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Asa, righteous king of Judah, then wicked

Son of Abijam (Abijah) partially righteous king of Judah

1Ki 15:9 And in the twentieth year of Jeroboam king of Israel

reigned Asa over Judah.

1Ki 15:10a And forty and one years reigned he in Jerusalem.

2Ch 14:1b In his days the land was quiet ten years.

1Ki 15:10b And his mother's name was Maachah, the daughter of Abishalom.

Note: **Asa** and Abijah had the same mother. Abijah committed incest with his mother. (1Ki 15:2) by which **Asa** was born.

Maacah was a Queen mother who worshiped the goddess Asherah (1Ki 15:13)

Nadab, wicked king of Israel During the reign of Asa king of Judah

Brief summary of Nadab's life

1Ki 15:25 And Nadab the son of Jeroboam began to reign over Israel

in the second year of Asa king of Judah,

and reigned over Israel two years.

1Ki 15:26 And he did evil in the sight of **the LORD**, and walked in the way of **his father**, and in his sin wherewith he made **Israel** to sin.

Nadab is overthrown by Baasha who reigns in his place

1Ki 15:27 And Baasha the son of Ahijah, of the house of Issachar, conspired against him;

and **Baasha** smote him at **Gibbethon**, which *belonged* to the **Philistines**; for [while] **Nadab** and **all Israel** laid siege to **Gibbethon**.

1Ki 15:28 Even [So] in the third year of Asa king of Judah did Baasha slay him, and reigned in his stead.

More records of Nadab

1Ki 15:31 Now the rest of the acts of **Nadab**, and all that he did, *are* they not written in **the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?**

Note: This is not 1,2 Chronicles of the Bible but it is recommended reading (if you can find it).

Baasha, wicked king of Israel after killing Nadab Son of Ahijah During the reign of Asa king of Judah

Brief summary of Baasha's life

1Ki 15:33 In the third year of Asa king of Judah

began Baasha the son of Ahijah to reign over all Israel in Tirzah,

twenty and four years.

1Ki 15:34 And he did evil in the sight of **the LORD,** and walked in the way of **Jeroboam**, and in his sin wherewith he made **Israel** to sin.

Baasha destroys the whole household of Jeroboam

Note: Jeroboam's army previously was killed by **Abijam's (Abijah's) army** and the Lord Himself killed Jeroboam. (2 Chronicles 13).

1Ki 15:29 And it came to pass, when he reigned, *that* he smote all the house of Jeroboam; he left not to Jeroboam any that breathed, until he had destroyed him, according unto the saying of the LORD, which he spake

by his servant Ahijah the Shilonite:

1Ki 15:30 **Because** of the sins of *Jeroboam* which he sinned, and which he made *Israel* sin, by his provocation wherewith he provoked the *LORD God of Israel* to anger.

Jehu the prophet rebukes Baasha

1Ki 16:1 Then the word of the LORD came to Jehu the son of Hanani against Baasha, saying,

1Ki 16:2 Forasmuch as I exalted thee out of the dust, and made thee prince over my people **Israel**; and thou hast walked in the way of **Jeroboam**, and hast made my people **Israel** to sin, to provoke me to anger with their sins;

1Ki 16:3 Behold, I will take away the posterity of **Baasha**, and the posterity of **his house**; and will make thy house like **the house of Jeroboam the son of Nebat.**

1Ki 16:4 Him that dieth of **Baasha** in the city shall the dogs eat; and him that dieth of his in the fields shall the fowls of the air eat.

1Ki 16:7 And also by the hand of the prophet Jehu the son of Hanani came the word of the LORD against Baasha, and against his house, even for all the evil that he did in the sight of the LORD, in provoking him to anger with the work of his hands, in being like the house of Jeroboam; and because he killed him.

Note: Each succeeding king of northern Israel was more wicked than the former, encouraging Israel to engage in witchcraft, sacrifice their children to demons, engage in all manner of sexual perversion, and pervert justice.

Asa, righteous then wicked king of Judah in parallel reign with Jeroboam, Nadab, Baasha, Elah, Zimri, Omri, wicked kings of Israel

1Ki 15:11 And Asa did that which was right in the eyes of the LORD, as did David his father.

- 1Ki 15:12 And he took away the sodomites out of the land,
- and removed all the idols that his fathers had made

Note: Sodomy (with people and animals) and having sex with a person of the same sex originates from witchcraft.

2Ch 14:2 And Asa did that which was good and right in the eyes of the LORD his God:

- 2Ch 14:3 For he took away the altars of the strange gods, and the high places, and brake down the images, and cut down the groves:
- 2Ch 14:5a Also he took away out of all the cities of Judah the high places and the images:

Note:

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2Ch 14:3 for he removed

- the foreign altars
- and high places,
- tore down the sacred pillars,
- cut down the Asherim,

2Ch 14:5a He also removed

the high places

and the incense altars

from all the cities of Judah.

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2Ch 14:3 For he took away

- the altars of the strange gods,
- and the high places,
- and brake down the images,
- and cut down the groves:

2Ch 14:5a Also he took away out of all the cities of **Judah** the high places and the images:

Groves contained tree stumps carved in the images of gods/demons.

Sacred Pillars or Images (H4676) were Obelisks like those in the Vatican (religion), the Washington DC monument (military), London (finance), which play a crucial role in the global government system, Bagdad, Israel, and several places all over the world. For some examples see http://s6.zetaboards.com/Free_Thinkers/topic/8716650/2/

2Ch 14:4 And commanded Judah to seek the LORD God of their fathers, and to do the law and the commandment. 2Ch 14:5b and the kingdom was quiet before him.

2Ch 14:6 And he built fenced cities in Judah: for the land had rest, and he had no war in those years; because the LORD had given him rest. (See 2 Ch 14:1b)

2Ch 14:7 Therefore he said unto **Judah**, Let us build these cities, and make about *them* walls, and towers, gates, and bars, *while* the land *is* yet before us [is still ours]; because we have sought **the LORD** our God, we have sought *him*, and he hath given us rest on every side. So they built and prospered.

Asa 's army with the LORD'S' help defeat Zerah's much larger Ethiopian army

2Ch 14:8 And Asa had an army of men

- that bare targets [large prickly pointed shields] and spears, out of **Judah** three hundred thousand;
- and out of **Benjamin**, that bare shields and drew bows, two hundred and fourscore thousand: all these *were* mighty men of valour.

2Ch 14:9 And there came out against them **Zerah the Ethiopian** with an host of a thousand thousand, and three hundred chariots; and came unto **Mareshah**.

2Ch 14:10 Then Asa went out against him, and they set the battle in array in the valley of Zephathah at Mareshah.

2Ch 14:11 And Asa cried unto the LORD his God, and said, LORD, it is nothing with thee to help, whether with many, or with them that have no power: help us, O LORD our God; for we rest on thee, and in thy name we go against this multitude. O LORD, thou art our God; let not man prevail against thee.

2Ch 14:12 So the LORD smote the Ethiopians before Asa, and before Judah; and the Ethiopians fled.

2Ch 14:13 And Asa and the people that *were* with him pursued them unto Gerar: and the Ethiopians were overthrown, that they could not recover themselves;

- for they were destroyed before the LORD, and before his host [His army];
- and they carried away very much spoil.

(Note: Joel 2:11a And **the LORD** shall utter his voice before his army: for his camp *is* very great: for *he is* strong that executeth his word...)

2Ch 14:14 And they smote all the cities round about Gerar; for the fear of the LORD came upon them:

- and they spoiled [despoiled] all the cities; for there was exceeding much spoil in them.
- 2Ch 14:15 They smote also the tents of cattle,
- and carried away sheep and camels in abundance, and returned to **Jerusalem**.

Note: Gerar is in Philistine territory

Azariah the prophet encourages Asa

2Ch 15:1 And the Spirit of God came upon Azariah the son of Oded:

2Ch 15:2 And he went out to meet Asa, and said unto him,

Hear ye me, **Asa**, and all **Judah** and **Benjamin**; **The LORD** *is* with you, while ye be with him; and if ye seek him, he will be found of you; but if ye forsake him, he will forsake you.

2Ch 15:3 Now for a long season Israel hath been without the true God, and without a teaching priest, and without law.

2Ch 15:4 But when they in their trouble did turn unto the LORD God of Israel, and sought him, he was found of them.

2Ch 15:5 And in those times *there was* no peace to him that went out, nor to him that came in, but great vexations *were* upon all the inhabitants of the countries.

2Ch 15:6 And nation was destroyed of nation, and city of city: for God did vex them with all adversity.

2Ch 15:7 Be ye strong therefore, and let not your hands be weak: for your work shall be rewarded.

Asa removes more things pertaining to the worship of false gods

2Ch 15:8 And when Asa heard these words, and the prophecy of {H5838, H5752: Azariah the son of} Oded the prophet, he took courage, and put away the abominable idols out of all the land of Judah and Benjamin, and out of the cities which he had taken from mount Ephraim, and renewed the altar of the LORD, that was before the porch of the LORD.

Some from Israel defect back to Judah

2Ch 15:9 And he gathered all **Judah** and **Benjamin**, and the strangers with them out of **Ephraim** and **Manasseh**, and out of **Simeon**: for they fell [defected] to him out of Israel in abundance, when they saw that **the LORD** his God *was* with him.

Restoration of righteousness in Jerusalem

2Ch 15:10 So they gathered themselves together at Jerusalem in the third month, in the fifteenth year of the reign of Asa.

2Ch 15:11 And they offered unto the LORD the same time, of the spoil which they had brought, seven hundred oxen and seven thousand sheep.

2Ch 15:12 And they entered into a covenant to seek **the LORD God** of their fathers with all their heart and with all their soul;

2Ch 15:13 That whosoever would not seek **the LORD God of Israel** should be put to death, whether small or great, whether man or woman.

2Ch 15:14 And they sware unto the LORD with a loud voice, and with shouting, and with trumpets, and with cornets.

2Ch 15:15 And all Judah rejoiced at the oath: for they had sworn with all their heart, and sought him with their whole desire; and he was found of them; and the LORD gave them rest round about.

1Ki 15:13 And he also removed **Maacah** his mother from *being* queen mother, (note: Maacah was a priestess of witchcraft)

- because she had made a horrid image as an Asherah;
- and **Asa** cut down her horrid image and burned *it* at the brook Kidron.

1Ki 15:14 But the high places were not taken away; nevertheless the heart of **Asa** was wholly devoted to the **LORD** all his days.

1Ki 15:15 And he brought into **the house of the LORD** the dedicated things of his father and his own dedicated things: silver and gold and utensils.

2Ch 15:16 And he also removed **Maacah**, the mother of King **Asa**, from the *position of* queen mother,

- because she had made a horrid image as an Asherah,
- and Asa cut down her horrid image, crushed it and burned it at the brook Kidron.

2Ch 15:17 But the high places were not removed from Israel; nevertheless Asa 's heart was blameless all his days.

2Ch 15:18 And he brought into the house of God the dedicated things of his father and his own dedicated things: silver and gold and utensils.

2Ch 15:19 And there was no more war until the thirtyfifth year of Asa 's reign. (Descrepancy with 1Ki 15:16, 2Ch 16:1)

Relying on man instead of God removes the Lord's protection

1Ki 15:16 And there was war between **Asa** and **Baasha king of Israel all their days**.

Descrepancy with 2Ch 14:1b, 2Ch 15:19. Also Baasha died in the 26th year of **Asa** 's reign.

1Ki 15:32 And there was war between Asa and Baasha king of Israel all their days.

2Ch 16:1a In the six and thirtieth year of the reign of Asa

(Scholars theories: copyist error or smudge/tear on the original document either where divided kingdom is translated as reign, or 25 and 26 is translated as 35 and 36 -

http://www.apologeticspress.org/apcontent.aspx?category=6&article=302)

1Ki 15:17 And Baasha king of Israel went up against Judah, and built Ramah, that he might not suffer [allow] any to go out or come in to Asa king of Judah.

1Ki 15:18 Then **Asa** took all the silver and the gold *that were* left in the treasures of **the house of the LORD**, and the treasures of the king's house, and delivered them into the hand of his servants:

and king Asa sent them to Benhadad, the son of Tabrimon, the son of Hezion, king of Syria, that dwelt at Damascus, saying,

1Ki 15:19 *There is* a league between me and thee, *and* between my father and thy father: behold, I have sent unto thee a present of silver and gold; come and break thy league with **Baasha king of Israel**, that he may depart from me.

