

2 Kings 8:16-29 **Kings of Judah – Jehoram – Ahaziah**

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20 In his days Edom revolted against Judah's authority, and made a king over themselves. 21 So Joram went to Zair, and all his chariots with him. Then he rose by night and attacked the Edomites who had surrounded him and the captains of the chariots; and the troops fled to their tents. 22 Thus Edom has been in revolt against Judah's authority to this day. And Libnah revolted at that time.

23 Now the rest of the acts of Joram, and all that he did, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah? 24 So Joram rested with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the City of David. Then Ahaziah his son reigned in his place.

Ahaziah Reigns in Judah [2 Kings 8:25-29, 2 Chronicles 22:1-6]

25 In the twelfth year of Joram the son of Ahab, king of Israel, Ahaziah the son of Jehoram, king of Judah, began to reign. 26 Ahaziah was twenty-two years old when he became king, and he reigned one year in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Athaliah the granddaughter of Omri, king of Israel. 27 And he walked in the way of the house of Ahab, and did evil in the sight of the Lord, like the house of Ahab, for he was the son-in-law of the house of Ahab.

28 Now he went with Joram the son of Ahab to war against Hazael king of Syria at Ramoth Gilead; and the Syrians wounded Joram. 29 Then King Joram went back to Jezreel to recover from the wounds which the Syrians had inflicted on him at Ramah, when he fought against Hazael king of Syria. And Ahaziah the son of Jehoram, king of Judah, went down to see Joram the son of Ahab in Jezreel, because he was sick.

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Facts Revealed:

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- ✧ Jehoshaphat the son of Asa had been king of Judah 25 years during the last 18 years of the reign of Ahab king of Israel, 2 years of Ahaziah son of Ahab, and 5 years of Jehoram (Joram) son of Ahab kings of Israel. [1 Kings 15:24]
- ✧ 16 Now in the **fifth year of Joram the son of Ahab**, king of Israel, Jehoshaphat having been king of Judah, **Jehoram the son of Jehoshaphat** began to reign as king of Judah. 17 He was thirty-two years old when he became king, and he reigned eight years in Jerusalem. 18 **And he walked in the way of the kings of Israel, just as the house of Ahab had done, for the daughter of Ahab was his wife; and he did evil in the sight of the Lord.** 19 Yet the Lord would not destroy Judah, for the sake of His servant David, as He promised him to give a lamp to him and his sons forever. [2 Kings 8:16-19]

- ✧ Ahab king of Israel named one of his sons Jehoram which was shortened to Joram.
- ✧ Jehoshaphat king of Judah named his first son Jehoram which was shortened to Joram.
- ✧ Jehoram son of Ahab became king of Israel in the 18th year of Jehoshaphat king of Judah.
- ✧ Jehoram son of Jehoshaphat became king of Judah in the 5th year of Jehoram king of Israel.
- ✧ Jehoram son of Jehoshaphat married the daughter of Ahab king of Israel.
- ✧ Because of his close relationship with the wicked Ahab and Jezebel of Israel, Jehoram king of Judah did evil in the sight of the Lord following their example even though Ahab had been killed according to the word of the Lord spoken by the prophets Elijah and Micaiah. [\[1 Kings 21:20-24, 22:1-40\]](#)
- ✧ Here we see the longsuffering of the Lord and His faithfulness in keeping His promises as he spared Judah for the sake of His promise to David the righteous king.
- ✧ However the sins of Jehoram king of Judah had its consequences.
- ✧ **20** In his days Edom revolted against Judah's authority, and made a king over themselves. **21** So Joram went to Zair, and all his chariots with him. Then he rose by night and attacked the Edomites who had surrounded him and the captains of the chariots; and the troops fled to their tents. **22** Thus Edom has been in revolt against Judah's authority to this day. And Libnah revolted at that time. [\[2 Kings 8:20-22\]](#)
- ✧ Edom had become subject to Judah in the days of David king of all Israel. [\[2 Samuel 8:13-14\]](#)
- ✧ Now because of the sins of Joram, the kingdom of Judah begins to crumble. [\[2 Kings 8:20-22\]](#)
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- ✧ Evil companions corrupt. [\[1 Corinthians 15:33\]](#)
- ✧ With an evil father and an evil father-in-law, Ahaziah had no righteous influence from his family relationships except from his grandfather Jehoshaphat the righteous king of Judah.
- ✧ His mother Athaliah also was as evil being the granddaughter of the evil king Omri of Israel.
- ✧ The result was an evil king as Ahaziah followed the evil influence of his parents and in-laws.
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- ✧ This put Ahaziah in Jezreel within range of Jehu who killed both evil kings and Jezebel according to the Word of God through the prophets Elijah and Elisha. [\[1 Kings 21:20-24, 2 Kings 9:1-37, 10:1-28\]](#)