 Kings 10:32-33) and also the Coastal Highway onto the Philistine Plain. . Hazael planned to turn from Gath to attack Judah in the Hill Country, but king Joash saved Jerusalem by sending heavy tribute to Hazael (2 Kings 12:17-18).

It is clear from this marking that Hazael's invasion was a disaster for Israel and Judah, who lost their economic hold on the country's trade routes along the two imperial highways.