1Ki 15:20 So Benhadad hearkened unto king Asa, and sent the captains of the hosts which he had against the cities of Israel, and smote Ijon, and Dan, and Abelbethmaachah, and all Cinneroth, with all the land of Naphtali.

1Ki 15:21 And it came to pass, when **Baasha** heard *thereof,* that he left off building of **Ramah**, and dwelt in **Tirzah**.

1Ki 15:22 Then king Asa made a proclamation throughout all Judah; none was exempted: and they took away the stones of Ramah, and the timber thereof, wherewith Baasha had builded; and king Asa built with them Geba of Benjamin, and Mizpah.

2Ch 16:1b Baasha king of Israel came up against Judah, and built Ramah, to the intent that he might let none go out or come in to Asa king of Judah.

2Ch 16:2 Then Asa brought out silver and gold out of the treasures of the house of the LORD and of the king's house,

and sent to Benhadad king of Syria, that dwelt at Damascus, saying,

2Ch 16:3 *There is* a league between me and thee, as *there was* between my father and thy father: behold, I have sent thee silver and gold; go, break thy league with **Baasha king of Israel**, that he may depart from me.

2Ch 16:4 And Benhadad hearkened unto king Asa, and sent the captains of his armies against the cities of Israel; and they smote Ijon, and Dan, and Abelmaim, and all the store cities of Naphtali.

2Ch 16:5 And it came to pass, when **Baasha** heard *it*, that he left off building of **Ramah**, and let his work cease.

2Ch 16:6 Then **Asa the king** took all **Judah**; and they carried away the stones of **Ramah**, and the timber thereof, wherewith **Baasha** was building; and he built therewith **Geba and Mizpah**.

Hanani the seer rebukes Asa and is thrown in prison

2Ch 16:7 And at that time Hanani the seer came to Asa king of Judah, and said unto him,

Because thou hast relied on the king of Syria, and not relied on the LORD thy God, therefore is the host of the king of Syria escaped out of thine hand.

2Ch 16:8 Were not the **Ethiopians** and the **Lubims** a huge host, with very many chariots and horsemen? yet, because thou didst rely on **the LORD**, he delivered them into thine hand. 2Ch 16:9 For the eyes of **the LORD** run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to shew himself strong in the behalf of *them* whose heart *is* perfect toward him. Herein thou hast done foolishly: therefore from henceforth thou shalt have wars.

2Ch 16:10 Then **Asa** was wroth with **the seer**, and put him in a prison house; for *he was* in a rage with him because of this *thing*.

And Asa oppressed *some* of the people the same time.

More records of Baasha

1Ki 16:5 Now the rest of the acts of **Baasha**, and what he did, and his might, *are* they not written in **the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?**

Note: This is not 1,2 Chronicles of the Bible but it is recommended reading (if you can find it).

Transfer of power from Baasha king of Israel to his son Elah

1Ki 16:6 So Baasha slept with his fathers, and was buried in Tirzah: and Elah his son reigned in his stead.

Elah, wicked King of Israel Son of Baasha wicked king of Israel During the reign of Asa king of Judah

1Ki 16:8 In the twenty and sixth year of Asa king of Judah began Elah the son of Baasha to reign over Israel in Tirzah, two years.

Elah overthrown by Zimri who becomes king in his place

1Ki 16:9 And his servant **Zimri**, captain of half *his* chariots, conspired against him, as he was in **Tirzah**, drinking himself drunk in the house of Arza steward of *his* house in **Tirzah**.

1Ki 16:10 And **Zimri** went in and smote him, and killed him, in the twenty and seventh year of Asa king of Judah, and reigned in his stead.

More records of Elah

1Ki 16:14 Now the rest of the acts of **Elah** and all that he did, are they not written in **the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Israel?**

Note: This is not 1,2 Chronicles of the Bible but it is recommended reading (if you can find it).

Zimri, wicked King of **Israel** by killing Baasha During the reign of **Asa king of Judah**

Zimri destroys all the household of Baasha

1Ki 16:11 And it came to pass, when he began to reign, as soon as he sat on his throne, *that* he slew **all the house of Baasha:**

he left him not one that pisseth against a wall, neither of his kinsfolks, nor of his friends.

1Ki 16:12 Thus did Zimri destroy all the house of Baasha, according to the word of the LORD, which he spake against Baasha by Jehu the prophet, (note: 1Ki 16:3-4)

1Ki 16:13 For all the sins of **Baasha**, and the sins of **Elah** his son, by which they sinned, and by which they made Israel to sin, in provoking **the LORD God of Israel** to anger with their vanities.

Zimri's Seven day reign

1Ki 16:15 In the twenty and seventh year of Asa king of Judah did Zimri reign seven days in Tirzah.

And the people were encamped against Gibbethon, which belonged to the Philistines.

1Ki 16:16a And the people that were encamped heard say, Zimri hath conspired, and hath also slain the king:

Zimri overthrown by Omri who becomes king in his place

1Ki 16:16b wherefore all Israel made Omri, the captain of the host, king over Israel that day in the camp.

1Ki 16:17 And Omri went up from Gibbethon, and all Israel with him, and they besieged Tirzah.

1Ki 16:18 And it came to pass, when Zimri saw that the city was taken, that he went into the palace of the king's house, and burnt the king's house over him with fire, and died,

1Ki 16:19 For his sins which he sinned in doing evil in the sight of the LORD, in walking in the way of **Jeroboam**, and in his sin which he did, to make **Israel** to sin.

More records of Zimri

1Ki 16:20 Now the rest of the acts of **Zimri**, and his treason that he wrought, *are* they not written in the book of **the chronicles of the kings of Israel**?

Note: This is not 1,2 Chronicles of the Bible but it is recommended reading (if you can find it).

Omri, wicked king of Israel by killing Zimri During the reign of Asa king of Judah

1Ki 16:21 Then were the people of Israel divided into two parts:

- half of the people followed **Tibni the son of Ginath**, to make him king;
- and half followed Omri.

1Ki 16:22 But the people that followed **Omri** prevailed against the people that followed **Tibni the son of Ginath**: so **Tibni** died, and **Omri** reigned.

Brief summary of Omri's life

1Ki 16:23

In the thirty and first year of Asa king of Judah began Omri to reign over Israel, twelve years:

six years reigned he in Tirzah.

1Ki 16:24 And he bought the hill **Samaria** of **Shemer** for two talents of silver,

and built on the hill, and called the name of the city which he built, after the name of Shemer, owner of the hill, **Samaria**.

Note: Samaria becomes the new capital of the northern part of divided Israel

1Ki 16:25 But Omri wrought evil in the eyes of the LORD, and did worse than all that were before him.

1Ki 16:26 For he walked in all the way of **Jeroboam the son of Nebat**, and in his sin wherewith he made **Israel** to sin, to provoke **the LORD God of Israel** to anger with their vanities.

Transfer of power from Omri king of Israel to his son Ahab

1Ki 16:28 So Omri slept with his fathers, and was buried in Samaria: and Ahab his son reigned in his stead.

More records of Omri

1Ki 16:27 Now the rest of the acts of **Omri** which he did, and his might that he shewed, *are* they not written in **the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel**?

Note: This is not 1,2 Chronicles of the Bible but it is recommended reading (if you can find it).

Ahab, wicked king of Israel

1Ki 16:29 And in the thirty and eighth year of **Asa king of Judah** began **Ahab the son of Omri** to reign over **Israel**:

and Ahab the son of Omri reigned over Israel in Samaria twenty and two years.

Penalty for Asa turning to wickedness - diseased feet unto death

1Ki 15:23b Nevertheless in the time of his old age he was diseased in his feet.

2Ch 16:12 And Asa in the thirty and ninth year of his reign was diseased in his feet, until his disease was exceeding great: yet in his disease he sought not to the LORD, but to the physicians.

More records of Asa

1Ki 15:23a The rest of all the acts of **Asa**, and all his might, and all that he did, and the cities which he built, *are* they not written in **the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?**

Note: This is not 1,2 Chronicles of the Bible but it is recommended reading (if you can find it).

2Ch 16:11 And, behold, the acts of **Asa**, first and last, lo, they *are* written in **the book of the kings of Judah and Israel.**

Note: This is not 1,2 Kings of the Bible but it is recommended reading (if you can find it.)

Transfer of power from Asa king of Judah to his son Jehoshaphat

1Ki 15:24 And Asa slept with his fathers,

and was buried with his fathers in the city of **David** his father:

2Ch 16:13 And Asa slept with his fathers, and died in the one and fortieth year of his reign.

2Ch 16:14 And they buried him in his own sepulchres, which he had made for himself in the city of David, and laid him in the bed which was filled with sweet odours and divers kinds *of spices* prepared by the apothecaries' art: and they made a very great burning for him.

and Jehoshaphat his son reigned in his stead.

Ahab married to Jezebel, Serves Baal, Makes the Asherah

1Ki 16:30 And Ahab the son of Omri did evil in the sight of the LORD above all that were before him.

1Ki 16:31 And it came to pass, as if it had been a light thing for him to walk in the sins of **Jeroboam** the son of Nebat, that he took to wife **Jezebel the daughter of Ethbaal king of the Zidonians [Sidonians]**, and went and served **Baal**, and worshipped him.

1Ki 16:32 And he reared up an altar for **Baal** in the house of **Baal**, which he had built in **Samaria**.

1Ki 16:33 And **Ahab** made a grove;

and Ahab did more to provoke the LORD God of Israel to anger than all the kings of Israel that were before him.

Note: God forb ids pagan memorials (groves, asherim, obelisks) standing next to His altars, and does not allow joint worship of pagan gods alongside Him.

Comment

1Ki 16:34 In his days did Hiel the Bethelite build Jericho:

he laid the foundation thereof in Abiram his firstborn,

and set up the gates thereof in his youngest son Segub,

according to the word of the LORD, which he spake by Joshua the son of Nun

Preview: Elijah the prophet tells Ahab there will be no rain

1Ki 17:1 And Elijah the Tishbite, who was of the inhabitants of Gilead, said unto Ahab, As the LORD God of Israel liveth, before whom I stand, there shall not be dew nor rain these years, but according to my word.

Ravens provide food for Elijah by the brook Cherith

1Ki 17:2 And the word of the LORD came unto him, saying,

1Ki 17:3 Get thee hence, and turn thee eastward, and hide thyself by **the brook Cherith**, that *is* before **Jordan**.

1Ki 17:4 And it shall be, *that* thou shalt drink of the brook; and I have commanded the ravens to feed thee there.

1Ki 17:5 So he went and did according unto **the word of the LORD**: for he went and dwelt by **the brook Cherith**, that *is* before **Jordan**.

1Ki 17:6 And the ravens brought him bread and flesh in the morning, and bread and flesh in the evening; and he drank of the brook.

Elijah multiplies a widow's scarce supply of food and water

1 Ki 17:7 And it came to pass after a while, that the brook dried up, because there had been no rain in the land.

1Ki 17:8 And the word of the LORD came unto him, saying,

1Ki 17:9 Arise, get thee to **Zarephath**, which *belongeth* to **Zidon** [Sidon], and dwell there: behold, I have commanded a widow woman there to sustain thee.

1Ki 17:10 So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, behold, the widow woman *was* there gathering of sticks: and he called to her, and said, Fetch me, I pray thee, a little water in a vessel, that I may drink.

1Ki 17:11 And as she was going to fetch it, he called to her, and said, Bring me, I pray thee, a morsel of bread in thine hand.

1Ki 17:12 And she said, As the LORD thy God liveth, I have not a cake, but an handful of meal in a barrel, and a little oil in a cruse [saucer]: and, behold, I am gathering two sticks, that I may go in and dress it for me and my son, that we may eat it, and die.

1Ki 17:13 And Elijah said unto her, Fear not; go *and* do as thou hast said: but make me thereof a little cake first, and bring *it* unto me, and after make for thee and for thy son.

1Ki 17:14 For thus saith the LORD God of Israel, The barrel of meal shall not waste, neither shall the cruse of oil fail, until the day *that* the LORD sendeth rain upon the earth.

1Ki 17:15 And she went and did according to the saying of **Elijah**: and she, and he, and her house, did eat *many* days.

1Ki 17:16 *And* the barrel of meal wasted not, neither did the cruse of oil fail, according to **the word of the LORD**, which he spake by **Elijah**.

Elijah restores life to the widow's fatally ill son

1Ki 17:17 And it came to pass after these things, that the son of the woman, the mistress of the house, fell sick; and his sickness was so sore, that there was no breath left in him.

