

## Week 25

### Israel: Ahaziah and Jehoram (Joram)

2 Kings 1-3, 8-10

### Judah: Jehoram and Ahaziah

2 Chron 21-22

**T**his week's lesson is intensely confusing! There are two kings named Jehoram, two kings named Ahaziah, an avenger named Jehu, and all of them are wicked. These people are the opposite of our model of the Blessed Man. For an even greater contrast, go back and read how the Glory Cloud entered the Temple in 1 Kings 8:10-13, and then consider Solomon's great prayer—

*1Ki 8:23-25 "O LORD, God of Israel, there is no God like you, in heaven above or on earth beneath, keeping covenant and showing steadfast love to your servants who walk before you with all their heart; you have kept with your servant David my father what you declared to him. You spoke with your mouth, and with your hand have fulfilled it this day. Now therefore, O LORD, God of Israel, keep for your servant David my father what you have promised him, saying, 'You shall not lack a man to sit before me on the throne of Israel, if only your sons pay close attention to their way, to walk before me as you have walked before me.'"*

I shudder and tremble at the thought that the Savior that I love had to bear, rather, chose to bear, the wrath and the fury poured out on Him because of the wicked deeds these evil kings carried out. It seems so unfair. I find myself hating them, rejoicing in their disgraceful deaths which fits their wickedness. But Jesus? Could I have said, "Father, forgive them..." as I was being executed for what *they* have done? Not without a massive infusion of grace from a loving Father! But isn't that what He gives us? Our Father calls us to walk before Him, just like Jesus walked before Him. And Jesus, David's Son, says "Follow Me, and I will sit on the throne of your heart, and then you will reign with Me forever."

There is a lot to read here, and I am staying in Kings for most of our journey. The parallels in Chronicles focus solely on the the Kings of Judah, and those parallels do give us more information. I have tried to sort it all out in the outline. I really hope it helps. Enjoy the journey!

**The Outline: Wicked Kings North and South**  
**North—Israel**

**2 Kings 1 Ahaziah's Short Reign**

*2 Chron 20:35 Alliance with Jehoshaphat*

1:1-2 Ahaziah's fall and injury

1:3-16 Elijah tells Ahaziah he will die

1:17-18 Ahaziah dies (as Elijah predicted)

**2 Kings 2 Elisha After Elijah**

**2 Kings 3 Jehoram Battles Moab**

3:1-3 Jehoram's wicked character

3:4-9 Moab rebels and Jehoram joins with Jehoshaphat

3:10-19 Elisha called to prophesy

3:20-27 The Lord defeats Moab

**2 Kings 4 Four Miracles of Elisha**

*The widows oil*

*Raising the rich Shunammite woman's son*

*Healing the poisonous stew*

*The multiplying loaves*

**2 Kings 5 Healing Naaman the Leper**

**2 Kings 6-7 Miracles Small and Great**

*The iron axe head floats*

*Elisha captures the blinded Syrian army*

*The miraculous victory at Samaria*

*[See Map on web site]*

**2 Kings 8 Elisha and Hazael**

8:1-6 Restoring the rich Shunammite woman's land

8:7-15 Elisha predicts Hazael will replace Benhadad

*[8:16-29 Judah: The reigns of Jehoram and Ahaziah—see below]*

**2 Kings 9 The Death of Jehoram**

9:1-6 Elisha anoints Jehu as King

9:7-13 Jehu is commissioned to wipe out the house of Ahab

9:14-29 Jehu kills Jehoram and Ahaziah *[of Judah]*

9:30-37 Jehu executes Jezebel

**2 Kings 10 The Death of the Dynasty of Ahab**

10:1-17 Jehu kills all of Ahab's family and family of Ahaziah of Judah

10:18-27 Jehu kills all the priests of Baal

10:28-36 Jehu reigns in Samaria

**South—Judah**

**2 Chron 21 Jehoram's Wicked Reign**

21:1-7 Summary of Jehoram's Reign *[2 Kng 8:16-24]*

21:8-15 The Edomite revolt

21:16-17 The Philistine Attack

21:18-20 Jehoram dies in disgrace

**2 Chron 22 Ahaziah's Wicked Reign**

22:1-9 Ahaziah's Reign and assassination by Jehu *[2 Kng 8:25-29]*

22:10-12 Queen Athaliah usurps the throne *[2 Kng 11:1-3]*