

II Chronicles 21-28

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Lecture #28

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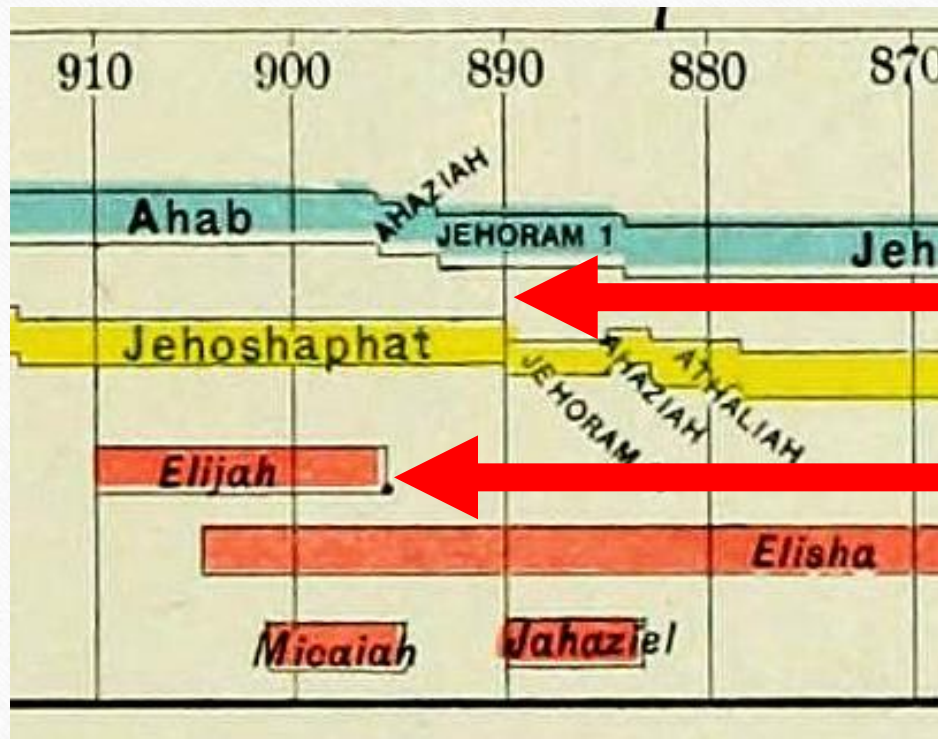
Jehoram's Reign

Jehoram/Joram



- Married to Athaliah, daughter of Ahab and Jezebel.
- Oldest of Jehoshaphat's seven sons.
- Kills his brothers and other leaders to solidify reign.
- Client kingdoms (Edom and Libnah) revolt.

Elijah's Message



- Reese dates Elijah's ascension to 896 B.C and this letter delivered seven years later.
- Elijah's ascension is probably during Jehoram of Israel's reign – I Kings 2
- Jehoshaphat is still alive – I Kings 3

Judgments



- Three judgments against Jehoram:
 - Rebellion of Edom and Libnah
 - Philistine/Arabian Invasion
 - Illness

Philistine/Arabian Invasion

- The combined forces of Philistia and Arabia invade.
- This seems to be more of a raid than a campaign.
- They spoil Jerusalem.
- They kill most of the royal house, leaving only one heir, Jehoahaz/Ahaziah



Jehoram's Death

- The last two years of his reign are marked by a terrible illness.
 - Dysentery? Colon cancer?
- After his death he is not mourned.
- His only surviving son, Jehoahaz/Ahaziah takes the throne.



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Ahaziah and Athaliah

Ahaziah



- Influenced greatly by his mother Athaliah to follow the ways of Ahab.
- Went to war with his uncle Jehoram.
- Is killed by Jehu.

Athaliah



- Ahaziah's mother Athaliah seizes power in Judah.
- She kills all other possible claimants to the throne...
 - ...except Joash, who was hidden away.

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Joash's Rise

Joash, the Boy-King

- The High Priest Jehoiada leads a conspiracy to put Joash on the throne.
- Seven-year-old Joash is proclaimed king in the Temple.
- Athaliah is captured and executed.



Jehoiada's Reforms



- High Priest Johoiada acts as regent for the boy-king.
- He leads the people to turn against Baal and toward God.
- A time of peace and prosperity is ushered in.

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Joash's Fall

Jehoash



- Reigns 40 years.
- Jehoiada guides him in his life and rule.