1Ki 17:18 And she said unto Elijah, What have I to do with thee, O thou man of God? art thou come unto me to call my sin to remembrance, and to slay my son?

1Ki 17:19 And he said unto her, Give me thy son. And he took him out of her bosom, and carried him up into a loft, where he abode, and laid him upon his own bed.

1Ki 17:20 And he cried unto **the LORD**, and said, **O LORD my God**, hast thou also brought evil upon the widow with whom I sojourn, by slaying her son?

1Ki 17:21 And he stretched himself upon the child three times, and cried unto the LORD, and said, O LORD my God, I pray thee, let this child's soul come into him again.

1Ki 17:22 And the LORD heard the voice of Elijah; and the soul of the child came into him again, and he revived.

1Ki 17:23 And Elijah took the child, and brought him down out of the chamber into the house, and delivered him unto his mother: and Elijah said, See, thy son liveth.

1Ki 17:24 And the woman said to Elijah, Now by this I know that thou *art* a man of God, *and* that **the word of the LORD** in thy mouth *is* truth.

Elijah the prophet tells Ahab there will be rain

1Ki 18:1 And it came to pass *after* many days, that **the word of the LORD** came to **Elijah** in the third year, saying, Go, shew thyself unto **Ahab**; and I will send rain upon the earth.

1Ki 18:2 And Elijah went to shew himself unto Ahab. And there was a sore famine in Samaria.

Obadiah the prophet afraid of Ahab for mass persecution of the Lord's prophets

1Ki 18:3 And Ahab called Obadiah, which was the governor of his house. (Now Obadiah feared the LORD greatly:

1Ki 18:4 For it was so, when Jezebel cut off the prophets of the LORD, that Obadiah took an hundred prophets, and hid them by fifty in a cave, and fed them with bread and water.)

1Ki 18:5 And Ahab said unto Obadiah, Go into the land, unto all fountains of water, and unto all brooks: peradventure we may find grass to save the horses and mules alive, that we lose not all the beasts.

1Ki 18:6 So they divided the land between them to pass throughout it: **Ahab** went one way by himself, and **Obadiah** went another way by himself.

1Ki 18:7 And as **Obadiah** was in the way, behold, **Elijah** met him: and he knew him, and fell on his face, and said, *Art* thou that my lord **Elijah**?

1Ki 18:8 And he answered him, I am: go, tell thy lord, Behold, Elijah is here.

1Ki 18:9 And he said, What have I sinned, that thou wouldest deliver thy servant into the hand of **Ahab**, to slay me?

1Ki 18:10 As the LORD thy God liveth, there is no nation or kingdom, whither [where] my lord hath not sent to seek thee: and when they said, He is not there; he took an oath of the kingdom and nation, that they found thee not. 1Ki 18:11 And now thou sayest, Go, tell thy lord, Behold, Elijah is here.

1Ki 18:12 And it shall come to pass, as soon as I am gone from thee, that **the Spirit of the LORD** shall carry thee whither [where] I know not; and so when I come and tell **Ahab**, and he cannot find thee, he shall slay me: but I thy servant fear **the LORD** from my youth.

1Ki 18:13 Was it not told my lord what I did when Jezebel slew the prophets of the LORD, how I hid an hundred men of the LORD'S prophets by fifty in a cave, and fed them with bread and water?

1Ki 18:14 And now thou sayest, Go, tell thy lord, Behold, Elijah is here: and he shall slay me.

Elijah has Obadiah set up a meeting for him to confront Ahab

1Ki 18:15 And Elijah said, As the LORD of hosts liveth, before whom I stand, I will surely shew myself unto him to day.

1Ki 18:16 So Obadiah went to meet Ahab, and told him: and Ahab went to meet Elijah.

1Ki 18:17 And it came to pass, when **Ahab** saw **Elijah**, that **Ahab** said unto him, *Art* thou he that troubleth Israel? 1Ki 18:18 And he answered, I have not troubled Israel; but thou, and thy father's house, in that ye have forsaken the commandments of **the LORD**, and thou hast followed **Baalim**.

450 prophets of Baal and 400 prophets of the Asherah can't get a fire to consume their sacrifice

1Ki 18:19 Now therefore send, and gather to me all Israel unto mount Carmel, and the prophets of Baal four hundred and fifty, and the prophets of the groves [asherim] four hundred, which eat at Jezebel's table.

1Ki 18:20 So Ahab sent unto all the children of Israel, and gathered the prophets together unto mount Carmel.

1Ki 18:21 And Elijah came unto all the people, and said, How long halt ye between two opinions? if the LORD be God, follow him: but if Baal, then follow him. And the people answered him not a word.

1Ki 18:22 Then said Elijah unto the people, I, even I only, remain a prophet of the LORD; but Baal's prophets are four hundred and fifty men.

1Ki 18:23 Let them therefore give us two bullocks; and let them choose one bullock for themselves, and cut it in pieces, and lay *it* on wood, and put no fire *under*: and I will dress the other bullock, and lay *it* on wood, and put no fire *under*:

1Ki 18:24 And call ye on the name of your gods, and I will call on the name of the LORD: and the God that answereth by fire, let him be God. And all the people answered and said, It is well spoken.

1Ki 18:25 And Elijah said unto the prophets of Baal, Choose you one bullock for yourselves, and dress it first; for ye are many; and call on the name of your gods, but put no fire under.

1Ki 18:26 And they took the bullock which was given them, and they dressed *it*, and called on **the name of Baal** from morning even until noon, saying, O **Baal**, hear us. But *there was* no voice, nor any that answered. And they leaped upon the altar which was made.

1Ki 18:27 And it came to pass at noon, that **Elijah** mocked them, and said, Cry aloud: for he *is* a god; either he is talking, or he is pursuing, or he is in a journey, *or* peradventure he sleepeth, and must be awaked.

1Ki 18:28 And they cried aloud, and cut themselves after their manner with knives and lancets, till the blood gushed out upon them.

1Ki 18:29 And it came to pass, when midday was past, and <u>they prophesied until</u> the *time* of the offering of the *evening* sacrifice, that *there was* neither voice, nor any to answer, nor any that regarded.

1Ki 18:30 And Elijah said unto all the people, Come near unto me. And all the people came near unto him. And he repaired the altar of the LORD that was broken down.

1Ki 18:31 And Elijah took twelve stones, according to the number of the tribes of the sons of Jacob, unto whom the word of the LORD came, saying, Israel shall be thy name:

1Ki 18:32 And with the stones he built an altar in **the name of the LORD**: and he made a trench about the altar, as great as would contain two measures of seed.

1Ki 18:33 And he put the wood in order, and cut the bullock in pieces, and laid *him* on the wood, and said, Fill four barrels with water, and pour *it* on the burnt sacrifice, and on the wood.

1Ki 18:34 And he said, Do it the second time. And they did it the second time. And he said, Do it the third time. And they did it the third time.

1Ki 18:35 And the water ran round about the altar; and he filled the trench also with water.

1Ki 18:36 And it came to pass at the time of the offering of the evening sacrifice, that Elijah the prophet came near, and said, LORD God of Abraham, Isaac, and of Israel, let it be known this day that thou art God in Israel, and that I am thy servant, and that I have done all these things at thy word.

1Ki 18:37 Hear me, O LORD, hear me, that this people may know that thou art the LORD God, and that thou hast turned their heart back again.

1Ki 18:38 Then the fire of **the LORD** fell, and consumed the burnt sacrifice, and the wood, and the stones, and the dust, and licked up the water that *was* in the trench.

1Ki 18:39 And when all the people saw it, they fell on their faces: and they said, The LORD, he is the God; the LORD, he is the God.

Elijah slays the 450 prophets of Baal

1Ki 18:40 And Elijah said unto them, Take the prophets of Baal; let not one of them escape. And they took them: and Elijah brought them down to the brook Kishon, and slew them there.

Rain returns

1Ki 18:41 And Elijah said unto Ahab, Get thee up, eat and drink; for there is a sound of abundance of rain.

1Ki 18:42 So Ahab went up to eat and to drink.

And Elijah went up to the top of Carmel; and he cast himself down upon the earth, and put his face between his knees.

1Ki 18:43 And said to his servant, Go up now, look toward the sea. And he went up, and looked, and said, *There is* nothing. And he said, Go again seven times.

1Ki 18:44 And it came to pass at the seventh time, that he said, Behold, there ariseth a little cloud out of the sea, like a man's hand

And he said, Go up, say unto Ahab, Prepare thy chariot, and get thee down, that the rain stop thee not.

1Ki 18:45 And it came to pass in the mean while, that the heaven was black with clouds and wind, and there was a great rain. And Ahab rode, and went to Jezreel.

1Ki 18:46 And the hand of the LORD was on Elijah; and he girded up his loins, and ran before Ahab to the entrance of Jezreel.

Jezebel threatens to kill Elijah for killing the prophets of Baal

1Ki 19:1 And Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and withal how he had slain all the prophets with the sword.

1Ki 19:2 Then **Jezebel** sent a messenger unto **Elijah**, saying, So let the gods do *to me*, and more also, if I make not thy life as the life of one of them by to morrow about this time.

Elijah flees to Beersheba where an angel provides him food and water

1Ki 19:3 And when he saw *that,* he arose, and went for his life, and came to **Beersheba**, which *belongeth* to **Judah**, and left his servant there.

1Ki 19:4 But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a juniper tree: and he requested for himself that he might die; and said, It is enough; now, **O LORD**, take away my life; for I *am* not better than my fathers.

1Ki 19:5 And as he lay and slept under a juniper tree, behold, then an angel touched him, and said unto him, Arise and eat.

1Ki 19:6 And he looked, and, behold, *there was* a cake baken on the coals, and a cruse [saucer] of water at his head. And he did eat and drink, and laid him down again.

1Ki 19:7 And the angel of the LORD came again the second time, and touched him, and said, Arise *and* eat; because the journey *is* too great for thee.

1Ki 19:8 And he arose, and did eat and drink, and went in the strength of that meat forty days and forty nights unto Horeb the mount of God.

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The Lord meets Elijah in a cave in Mount Horeb

1Ki 19:9 And he came thither [there] unto a cave, and lodged there; and, behold, **the word of the LORD** came to him, and he said unto him, What doest thou here, **Elijah**?

1Ki 19:10 And he said, I have been very jealous for the LORD God of hosts: for the children of Israel have forsaken thy covenant, thrown down thine altars, and slain thy prophets with the sword; and I, even I only, am left; and they seek my life, to take it away.

1Ki 19:11 And he said, Go forth, and stand upon the mount before the LORD.

And, behold, the LORD passed by,

• and a great and strong wind rent the mountains, and brake in pieces the rocks before the LORD; but the LORD was not in the wind:

- and after the wind an earthquake; but the LORD was not in the earthquake:
- 1Ki 19:12 And after the earthquake a fire; but the LORD was not in the fire:
- and after the fire a still small voice.

1Ki 19:13 And it was so, when Elijah heard it, that he wrapped his face in his mantle, and went out, and stood in the entering in of the cave. And, behold, there came a voice unto him, and said, What doest thou here, Elijah?

1Ki 19:14 And he said, I have been very jealous for the LORD God of hosts: because the children of Israel have forsaken thy covenant, thrown down thine altars, and slain thy prophets with the sword; and I, even I only, am left; and they seek my life, to take it away.

God commands Elijah to anoint two kings and the prophet Elisha to succeed him

1Ki 19:15 And the LORD said unto him, Go, return on thy way to the wilderness of Damascus: and when thou comest.

- anoint Hazael to be king over Syria:
- 1Ki 19:16 And Jehu the son of Nimshi shalt thou anoint to be king over Israel:
- and Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abelmeholah shalt thou anoint to be prophet in thy room [place].

1Ki 19:17 And it shall come to pass, that

- him that escapeth the sword of **Hazael** shall **Jehu** slay:
- and him that escapeth from the sword of **Jehu** shall **Elisha** slay.

1Ki 19:18 Yet I have left *me* seven thousand in **Israel**, all the knees which have not bowed unto **Baal**, and every mouth which hath not kissed him.

Elijah meets Elisha

1Ki 19:19 So he departed thence, and found Elisha the son of Shaphat, who was plowing with twelve yoke of oxen before him, and he with the twelfth: and Elijah passed by him, and cast his mantle upon him.

1Ki 19:20 And he left the oxen, and ran after Elijah, and said, Let me, I pray thee, kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow thee. And he said unto him, Go back again: for what have I done to thee?

1Ki 19:21 And he returned back from him, and took a yoke of oxen, and slew them, and boiled their flesh with the instruments of the oxen, and gave unto the people, and they did eat. Then he arose, and went after Elijah, and ministered unto him.

7000 of Israel slay Ben-hadad's 100,000 Arameans

1Ki 20:1 And Benhadad the king of Syria gathered all his host [army] together: and there were thirty and two kings with him, and horses, and chariots: and he went up and besieged Samaria, and warred against it. 1Ki 20:2 And he sent messengers to Ahab king of Israel into the city, and said unto him, Thus saith Benhadad.

1Ki 20:3 Thy silver and thy gold *is* mine; thy wives also and thy children, *even* the goodliest, *are* mine. 1Ki 20:4 And **the king of Israel** answered and said, My lord, O king, according to thy saying, I *am* thine, and all that I have.

1Ki 20:5 And the messengers came again, and said, Thus speaketh Benhadad, saying, Although I have sent unto thee, saying, Thou shalt deliver me thy silver, and thy gold, and thy wives, and thy children;

1Ki 20:6 Yet I will send my servants unto thee to morrow about this time, and they shall search thine house, and the houses of thy servants; and it shall be, *that* whatsoever is pleasant in thine eyes, they shall put *it* in their hand, and take *it* away.

1Ki 20:7 Then **the king of Israel** called all **the elders of the land**, and said, Mark, I pray you, and see how this *man* seeketh mischief: for he sent unto me for my wives, and for my children, and for my silver, and for my gold; and I denied him not.

1Ki 20:8 And all the elders and all the people said unto him, Hearken not unto him, nor consent.

1Ki 20:9 Wherefore he said unto the messengers of **Benhadad**, Tell my lord the king, All that thou didst send for to thy servant at the first I will do: but this thing I may not do. And the messengers departed, and brought

him word again.

1Ki 20:10 And Benhadad sent unto him, and said, The gods do so unto me, and more also, if the dust of Samaria shall suffice for handfuls for all the people that follow me.

1Ki 20:11 And the king of Israel answered and said, Tell him, Let not him that girdeth on his harness boast himself as he that putteth it off.

1Ki 20:12 And it came to pass, when *Benhadad* heard this message, as he *was* drinking, he and the kings in the pavilions, that he said unto his servants, Set *yourselves in array*. And they set *themselves in array* against the city.

1Ki 20:13 And, behold, there came a prophet unto Ahab king of Israel, saying, Thus saith the LORD, Hast thou seen all this great multitude? behold, I will deliver it into thine hand this day; and thou shalt know that I am the LORD.

1Ki 20:14 And Ahab said, By whom?

And he said, Thus saith the LORD, Even by the young men of the princes of the provinces.

Then he said, Who shall order the battle?

And he answered, Thou.

1Ki 20:15 Then he numbered **the young men of the princes of the provinces**, and they were two hundred and thirty two:

and after them he numbered all the people, even all the children of Israel, being seven thousand.

1Ki 20:16 And they went out at noon. But Benhadad was drinking himself drunk in the pavilions, he and the kings, the thirty and two kings that helped him.

1Ki 20:17 And the young men of the princes of the provinces went out first; and **Benhadad** sent out, and they told him, saying, There are men come out of **Samaria**.

1Ki 20:18 And he said, Whether they be come out for peace, take them alive; or whether they be come out for war, take them alive.

1Ki 20:19 So these young men of the princes of the provinces came out of the city, and the army which followed them.

1Ki 20:20 And they slew every one his man: and **the Syrians** fled; and **Israel** pursued them: and **Benhadad the king of Syria** escaped on an horse with the horsemen.

1Ki 20:21 And the king of Israel went out, and smote the horses and chariots, and slew the Syrians with a great slaughter.

1Ki 20:22 And the prophet came to **the king of Israel**, and said unto him, Go, strengthen thyself, and mark, and see what thou doest: for at the return of the year **the king of Syria** will come up against thee.

1Ki 20:23 And the servants of the king of Syria said unto him, Their gods *are* gods of the hills; therefore they were stronger than we; but let us fight against them in the plain, and surely we shall be stronger than they.

1Ki 20:24 And do this thing. Take the kings away, every man out of his place, and put captains in their rooms:

1Ki 20:25 And number thee an army, like the army that thou hast lost, horse for horse, and chariot for chariot: and we will fight against them in the plain, *and* surely we shall be stronger than they. And he hearkened unto their voice, and did so.

1Ki 20:26 And it came to pass at the return of the year, that **Benhadad** numbered **the Syrians**, and went up to **Aphek**, to fight against **Israel**.

1Ki 20:27 And the children of Israel were numbered, and were all present, and went against them: and the children of Israel pitched before them like two little flocks of kids; but the Syrians filled the country.

1Ki 20:28 And there came a man of God, and spake unto the king of Israel, and said, Thus saith the LORD, Because the Syrians have said, The LORD *is* God of the hills, but he *is* not God of the valleys, therefore will I deliver all this great multitude into thine hand, and ye shall know that I am the LORD.

1Ki 20:29 And they pitched one over against the other seven days. And so it was, that in the seventh day the

battle was joined: and the children of Israel slew of the Syrians an hundred thousand footmen in one day. Note: 7000 of Israel kill 100,000 Arameans (1Ki 20:15)

1Ki 20:30 But the rest fled to **Aphek**, into the city; and *there* a wall fell upon twenty and seven thousand of the men *that were* left. And **Benhadad** fled, and came into the city, into an inner chamber.

Ahab spares Ben-hadad

1Ki 20:31 And his servants said unto him, Behold now, we have heard that the kings of the house of Israel are merciful kings: let us, I pray thee, put sackcloth on our loins, and ropes upon our heads, and go out to the king of Israel: peradventure he will save thy life.

1Ki 20:32 So they girded sackcloth on their loins, and *put* ropes on their heads, and came to **the king of Israel**, and said, Thy servant Benhadad saith, I pray thee, let me live. And he said, *Is* he yet alive? he *is* my brother.

1Ki 20:33 Now the men did diligently observe whether *any thing would come* from him, and did hastily catch *it*: and they said, Thy brother **Benhadad**. Then he said, Go ye, bring him. Then **Benhadad** came forth to him; and he caused him to come up into the chariot.

1Ki 20:34 And *Benhadad* said unto him, The cities, which my father took from thy father, I will restore; and thou shalt make streets for thee in **Damascus**, as my father made in **Samaria**. Then *said Ahab*, I will send thee away with this covenant. So he made a covenant with him, and sent him away.

A prophet says, Strike me or a lion will kill you

1Ki 20:35 And a certain man of the sons of the prophets said unto his neighbour in the word of the LORD, Smite me, I pray thee. And the man refused to smite him.

1Ki 20:36 Then said he unto him, Because thou hast not obeyed the voice of **the LORD**, behold, as soon as thou art departed from me, a lion shall slay thee. And as soon as he was departed from him, a lion found him, and slew him.

1Ki 20:37 Then he found another man, and said, Smite me, I pray thee. And the man smote him, so that in smiting he wounded *him*.

The struck prophet tells Ahab he will die for sparing Ben-hadad

1Ki 20:38 So the prophet departed, and waited for the king by the way, and disguised himself with ashes upon his face.

1Ki 20:39 And as the king passed by, he cried unto the king: and he said, Thy servant went out into the midst of the battle; and, behold, a man turned aside, and brought a man unto me, and said, Keep this man: if by any means he be missing, then shall thy life be for his life, or else thou shalt pay a talent of silver.

1Ki 20:40 And as thy servant was busy here and there, he was gone. And the king of Israel said unto him, So shall thy judgment be; thyself hast decided it.

1Ki 20:41 And he hasted, and took the ashes away from his face; and the king of Israel discerned him that he was of the prophets.

1Ki 20:42 And he said unto him, Thus saith the LORD, Because thou hast let go out of *thy* hand a man whom I appointed to utter destruction, therefore thy life shall go for his life, and thy people for his people.

1Ki 20:43 And the king of Israel went to his house heavy and displeased, and came to Samaria.

1Ki 20:43 So the king of Israel went to his house sullen and vexed, and came to Samaria.

Naboth won't trade vineyards with Ahab

1Ki 21:1 And it came to pass after these things, *that* **Naboth the Jezreelite** had a vineyard, which *was* in **Jezreel**, hard by the palace of **Ahab** king of **Samaria**.

1Ki 21:2 And **Ahab** spake unto **Naboth**, saying, Give me thy vineyard, that I may have it for a garden of herbs, because it *is* near unto my house: and I will give thee for it a better vineyard than it; *or*, if it seem good to thee, I will give thee the worth of it in money.

1Ki 21:3 And Naboth said to Ahab, The LORD forbid it me, that I should give the inheritance of my fathers unto thee

1Ki 21:4 And Ahab came into his house heavy and displeased because of the word which Naboth the Jezreelite had spoken to him: for he had said, I will not give thee the inheritance of my fathers. And he laid him down upon his bed, and turned away his face, and would eat no bread.

Jezebel has Naboth falsely accused and stoned to death

1Ki 21:5 But Jezebel his wife came to him, and said unto him, Why is thy spirit so sad, that thou eatest no bread?

1Ki 21:6 And he said unto her, Because I spake unto **Naboth** the Jezreelite, and said unto him, Give me thy vineyard for money; or else, if it please thee, I will give thee *another* vineyard for it: and he answered, I will not give thee my vineyard.

1Ki 21:7 And Jezebel his wife said unto him, Dost thou now govern the kingdom of Israel? arise, and eat bread, and let thine heart be merry: I will give thee the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite.

1Ki 21:8 So she wrote letters in **Ahab**'s name, and sealed *them* with his seal, and sent the letters unto the elders and to the nobles that *were* in his city, dwelling with **Naboth**.

1Ki 21:9 And she wrote in the letters, saying, Proclaim a fast, and set **Naboth** on high among the people:

1Ki 21:10 And set two men, sons of Belial [worthless men], before him, to bear witness against him, saying, Thou didst blaspheme God and the king. And *then* carry him out, and stone him, that he may die.

1Ki 21:11 And the men of his city, *even* the elders and the nobles who were the inhabitants in his city, did as **Jezebel** had sent unto them, *and* as it *was* written in the letters which she had sent unto them.

1Ki 21:12 They proclaimed a fast, and set **Naboth** on high among the people.

1Ki 21:13 And there came in two men, children of Belial [worthless men], and sat before him: and the men of Belial witnessed against him, even against Naboth, in the presence of the people, saying, Naboth did blaspheme God and the king. Then they carried him forth out of the city, and stoned him with stones, that he died.

Jezebel has Ahab take possession of Naboth's vineyard

1Ki 21:14 Then they sent to Jezebel, saying, Naboth is stoned, and is dead.

1Ki 21:15 And it came to pass, when **Jezebel** heard that **Naboth** was stoned, and was dead, that **Jezebel** said to **Ahab**, Arise, take possession of the vineyard of **Naboth** the Jezreelite, which he refused to give thee for money: for **Naboth** is not alive, but dead.

1Ki 21:16 And it came to pass, when **Ahab** heard that **Naboth** was dead, that **Ahab** rose up to go down to the vineyard of **Naboth** the Jezreelite, to take possession of it.

Elijah rebukes Ahab for letting Jezebel have Naboth killed

1Ki 21:17 And the word of the LORD came to Elijah the Tishbite, saying,

1Ki 21:18 Arise, go down to meet **Ahab king of Israel**, which is in **Samaria**: behold, he is in the vineyard of **Naboth**, whither [where] he is gone down to possess it.

1Ki 21:19 And thou shalt speak unto him, saying, **Thus saith the LORD**, Hast thou killed, and also taken possession? And thou shalt speak unto him, saying, **Thus saith the LORD**, In the place where dogs licked the blood of **Naboth** shall dogs lick thy blood, even thine.

1Ki 21:20 And **Ahab** said to **Elijah**, Hast thou found me, O mine enemy? And he answered, I have found *thee*: because thou hast sold thyself to work evil in the sight of the **LORD**.

1Ki 21:21 Behold, I will bring evil upon thee, and will take away thy posterity, and will cut off from **Ahab** him that pisseth against the wall, and him that is shut up and left in **Israel**,

1Ki 21:22 And will make thine house like the house of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, and like the house of Baasha the son of Ahijah, for the provocation wherewith thou hast provoked *me* to anger, and made Israel to sin.

1Ki 21:23 And of Jezebel also spake the LORD, saying, The dogs shall eat Jezebel by the wall of Jezreel.

1Ki 21:24 Him that dieth of **Ahab** in the city the dogs shall eat; and him that dieth in the field shall the fowls of the air eat.