Repairing the Temple

- Joash leads a movement to repair the Temple.
 - It has not had proper maintenance at times since its construction.
 - Its wealth had been spoiled many times.
 - Enemies had defaced it.



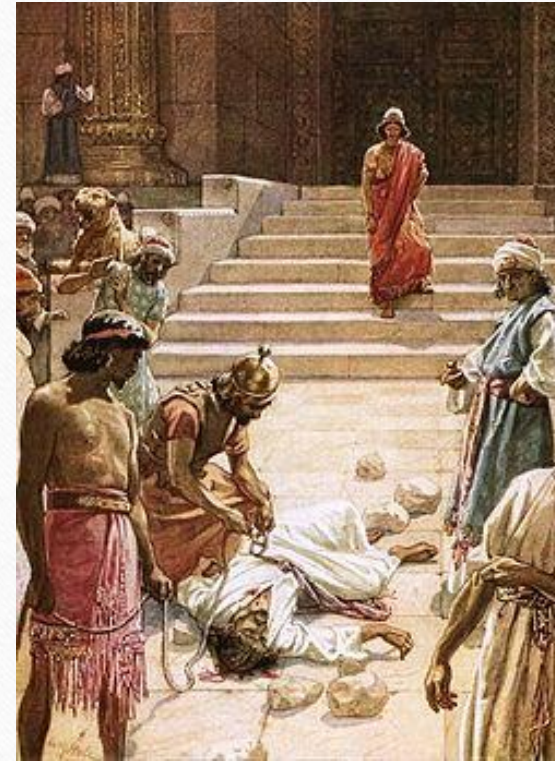
Death of Jehoiada



- Jehoiada dies at 130 years of age.
- Joash turns from godly advice to the wicked advice of his princes.

Death of Zechariah

- God sends prophets to rebuke Joash.
- Zechariah, son of Jehoiada, rebukes Joash.
- Joash has him stoned in the Temple court.



Fall of Joash

- The Syrians arrive, defeat Joash's army, and spoil the kingdom.
- Joash is bedridden by illness.
- His own servants conspire against him and assassinate him.
- Amaziah inherits the throne.



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Amaziah

Amaziah

- Reigns 29 years.
- Starts well...



Mercenary Mistake

- Amaziah has 300,000 men and hires 100,000 mercenaries from Israel.
 - 100 talents of silver means 3 shekels per man.
- Amaziah sends the mercenaries home after warned by a prophet.
- The mercenaries attack and spoil northern Judah.



Idolatry

- Amaziah defeats the Edomites.
- In a surprising move, he takes the Edomite idols and begins to worship them.
- A prophet rebukes the king.



Battle Against Israel

- After his victory over Edom, Amaziah's pride leads him to provoke war with Israel.
- Amaziah is defeated at Bethshemesh.
- Joash/Jehoash, king of Israel, spoils Jerusalem.



Death of Amaziah



- Spurred by his defeats and idolatry, a conspiracy begins against Amaziah.
- Amaziah flees to Lachish, but is captured and killed there.
- His son Uzziah takes the throne.

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Uzziah

Uzziah/Azariah



- Becomes king at 16 and reigns 52 years.
- “as long as he sought the LORD, God made him to prosper”

Military Success

- Leads an army of 307,500 soldiers with 2,600 mighty men.
- Secures and strengthens the kingdom.
- Creates new weapons and siegecraft.
- “he was marvellously helped, till he was strong.”



Uzziah's Undoing

- “when he was strong, his heart was lifted up to his destruction”
- Attempted to offer incense in the Temple.
- The High Priest Azariah and 80 priests stop him.
- He is stricken with leprosy – “a living death”
- His son Jotham co-reigns until his death.



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Jotham

Jotham



- A good king that learned from his father's mistakes.
 - “he entered not into the temple of the LORD”
- The people are another matter...
- Defeated the Ammonites.
- His son Ahaz inherits the throne.

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Ahaz

Ahaz

- Reigned for 16 years.
- A wicked king.
- Promoted idolatry.
- Sacrificed his own children.



Military Defeats

- Both Israel and Syria defeat Ahaz.
 - 120,000 fall in one day!
 - 200,000 captives taken plus spoils!
- Obed the prophet intervenes, and the captives and spoils are returned.
- Seeks alliance with Assyria, which backfires.
- Loses to Edomites and Philistines.



Ahaz's End

- Turns to worshipping the gods of Syria.
- Closes the Temple and promotes idolatry.
- His son Hezekiah inherits the throne.