1Ki 21:25 But there was none like unto **Ahab**, which did sell himself to work wickedness in the sight of **the LORD**, whom **Jezebel** his wife stirred up.

1Ki 21:26 And he did very abominably in following idols, according to all *things* as did the Amorites, whom the LORD cast out before the children of Israel.

ing idols, according to all that the Amorites had done, whom the LORD cast out before the sons of Israel.

The Lord delays judgment when Ahab humbles himself

1Ki 21:27 And it came to pass, when Ahab heard those words, that he rent his clothes, and put sackcloth upon his flesh, and fasted, and lay in sackcloth, and went softly

1Ki 21:28 And the word of the LORD came to Elijah the Tishbite, saying,

1Ki 21:29 Seest thou how **Ahab** humbleth himself before me? because he humbleth himself before me, I will not bring the evil in his days: *but* in his son's days will I bring the evil upon his house.

1Ki 22:1 And they continued three years without war between Syria and Israel.

Jehoshaphat righteous king of Judah son of Asa righteous then wicked king of Judah In parallel reign with Ahab king of Israel

1Ki 15:24 (repeated verse) And Asa slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David his father: and Jehoshaphat his son reigned in his stead.

Summary of Jehoshaphat's life

1Ki 22:41 And Jehoshaphat the son of Asa began to reign over Judah

in the fourth year of Ahab king of Israel.

- 1Ki 22:42 **Jehoshaphat** was thirty and five years old when he began to reign;
- and he reigned twenty and five years in Jerusalem.

And his mother's name was Azubah the daughter of Shilhi.

1Ki 22:43 And he walked in all the ways of **Asa** his father; he turned not aside from it, doing *that which* was right in the eyes of **the LORD**:

nevertheless the high places were not taken away; *for* the people offered and burnt incense yet in the high places.

1Ki 22:44 And Jehoshaphat made peace with the king of Israel.

2Ch 20:31 And Jehoshaphat reigned over Judah:

- *he was* thirty and five years old when he began to reign,
- and he reigned twenty and five years in Jerusalem

And his mother's name was Azubah the daughter of Shilhi.

2Ch 20:32 And he walked in the way of **Asa** his father, and departed not from it, doing *that which was* right in the sight of **the LORD**.

2Ch 20:33 Howbeit the high places were not taken away: for as yet the people had not prepared their hearts unto the God of their fathers.

Jehoshaphat makes peace by force from God with Ahab

2Ch 17:1 And Jehoshaphat his son reigned in his stead, and strengthened himself against Israel.

2Ch 17:2 And he placed forces in all the fenced cities of **Judah**, and set garrisons in the land of **Judah**, and in the cities of **Ephraim**, which **Asa** his father had taken.

2Ch 17:3 And the LORD was with Jehoshaphat, because he walked in the first ways of his father David, and sought not unto Baalim;

2Ch 17:4 But sought to the LORD God of his father, and walked in his commandments, and not after the doings of Israel.

2Ch 17:5 Therefore the LORD stablished the kingdom in his hand; and all Judah brought to Jehoshaphat presents; and he had riches and honour in abundance.

2Ch 17:6 And his heart was lifted up in the ways of **the LORD**: moreover he took away the high places and groves [Asherim] out of **Judah**.

Jehoshaphat sends righteous men to teach Judah the book of the Law

2Ch 17:7 Also in the third year of his reign he sent to his princes, even to Benhail, and to Obadiah, and to Zechariah, and to Nethaneel, and to Michaiah, to teach in the cities of Judah.

2Ch 17:8 And with them he sent I evites even Shamaiah and Nethaniah and Zebadiah and Asahel and

2Ch 17:8 And with them *he sent* Levites, *even* Shemaiah, and Nethaniah, and Zebadiah, and Asahel, and Shemiramoth, and Jehonathan, and Adonijah, and Tobijah, and Tobadonijah, Levites; and with them Elishama and Jehoram, priests.

2Ch 17:9 And they taught in **Judah**, and *had* the book of **the law of the LORD** with them, and went about throughout **all the cities of Judah**, and taught the people.

Judah at peace

2Ch 17:10 And the fear of the LORD fell upon all the kingdoms of the lands that were round about Judah, so that they made no war against Jehoshaphat.

- 2Ch 17:11 Also *some* of the **Philistines** brought **Jehoshaphat** presents, and tribute silver;
- and the Arabians brought him flocks, seven thousand and seven hundred rams, and seven thousand and seven hundred he goats.

Jehoshaphat's military

2Ch 17:12 And Jehoshaphat waxed great exceedingly; and he built in Judah castles, and cities of store.

2Ch 17:13 And he had much business in the cities of **Judah**: and the men of war, mighty men of valour, *were* in **Jerusalem**.

2Ch 17:14 And these *are* the numbers of them according to the house of their fathers: Of **Judah**, the captains of thousands;

- Adnah the chief, and with him mighty men of valour three hundred thousand.
- 2Ch 17:15 And next to him *was* Jehohanan the captain, and with him two hundred and fourscore thousand.
- 2Ch 17:16 And next him was Amasiah the son of Zichri, who willingly offered himself unto the LORD; and with him two hundred thousand mighty men of valour.
- 2Ch 17:17 And of Benjamin; Eliada a mighty man of valour, and with him armed men with bow and shield two hundred thousand.
- 2Ch 17:18 And next him *was* Jehozabad, and with him an hundred and fourscore thousand ready prepared for the war.

2Ch 17:19 These waited on the king, beside *those* whom the king put in the fenced cities throughout all **Judah**.

Jehoshaphat forms an alliance with Ahab against Ramoth-Gilead with the encouragement of false prophets

- 1Ki 22:2 And it came to pass in the third year, that Jehoshaphat the king of Judah came down to the king of Israel.
- 1Ki 22:3 And **the king of Israel** said unto his servants, Know ye that **Ramoth** in **Gilead** *is* ours, and we *be* still, *and* take it not out of the hand of **the king of Syria**?
- 1Ki 22:4 And he said unto **Jehoshaphat**, Wilt thou go with me to battle to **Ramothgilead**? And **Jehoshaphat** said to **the king of Israel**, I *am* as thou *art*, my people as thy people, my horses as thy horses.
- 1Ki 22:5 And Jehoshaphat said unto the king of Israel, Enquire, I pray thee, at the word of the LORD to day.
- 1Ki 22:6 Then **the king of Israel** gathered **the prophets together, about four hundred men,** and said unto them, Shall I go against **Ramothgilead** to battle, or shall I forbear? And they said, Go up; for the Lord shall deliver *it* into the hand of the king.
- 1Ki 22:7 And Jehoshaphat said, *Is there* not here a prophet of the LORD besides, that we might enquire of him?
- 1Ki 22:8 And the king of Israel said unto Jehoshaphat, *There is* yet one man, Micaiah the son of Imlah, by whom we may enquire of the LORD: but I hate him; for he doth not prophesy good concerning me, but evil. And Jehoshaphat said, Let not the king say so.
- 1Ki 22:9 Then **the king of Israel** called an officer, and said, Hasten *hither* **Micaiah the son of Imlah.**
- 1Ki 22:10 And the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat the king of Judah sat each on his throne, having put on their robes, in a void place in the entrance of the gate of Samaria; and all the prophets prophesied before them
- 1Ki 22:11 And Zedekiah the son of Chenaanah made him horns of iron: and he said, **Thus saith the LORD**, With these shalt thou push **the Syrians**, until thou have consumed them.
- 1Ki 22:12 And all the prophets prophesied so, saying, Go up to **Ramothgilead**, and prosper: for **the LORD** shall deliver *it* into the king's hand.

- 2Ch 18:1 Now **Jehoshaphat** had riches and honour in abundance, and joined affinity with **Ahab**.
- 2Ch 18:2 And after *certain* years he went down to Ahab to Samaria. And Ahab killed sheep and oxen for him in abundance, and for the people that *he had* with him, and persuaded him to go up *with him* to Ramothgilead.
- 2Ch 18:3 And **Ahab king of Israel** said unto **Jehoshaphat king of Judah**, Wilt thou go with me to **Ramothgilead**? And he answered him, I *am* as thou *art*, and my people as thy people; and *we will be* with thee in the war.
- 2Ch 18:4 And Jehoshaphat said unto the king of Israel, Enquire, I pray thee, at the word of the LORD to day.
- 2Ch 18:5 Therefore **the king of Israel** gathered together **of prophets four hundred men**, and said unto them, Shall we go to **Ramothgilead** to battle, or shall I forbear? And they said, Go up; for God will deliver *it* into the king's hand.
- 2Ch 18:6 But Jehoshaphat said, *Is there* not here a prophet of the LORD besides, that we might enquire of him?
- 2Ch 18:7 And the king of Israel said unto Jehoshaphat, *There is* yet one man, by whom we may enquire of the LORD: but I hate him; for he never prophesied good unto me, but always evil: the same *is* Micaiah the son of Imla. And Jehoshaphat said, Let not the king say so.
- 2Ch 18:8 And the king of Israel called for one *of his* officers, and said, Fetch quickly Micaiah the son of Imla.
- 2Ch 18:9 And the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat king of Judah sat either of them on his throne, clothed in *their* robes, and they sat in a void place at the entering in of the gate of Samaria; and all the prophets prophesied before them.
- 2Ch 18:10 And Zedekiah the son of Chenaanah had made him horns of iron, and said, **Thus saith the LORD**, With these thou shalt push **Syria** until they be consumed
- 2Ch 18:11 And all the prophets prophesied so, saying, Go up to **Ramothgilead**, and prosper: for **the LORD** shall deliver *it* into the hand of the king.

Ahab has Micaiah the prophet thrown in prison for an unfavorable prophecy

1Ki 22:13 And the messenger that was gone to call Micaiah spake unto him, saying, Behold now, the words of the prophets *declare* good unto the king with one mouth: let thy word, I pray thee, be like the word of one of them, and speak *that which is* good.

1Ki 22:14 And Micaiah said, As the LORD liveth, what the LORD saith unto me, that will I speak.

1Ki 22:15 So he came to the king. And the king said unto him, **Micaiah**, shall we go against **Ramothgilead** to battle, or shall we forbear? And he answered him, Go, and prosper: for **the LORD** shall deliver *it* into the hand of the king.

1Ki 22:16 And the king said unto him, How many times shall I adjure thee that thou tell me nothing but *that which is* true in **the name of the LORD**?

1Ki 22:17 And he said, I saw all Israel scattered upon the hills, as sheep that have not a shepherd: and the LORD said, These have no master: let them return every man to his house in peace.

1Ki 22:18 And **the king of Israel** said unto **Jehoshaphat**, Did I not tell thee that he would prophesy no good concerning me, but evil?

1Ki 22:19 And he said, Hear thou therefore the word of the LORD: I saw the LORD sitting on his throne, and all the host of heaven standing by him on his right hand and on his left.

1Ki 22:20 And the LORD said, Who shall persuade Ahab, that he may go up and fall at Ramothgilead? And one said on this manner, and another said on that manner.

1Ki 22:21 And there came forth a spirit, and stood before **the LORD**, and said, I will persuade him.

1Ki 22:22 And **the LORD** said unto him, Wherewith? And he said, I will go forth, and I will be a lying spirit in the mouth of all his prophets. And he said, Thou shalt persuade him, and prevail also: go forth, and do

1Ki 22:23 Now therefore, behold, **the LORD** hath put a lying spirit in the mouth of all these thy prophets, and **the LORD** hath spoken evil concerning thee.

1Ki 22:24 But Zedekiah the son of Chenaanah went near, and smote Micaiah on the cheek, and said, Which way went the Spirit of the LORD from me to speak unto thee?

1Ki 22:25 And Micaiah said, Behold, thou shalt see in that day, when thou shalt go into an inner chamber to hide thyself.

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2Ch 18:13 And Micaiah said, As the LORD liveth, even what my God saith, that will I speak.

2Ch 18:14 And when he was come to the king, the king said unto him, Micaiah, shall we go to Ramothgilead to battle, or shall I forbear? And he said, Go ye up, and prosper, and they shall be delivered into your hand.

2Ch 18:15 And the king said to him, How many times shall I adjure thee that thou say nothing but the truth to me in the name of the LORD?

2Ch 18:16 Then he said, I did see all Israel scattered upon the mountains, as sheep that have no shepherd: and the LORD said, These have no master; let them return therefore every man to his house in peace.

2Ch 18:17 And **the king of Israel** said to **Jehoshaphat**, Did I not tell thee *that* he would not prophesy good unto me, but evil?

2Ch 18:18 Again he said, Therefore hear the word of the LORD; I saw the LORD sitting upon his throne, and all the host of heaven standing on his right hand and on his left.

2Ch 18:19 And **the LORD** said, Who shall entice **Ahab king of Israel**, that he may go up and fall at **Ramothgilead**? And one spake saying after this manner, and another saying after that manner.

2Ch 18:20 Then there came out a spirit, and stood before **the LORD**, and said, I will entice him. And **the LORD** said unto him, Wherewith?

2Ch 18:21 And he said, I will go out, and be a lying spirit in the mouth of all his prophets. And *the LORD* said, Thou shalt entice him, and thou shalt also prevail: go out, and do even so.

2Ch 18:22 Now therefore, behold, **the LORD** hath put a lying spirit in the mouth of these thy prophets, and **the LORD** hath spoken evil against thee.

2Ch 18:23 Then Zedekiah the son of Chenaanah came near, and smote Micaiah upon the cheek, and said, Which way went the Spirit of the LORD from me to speak unto thee?

2Ch 18:24 And Micaiah said, Behold, thou shalt see on that day when thou shalt go into an inner chamber to hide thyself.

2Ch 18:25 Then **the king of Israel** said, Take ye **Micaiah**, and carry him back to Amon the governor of

city, and to Joash the king's son;

1Ki 22:27 And say, Thus saith the king, Put this *fellow* in the prison, and feed him with bread of affliction and with water of affliction, until I come in peace.

1Ki 22:28 And Micaiah said, If thou return at all in peace, the LORD hath not spoken by me. And he said, Hearken, O people, every one of you.

the city, and to **Joash the king's son**;

2Ch 18:26 And say, Thus saith the king, Put this *fellow* in the prison, and feed him with bread of affliction and with water of affliction, until I return in peace.

2Ch 18:27 And Micaiah said, If thou certainly return in peace, *then* hath not **the LORD** spoken by me. And he said, Hearken, all ye people.

Ahab is killed by the Arameans, God protects Jehoshaphat for crying out

1Ki 22:29 So the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat the king of Judah went up to Ramothgilead.

1Ki 22:30 And **the king of Israel** said unto **Jehoshaphat**, I will disguise myself, and enter into the battle; but put thou on thy robes. And **the king of Israel** disguised himself, and went into the battle.

1Ki 22:31 But **the king of Syria** commanded his thirty and two captains that had rule over his chariots, saying, Fight neither with small nor great, save only with **the king of Israel**.

1Ki 22:32 And it came to pass, when the captains of the chariots saw **Jehoshaphat**, that they said, Surely it *is* **the king of Israel**. And they turned aside to fight against him: and **Jehoshaphat** cried out.

1Ki 22:33 And it came to pass, when the captains of the chariots perceived that it *was* not **the king of Israel**, that they turned back from pursuing him.

1Ki 22:34 And a *certain* man drew a bow at a venture, and smote **the king of Israel** between the joints of the harness: wherefore he said unto the driver of his chariot, Turn thine hand, and carry me out of the host; for I am wounded.

1Ki 22:35 And the battle increased that day: and the king was stayed up in his chariot against the Syrians, and died at even: and the blood ran out of the wound into the midst of the chariot.

1Ki 22:36 And there went a proclamation throughout the host about the going down of the sun, saying, Every man to his city, and every man to his own country.

1Ki 22:37 So the king died, and was brought to **Samaria**; and they buried the king in **Samaria**.

1Ki 22:38 And *one* washed the chariot in the pool of **Samaria**; and the dogs licked up his blood; and they washed his armour; according unto **the word of the LORD** which he spake. (1Ki 21:19)

2Ch 18:28 So the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat the king of Judah went up to Ramothgilead.

2Ch 18:29 And **the king of Israel** said unto **Jehoshaphat**, I will disguise myself, and will go to the battle; but put thou on thy robes. So **the king of Israel** disguised himself; and they went to the battle.

2Ch 18:30 Now **the king of Syria** had commanded the captains of the chariots that *were* with him, saying, Fight ye not with small or great, save only with **the king of Israel**

2Ch 18:31 And it came to pass, when the captains of the chariots saw **Jehoshaphat**, that they said, It *is* **the king of Israel**. Therefore they compassed about him to fight: but **Jehoshaphat** cried out, and **the LORD** helped him; and God moved them *to depart* from him.

2Ch 18:32 For it came to pass, that, when the captains of the chariots perceived that it was not **the king of Israel**, they turned back again from pursuing him.

2Ch 18:33 And a *certain* man drew a bow at a venture, and smote **the king of Israel** between the joints of the harness: therefore he said to his chariot man, Turn thine hand, that thou mayest carry me out of the host; for I am wounded.

2Ch 18:34 And the battle increased that day: howbeit **the king of Israel** stayed *himself* up in *his* chariot against **the Syrians** until the even: and about the time of the sun going down <u>he died.</u>

1Ki 22:38 And they washed the chariot by the pool of **Samaria**, and the dogs licked up his blood (now the harlots bathed themselves *there*), according to **the word** of the LORD which He spoke. (NASV)

Note: Verse 38 is difficult to interpret correctly.

2Ch 19:1 And Jehoshaphat the king of Judah returned to his house in peace to Jerusalem.

Jehu the son of Hanani the seer warns Jehoshapaht to do justice

2Ch 19:2 And Jehu the son of Hanani the seer went out to meet him, and said to king Jehoshaphat, Shouldest thou help the ungodly, and love them that hate the LORD? therefore *is* wrath upon thee from before the LORD.

2Ch 19:3 Nevertheless there are good things found in thee, in that thou hast taken away the groves [Asheroth] out of the land, and hast prepared thine heart to seek God.

2Ch 19:4 And Jehoshaphat dwelt at Jerusalem: and he went out again through the people from Beersheba to mount Ephraim, and brought them back unto the LORD God of their fathers.

Jehoshaphat's Appointments

2Ch 19:5 And he set judges in the land throughout all the fenced cities of Judah, city by city,

2Ch 19:6 And said to the judges, Take heed what ye do: for ye judge not for man, but for the LORD, who is with you in the judgment.

2Ch 19:7 Wherefore now let the fear of **the LORD** be upon you; take heed and do *it*: for *there is* no iniquity with **the LORD** our God, nor respect of persons, nor taking of gifts.

Psa 82:1

A Psalm of Asaph.

God standeth in the congregation of the mighty; he judgeth among the gods.

Psa 82:2 How long will ye judge unjustly, and accept the persons of the wicked? Selah.

Psa 82:3 Defend the poor and fatherless: do justice to the afflicted and needy.

Psa 82:4 Deliver the poor and needy: rid them out of the hand of the wicked.

Psa 82:5 They know not, neither will they understand; they walk on in darkness: all the foundations of the earth are out of course.

Psa 82:6 I have said, Ye are gods; and all of you are children of the most High.

Psa 82:7 But ye shall die like men, and fall like one of the princes.

Psa 82:8 Arise, O God, judge the earth: for thou shalt inherit all nations.

2Ch 19:8 Moreover in Jerusalem did Jehoshaphat set

- of the Levites, and of the priests,
- and of the chief of the fathers of Israel.
 - o for the judgment of the LORD,
 - o and for controversies, when they returned to **Jerusalem**.

2Ch 19:9

And he charged them, saying,

Thus shall ye do in the fear of the LORD, faithfully, and with a perfect heart.

2Ch 19:10 And what cause soever shall come to you of your brethren that dwell in their cities,

- between blood and blood,
- between law and commandment,
- statutes and judgments,

ye shall even warn them that they trespass not against **the LORD**, and *so* wrath come upon you, and upon your brethren:

this do, and ye shall not trespass.

2Ch 19:11

And, behold,

- Amariah the chief priest is over you in all matters of the LORD;
- and Zebadiah the son of Ishmael, the ruler of the house of Judah, for all the king's matters:
- also the Levites shall be officers before you.

Deal courageously, and the LORD shall be with the good.

Transfer of power from Ahab king of Israel to his son Ahaziah

1Ki 22:40 So Ahab slept with his fathers; and Ahaziah his son reigned in his stead.

More records of Ahab

1Ki 22:39 Now the rest of the acts of **Ahab**, and all that he did, and the ivory house which he made, and all the cities that he built, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of **Israel**?

Note: This is not the 1,2 Chronicles in the Biblical canon, but it is recommended reading.

Ahaziah, wicked king of Israel in Samaria Son of Ahab, wicked king of Israel In parallel reign with Jehoshaphat king of Judah

Brief summary of Ahaziah's life

1Ki 22:51 Ahaziah the son of Ahab began to reign over Israel in Samaria

the seventeenth year of Jehoshaphat king of Judah,

and reigned two years over Israel.

1Ki 22:52 And he did evil in the sight of the LORD, and walked

in the way of his father,

and in the way of his mother,

and in the way of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel to sin:

1Ki 22:53 For he served **Baal**, and worshipped him, and provoked to anger **the LORD God of Israel**, according to all that his father had done.

Jehoshaphat seeks God when threatened by Moab and Ammon

2Ch 20:1 It came to pass after this also, *that* **the children of Moab**, and **the children of Ammon**, and with them *other* beside the **Ammonites**, came against **Jehoshaphat** to battle.

2Ch 20:2 Then there came some that told **Jehoshaphat**, saying, There cometh a great multitude against thee from beyond the sea on this side **Syria**; and, behold, they *be* in **Hazazontamar**, which *is* **Engedi**.

2Ch 20:3 And Jehoshaphat feared, and set himself to seek the LORD, and proclaimed a fast throughout all Judah.

2Ch 20:4 And Judah gathered themselves together, to ask *help* of the LORD: even out of all the cities of Judah they came to seek the LORD.

2Ch 20:5 And Jehoshaphat stood in the congregation of Judah and Jerusalem, in the house of the LORD, before the new court,

2Ch 20:6

And said,

O LORD God of our fathers,

- art not thou God in heaven?
- and rulest *not* thou over all the kingdoms of the heathen?
- and in thine hand is there not power and might, so that none is able to withstand thee?

2Ch 20:7 *Art* not thou our God, *who* didst drive out the inhabitants of this land before thy people **Israel**, and gavest it to the seed of **Abraham thy friend** for ever?

2Ch 20:8 And they dwelt therein, and have built thee a sanctuary therein for thy name, saying,

2Ch 20:9 If, when evil cometh upon us, as the sword, judgment, or pestilence, or famine, we stand before this house, and in thy presence, (for thy name is in this house,) and cry unto thee in our affliction, then thou wilt hear and help.

2Ch 20:10 And now, behold, the children of Ammon and Moab and mount Seir, whom thou wouldest not let Israel invade, when they came out of the land of Egypt, but they turned from them, and destroyed them not:

2Ch 20:11 Behold, *I say, how* they reward us, to come to cast us out of thy possession, which thou hast given us to inherit.

2Ch 20:12 O our God, wilt thou not judge them? for we have no might against this great company that cometh against us; neither know we what to do: but our eyes *are* upon thee.

Jahaziel prophesies the Lord will protect Judah

2Ch 20:13 And all Judah stood before the LORD, with their little ones, their wives, and their children.

2Ch 20:14 Then upon Jahaziel the son of Zechariah, the son of Benaiah, the son of Jeiel, the son of Mattaniah, a Levite of the sons of Asaph, came the Spirit of the LORD in the midst of the congregation;

2Ch 20:15 And he said, Hearken ye, all Judah, and ye inhabitants of Jerusalem, and thou king Jehoshaphat,

Thus saith the LORD unto you, <u>Be not afraid nor dismayed</u> by reason of this great multitude; for the battle is not yours, but God's.

2Ch 20:16 To morrow go ye down against them: behold, they come up by **the cliff of Ziz**; and ye shall find them at the end of the brook, before **the wilderness of Jeruel.**

2Ch 20:17 Ye shall not need to fight in this battle: set yourselves, stand ye still, and see the salvation of the LORD with you, O Judah and Jerusalem: fear not, nor be dismayed; to morrow go out against them: for the LORD will be with you.

Judah worships and praises the Lord

2Ch 20:18 And Jehoshaphat bowed his head with his face to the ground: and all Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem fell before the LORD, worshipping the LORD.

2Ch 20:19 And the Levites, of the children of the Kohathites, and of the children of the Korhites, stood up to praise the LORD God of Israel with a loud voice on high.

2Ch 20:20 And they rose early in the morning, and went forth into the wilderness of Tekoa: and as they went forth, Jehoshaphat stood and said, Hear me, O Judah, and ye inhabitants of Jerusalem; Believe in the LORD your God, so shall ye be established; believe his prophets, so shall ye prosper.

2Ch 20:21 And when he had consulted with the people, he appointed singers unto the LORD, and that should praise the beauty of holiness, as they went out before the army, and to say, Praise the LORD; for his mercy endureth for ever

The Lord has Moab and Ammon destroy each other

2Ch 20:22 And when they began to sing and to praise, the LORD set ambushments against the children of Ammon, Moab, and mount Seir, which were come against Judah; and they were smitten.

2Ch 20:23 For the children of Ammon and Moab stood up against the inhabitants of mount Seir, utterly to slay and destroy them: and when they had made an end of the inhabitants of Seir, every one helped to destroy another. 2Ch 20:24 And when Judah came toward the watch tower in the wilderness, they looked unto the multitude, and, behold, they were dead bodies fallen to the earth, and none escaped.

2Ch 20:25 And when **Jehoshaphat** and his people came to take away the spoil of them, they found among them in abundance both riches with the dead bodies, and precious jewels, which they stripped off for themselves, more than they could carry away: and they were three days in gathering of the spoil, it was so much.

Judah celebrates victory blessing the Lord

2Ch 20:26 And on the fourth day they assembled themselves in the valley of Berachah; for there they blessed the LORD: therefore the name of the same place was called, The valley of Berachah, unto this day.

Psa 46:1

To the chief Musician

for the sons of Korah, A Song upon Alamoth.

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Psa 46:2 Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea:

Psa 46:3 *Though* the waters thereof roar *and* be troubled, *though* the mountains shake with the swelling thereof. Selah.

Psa 46:4 *There is* a river, the streams whereof shall make glad the city of God, the holy *place* of the tabernacles of the most High.

Psa 46:5 God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved: God shall help her, and that right early.

Psa 46:6 The heathen raged, the kingdoms were moved: he uttered his voice, the earth melted.

Psa 46:7 The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. Selah.

Psa 46:8 Come, behold the works of the LORD, what desolations he hath made in the earth.

Psa 46:9 He maketh wars to cease unto the end of the earth; he breaketh the bow, and cutteth the spear in sunder; he burneth the chariot in the fire.

Psa 46:10 Be still, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth.

Psa 46:11 The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. Selah.

Psa 115:1 Not unto us, O LORD, not unto us, but unto thy name give glory, for thy mercy, and for thy truth's sake

Psa 115:2 Wherefore should the heathen say, Where is now their God?

Psa 115:3 But our God is in the heavens: he hath done whatsoever he hath pleased.

Psa 115:4 Their idols are silver and gold, the work of men's hands.

Psa 115:5 They have mouths, but they speak not: eyes have they, but they see not:

Psa 115:6 They have ears, but they hear not: noses have they, but they smell not:

Psa 115:7 They have hands, but they handle not: feet have they, but they walk not: neither speak they through their throat.

Psa 115:8 They that make them are like unto them; so is every one that trusteth in them.

Psa 115:9 O Israel, trust thou in the LORD: he is their help and their shield.

Psa 115:10 O house of Aaron, trust in the LORD: he is their help and their shield.

Psa 115:11 Ye that fear the LORD, trust in the LORD: he is their help and their shield.

Psa 115:12 The LORD hath been mindful of us: he will bless us; he will bless the house of Israel; he will bless the house of Aaron.

Psa 115:13 He will bless them that fear the LORD, both small and great.

Psa 115:14 The LORD shall increase you more and more, you and your children.

Psa 115:15 Ye are blessed of the LORD which made heaven and earth.

Psa 115:16 The heaven, even the heavens, are the LORD'S: but the earth hath he given to the children of men.

Psa 115:17 The dead praise not the LORD, neither any that go down into silence.

Psa 115:18 But we will bless the LORD from this time forth and for evermore. Praise the LORD.

2Ch 20:27 Then they returned, every man of **Judah** and **Jerusalem**, and **Jehoshaphat** in the forefront of them, to go again to **Jerusalem** with joy; for **the LORD** had made them to rejoice over their enemies.

2Ch 20:28 And they came to Jerusalem with psalteries and harps and trumpets unto the house of the LORD.

2Ch 20:29 And the fear of God was on all the kingdoms of *those* countries, when they had heard that **the LORD** fought against the enemies of **Israel**.

2Ch 20:30 So the realm of Jehoshaphat was quiet: for his God gave him rest round about.

1Ki 22:46 And the remnant of the sodomites, which remained in the days of his father **Asa**, he took out of the land.

1Ki 22:47 There was then no king in Edom: a deputy was king.

Alliance between Jehoshaphat and Ahaziah

1Ki 22:48a **Jehoshaphat** made ships of Tharshish to go to Ophir for gold:

1Ki 22:48b but they went not; for the ships were broken at Eziongeber.

1Ki 22:49 Then said Ahaziah the son of **Ahab** unto **Jehoshaphat**, Let my servants go with thy servants in the ships. But **Jehoshaphat** would not.

2Ch 20:35 And after this did Jehoshaphat king of Judah join himself with Ahaziah king of Israel, who did very wickedly:

2Ch 20:36 And he joined himself with him to make ships to go to Tarshish: and they made the ships in Eziongeber.

2Ch 20:37 Then Eliezer the son of Dodavah of Mareshah prophesied against Jehoshaphat, saying, Because thou hast joined thyself with Ahaziah, the LORD hath broken thy works.

And the ships were broken, that they were not able to go to Tarshish.

Note: Tarshish/Ezion-geber is believed to be on the southern coast of Spain but not conclusively as not all scholars agree. It is not found on any of today's maps of Spain.

Sidenote

2Ki 1:1 Then **Moab** rebelled against **Israel** after the death of **Ahab**.

Elijah rebukes Ahaziah saying no recovery from falling

2Ki 1:2 And Ahaziah fell down through a lattice in his upper chamber that was in Samaria, and was sick: and he sent messengers, and said unto them, Go, enquire of Baalzebub the god of Ekron whether I shall recover of this disease.

2Ki 1:3 But the angel of the LORD said to Elijah the Tishbite, Arise, go up to meet the messengers of the king of Samaria, and say unto them, *Is it* not because *there is* not a God in Israel, *that* ye go to enquire of Baalzebub the god of Ekron?

2Ki 1:4 Now therefore **thus saith the LORD**, Thou shalt not come down from that bed on which thou art gone up, but shalt surely die. And **Elijah** departed.

2Ki 1:5 And when the messengers turned back unto him, he said unto them, Why are ye now turned back?

2Ki 1:6 And they said unto him, There came a man up to meet us, and said unto us, Go, turn again unto the king that sent you, and say unto him, **Thus saith the LORD**, *Is it* not because *there is* not a God in **Israel**, *that* thou sendest to enquire of **Baalzebub the god of Ekron**? therefore thou shalt not come down from that bed on which thou art gone up, but shalt surely die.

2Ki 1:7 And he said unto them, What manner of man was he which came up to meet you, and told you these words?

2Ki 1:8 And they answered him, *He was* an hairy man, and girt with a girdle of leather about his loins. And he said, It *is* **Elijah the Tishbite**.

God burns Ahaziah's captains and their 50's sparing the third set of three

2Ki 1:9 Then **the king** sent unto him **a captain of fifty with his fifty.** And he went up to him: and, behold, he sat on the top of an hill. And he spake unto him, **Thou man of God, the king** hath said, Come down.

2Ki 1:10 And Elijah answered and said to the captain of fifty, If I be a man of God, then let fire come down from heaven, and consume thee and thy fifty. And there came down fire from heaven, and consumed him and his fifty.

2Ki 1:11 Again also he sent unto him **another captain of fifty with his fifty**. And he answered and said unto him, **O man of God**, thus hath **the king** said, Come down quickly.

2Ki 1:12 And Elijah answered and said unto them, If I be a man of God, let fire come down from heaven, and consume thee and thy fifty. And the fire of God came down from heaven, and consumed him and his fifty.

2Ki 1:13 And he sent again a captain of the third fifty with his fifty. And the third captain of fifty went up, and came and fell on his knees before Elijah, and besought him, and said unto him, O man of God, I pray thee, let my life, and the life of these fifty thy servants, be precious in thy sight.

2Ki 1:14 Behold, there came fire down from heaven, and burnt up the two captains of the former fifties with their fifties: therefore let my life now be precious in thy sight.

Elijah rebukes Ahaziah again saying no recovery from injury of falling

2Ki 1:15 And the angel of the LORD said unto Elijah, Go down with him: be not afraid of him. And he arose, and went down with him unto the king.

2Ki 1:16 And he said unto him, **Thus saith the LORD**, Forasmuch as thou hast sent messengers to enquire of **Baalzebub the god of Ekron**, *is it* not because *there is* no God in **Israel** to enquire of his word? therefore thou shalt not come down off that bed on which thou art gone up, but shalt surely die.

Transfer of power from sonless Ahaziah to Jehoram(Joram)

2Ki 1:17 So he died according to the word of the LORD which Elijah had spoken.

And Jehoram reigned in his stead in the second year of Jehoram the son of Jehoshaphat king of Judah; because he had no son.

Note: This is also the 18th year of **Jehoshaphat** (2Ki 3:1) Jehoram is the son of Ahab.

More records of Ahaziah

2Ki 1:18 Now the rest of the acts of Ahaziah which he did, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?

Note: This is not the 1,2 Chronicles in the Biblical canon, but it is recommended reading (if you can find it).

Elijah promises Elisha not to leave him before the whirlwind takes him up to heaven

2Ki 2:1 And it came to pass, when the LORD would take up Elijah into heaven by a whirlwind, that Elijah went with Elisha from Gilgal.

2Ki 2:2 And Elijah said unto Elisha, Tarry here, I pray thee; for the LORD hath sent me to Bethel. And Elisha said unto him, As the LORD liveth, and as thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee. So they went down to Bethel.

2Ki 2:3 And the sons of the prophets that were at **Bethel** came forth to **Elisha**, and said unto him, Knowest thou that the **LORD** will take away thy master from thy head to day? And he said, Yea, I know *it;* hold ye your peace.

2Ki 2:4 And Elijah said unto him, Elisha, tarry here, I pray thee; for the LORD hath sent me to Jericho. And he said, As the LORD liveth, and as thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee. So they came to Jericho.

2Ki 2:5 And the sons of the prophets that were at Jericho came to Elisha, and said unto him, Knowest thou that the LORD will take away thy master from thy head to day? And he answered, Yea, I know it; hold ye your peace. 2Ki 2:6 And Elijah said unto him, Tarry, I pray thee, here; for the LORD hath sent me to Jordan. And he said, As the LORD liveth, and as thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee. And they two went on.

Elisha succeeds Elijah

Elijah divides the waters of the Jordan

2Ki 2:7 And fifty men of the sons of the prophets went, and stood to view afar off: and they two stood by Jordan. 2Ki 2:8 And Elijah took his mantle, and wrapped *it* together, and smote the waters, and they were divided hither and thither [there], so that they two went over on dry ground.

2Ki 2:9 And it came to pass, when they were gone over, that **Elijah** said unto **Elisha**, Ask what I shall do for thee, before I be taken away from thee. And **Elisha** said, I pray thee, let a double portion of thy spirit be upon me. 2Ki 2:10 And he said, Thou hast asked a hard thing: *nevertheless*, if thou see me *when I am* taken from thee, it shall be so unto thee; but if not, it shall not be so.

Elijah taken up in the whirlwind - the mantle is passed to Elisha

2Ki 2:11 And it came to pass, as they still went on, and talked, that, behold, *there appeared* a chariot of fire, and horses of fire, and parted them both asunder; and Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven.

2Ki 2:12 And Elisha saw *it*, and he cried, My father, my father, the chariot of Israel, and the horsemen thereof. And he saw him no more: and he took hold of his own clothes, and rent them in two pieces.

Elisha duplicates Elijah in dividing the waters of the Jordan

2Ki 2:13 He took up also **the mantle of Elijah** that fell from him, and went back, and stood by the bank of **Jordan**;

2Ki 2:14 And he took **the mantle of Elijah** that fell from him, and smote the waters, and said, Where *is* **the LORD God** of **Elijah**? and when he also had smitten the waters, they parted hither [here] and thither [there]: and **Elisha** went over.

Fifty prophets cannot find Elijah

2Ki 2:15 And when the sons of the prophets which were to view at Jericho saw him, they said, The spirit of Elijah doth rest on Elisha. And they came to meet him, and bowed themselves to the ground before him.

2Ki 2:16 And they said unto him, Behold now, there be with thy servants **fifty strong men**; let them go, we pray thee, and seek thy master: lest peradventure **the Spirit of the LORD** hath taken him up, and cast him upon some mountain, or into some valley. And he said, Ye shall not send.

2Ki 2:17 And when they urged him till he was ashamed, he said, Send. They sent therefore **fifty men**; and they sought three days, but found him not.

2Ki 2:18 And when they came again to him, (for he tarried at **Jericho**,) he said unto them, Did I not say unto you, Go not?

Elisha purifies the waters at Jerico

2Ki 2:19 And the men of **the city** said unto **Elisha**, Behold, I pray thee, the situation of this city *is* pleasant, as my lord seeth: but the water *is* naught [bad], and the ground barren.

2Ki 2:20 And he said, Bring me a new cruse, and put salt therein. And they brought it to him.

2Ki 2:21 And he went forth unto the spring of the waters, and cast the salt in there, and said, Thus saith the

LORD, I have healed these waters; there shall not be from thence any more death or barren land.

2Ki 2:22 So the waters were healed unto this day, according to the saying of Elisha which he spake.

Forty-two boys killed by two bears for bullying Elisha because he was bald

2Ki 2:23 And he went up from thence unto **Bethel**: and as he was going up by the way, there came forth **little children** out of the city, and mocked him, and said unto him, Go up, thou bald head; go up, thou bald head.
2Ki 2:24 And he turned back, and looked on them, and cursed them in **the name of the LORD**. And there came forth two she bears out of the wood, and tare forty and two children of them.

2Ki 2:25 And he went from thence to mount Carmel, and from thence he returned to Samaria.

Jehoram, wicked king of Israel at Samaria Son of Ahab, wicked king of Israel, Brother of Ahaziah, wicked king of Israel

Preview of Jehoram's life

2Ki 3:1 Now Jehoram the son of Ahab began to reign over Israel in Samaria the eighteenth year of Jehoshaphat king of Judah.

- and reigned twelve years.
- 2Ki 3:2 And he wrought evil in the sight of **the LORD**; but not like his father, and like his mother: for he put away the image of **Baal** that his father had made.
- 2Ki 3:3 Nevertheless he cleaved unto the sins of **Jeroboam the son of Nebat**, which made **Israel** to sin; he departed not therefrom.

Mesha, king of Moab, rebels against Jehoram king of Israel

2Ki 3:4 And Mesha king of Moab was a sheepmaster, and rendered unto the king of Israel an hundred thousand lambs, and an hundred thousand rams, with the wool.

2Ki 3:5 But it came to pass, when **Ahab** was dead, that **the king of Moab** rebelled against **the king of Israel**. (See also 2Ki 1:1 - Ahaziah king of **Israel**)

Jehoram, Jehoshapphat, and the king of Edom unite against Mesha, king of Moab

2Ki 3:6 And king Jehoram went out of Samaria the same time, and numbered all Israel.

2Ki 3:7 And he went and sent to **Jehoshaphat the king of Judah**, saying, The **king of Moab** hath rebelled against me: wilt thou go with me against **Moab** to battle? And he said, I will go up: I *am* as thou *art*, my people as thy people, *and* my horses as thy horses.

2Ki 3:8 And he said, Which way shall we go up? And he answered, The way through the wilderness of Edom.

2Ki 3:9 So the king of Israel went, and the king of Judah, and the king of Edom: and they fetched a compass [made a circuit] of seven days' journey:

The three kings inquire of Elisha about the shortage of water to support their armies

2Ki 3:9b and there was no water for the host [army], and for the cattle that followed them.

2Ki 3:10 And the king of Israel said, Alas! that the LORD hath called these three kings together, to deliver them into the hand of Moab!

2Ki 3:11 But **Jehoshaphat** said, *Is there* not here a prophet of **the LORD**, that we may enquire of **the LORD** by him? And one of **the king of Israel**'s servants answered and said, Here *is* **Elisha the son of Shaphat**, which poured water on the hands of **Elijah**.

2Ki 3:12 And Jehoshaphat said, The word of the LORD is with him. So the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat and the king of Edom went down to him.

God grants water on behalf of Jehoshaphat

2Ki 3:13 And Elisha said unto the king of Israel, What have I to do with thee? get thee to the prophets of thy father, and to the prophets of thy mother. And the king of Israel said unto him, Nay: for the LORD hath called these three kings together, to deliver them into the hand of Moab.

2Ki 3:14 And Elisha said, As the LORD of hosts liveth, before whom I stand, surely, were it not that I regard the presence of Jehoshaphat the king of Judah, I would not look toward thee, nor see thee.
2Ki 3:15 But now bring me a minstrel.

And it came to pass, when the minstrel played, that the hand of **the LORD** came upon him.

2Ki 3:16 And he said, Thus saith the LORD, Make this valley full of ditches.

2Ki 3:17 For thus saith the LORD, Ye shall not see wind, neither shall ye see rain; yet that valley shall be filled with water, that ye may drink, both ye, and your cattle, and your beasts.

2Ki 3:18 And this is but a light thing in the sight of the LORD: he will deliver the Moabites also into your hand.

2Ki 3:19 And ye shall smite every fenced city, and every choice city, and shall fell every good tree, and stop all wells of water, and mar every good piece of land with stones.

2Ki 3:20 And it came to pass in the morning, when the meat offering was offered, that, behold, there came water by the way of **Edom**, and the country was filled with water.

Moab is slaughtered and humiliated

And when all the **Moabites** heard that the kings were come up to fight against them, they gathered all that were able to put on armour, and upward, and stood in the border.

2Ki 3:22 And they rose up early in the morning, and the sun shone upon the water, and the **Moabites** saw the water on the other side *as* red as blood:

2Ki 3:23 And they said, This *is* blood: the kings are surely slain, and they have smitten one another: now therefore, **Moab**, to the spoil.

2Ki 3:24 And when they came to the camp of **Israel**, the **Israelites** rose up and smote the **Moabites**, so that they fled before them: but they went forward smiting the **Moabites**, even in *their* country.

2Ki 3:25 And they beat down the cities, and on every good piece of land cast every man his stone, and filled it; and they stopped all the wells of water, and felled all the good trees: only in **Kirharaseth** left they the stones thereof; howbeit the slingers went about *it*, and smote it.

2Ki 3:26 And when **the king of Moab** saw that the battle was too sore for him, he took with him seven hundred men that drew swords, to break through *even* unto **the king of Edom:** but they could not.

2Ki 3:27 Then he took his eldest son that should have reigned in his stead, and offered him for a burnt offering upon the wall.

And there was great indignation against Israel: and they departed from him, and returned to their own land.

Note: There are kings in both **Israel** (northern kingdom) and **Judah** (southern kingdom) that have the same names and nicknames which can cause confusion in reading.

Israel	Judah
Jeroboam who is followed by 10 tribes of Israel , and	
Jeroboam, son of Jehoash (Joash)	
Jehoram (Joram), son of Ahab & Jezebel	Jehoram (Joram), son of Jehoshaphat
Jehoash (Joash), son of Jehoahaz	Jehoash (Joash), son of Ahaziah
Ahaziah, another son of Ahab	Ahaziah (Uzziah), son of Jehoash

Jehoram (Joram), wicked **king of Judah** Son of **Jehoshaphat**, partially righteous **king of Judah**

Brief summary of Jehoram's (Joram's) life

2Ki 8:16 And in the fifth year of Joram the son of Ahab king of Israel,

Jehoshaphat being then king of Judah, Jehoram the son of Jehoshaphat king of Judah began to reign. (Note: Co-regency overlap)

- 2Ki 8:17 Thirty and two years old was he when he began to reign;
- and he reigned eight years in Jerusalem.
- 2Ki 8:18 And he walked in the way of the kings of Israel, as did the house of Ahab:
- for the daughter of Ahab was his wife:
- and he did evil in the sight of **the LORD**.

2Ki 8:19 Yet **the LORD** would not destroy **Judah** for **David** his servant's sake, as he promised him to give him alway [always] a light, and to his children.

- 2Ch 21:5 **Jehoram** was thirty and two years old when he began to reign,
- and he reigned eight years in Jerusalem.
- 2Ch 21:6 And he walked in the way of the kings of Israel, like as did the house of Ahab:
- for he had the daughter of Ahab to wife:
- and he wrought *that which was* evil in the eyes of **the LORD**.

2Ch 21:7 Howbeit **the LORD** would not destroy **the house of David**, because of the covenant that he had made with **David**, and as he promised to give a light to him and to his sons for ever.

Transfer of power from Jehoshaphat to his son Jehoram

1Ki 22:50 And Jehoshaphat slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David his father:	2Ch 21:1 Now Jehoshaphat slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David .
and Jehoram his son reigned in his stead.	And Jehoram his son reigned in his stead.
	2Ch 21:2 And he had brethren the sons of
	Jehoshaphat, Azariah, and Jehiel, and Zechariah, and
	Azariah, and Michael, and Shephatiah: all these were
	the sons of Jehoshaphat king of Israel.
	2Ch 21:3 And their father gave them great gifts of
	silver, and of gold, and of precious things, with fenced
	cities in Judah: but the kingdom gave he to
	Jehoram; because he was the firstborn.

More records of Jehoshaphat

1Ki 22:45 Now the rest of the acts of **Jehoshaphat**, and his might that he shewed, and how he warred, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of **Judah**?

2Ch 20:34 Now the rest of the acts of **Jehoshaphat**, first and last, behold, they *are* written in the book of Jehu the son of Hanani, who *is* mentioned in the book of the kings of **Israel**.

Note: Not the 1,2 Chronicles and 1,2 Kings of the Biblical canon, but it is recommended reading (if you can find it).

2Ch 21:4 Now when Jehoram was risen up to the kingdom of his father, he strengthened himself,

- and slew all his brethren with the sword,
- and divers also of the princes of Israel.

Edom and Libna revolt against Judah

2Ki 8:20 In his days **Edom** revolted from under the hand of **Judah**, and made a king over themselves.
2Ki 8:21 So **Joram** went over to **Zair**, and all the chariots with him: and he rose by night, and smote the **Edomites** which compassed him about, and the captains of the chariots: and the people fled into their tents

2Ki 8:22 Yet **Edom** revolted from under the hand of **Judah** unto this day. Then **Libnah** revolted at the same time.

2Ch 21:8 In his days the **Edomites** revolted from under the dominion of **Judah**, and made themselves a king. 2Ch 21:9 Then **Jehoram** went forth with his princes, and all his chariots with him: and he rose up by night, and smote the **Edomites** which compassed him in, and the captains of the chariots.

2Ch 21:10 So the **Edomites** revolted from under the hand of **Judah** unto this day. The same time *also* did **Libnah** revolt from under his hand; because he had forsaken **the LORD God** of his fathers.

Oba 1:1 The vision of Obadiah. Thus saith the Lord GOD concerning Edom;

We have heard a rumour from **the LORD**, and an ambassador is sent among the heathen, Arise ye, and let us rise up against her in battle.

Oba 1:2 Behold, I have made thee small among the heathen {nations}: thou art greatly despised.

The arrogant like to build dwellings in isolated high places

Oba 1:3 The pride of thine heart hath deceived thee, thou that dwellest in the clefts of the rock, whose habitation *is* high; that saith in his heart, Who shall bring me down to the ground?

Oba 1:4 Though thou exalt *thyself* as the eagle, and though thou set thy nest among the stars, thence [from there] will I bring thee down, saith the LORD.

Edomites to be plundered

Oba 1:5 If thieves came to thee, if robbers by night, (how art thou cut off!)

would they not have stolen till they had enough?

If the grapegatherers came to thee, would they not leave some grapes?

Oba 1:6 How are the things of **Esau** searched out! how are his hidden things sought up!

Edom to be ambushed and destroyed

Oba 1:7 All the men of thy confederacy [alliance] have brought thee *even* to the border:

the men that were at peace with thee have deceived thee, and prevailed against thee;

they that eat thy bread have laid a wound under thee:

there is none understanding in him.

Oba 1:8 Shall I not in that day, saith the LORD,

even destroy the wise men out of **Edom**, and understanding out of the mount of **Esau**?

Oba 1:9 And thy mighty men, O Teman, shall be dismayed, (Note: Esau > Eliphaz > Teman in order of birth)

to the end that every one of the mount of Esau may be cut off by slaughter.

Oba 1:10 For *thy* violence against thy brother **Jacob**

shame shall cover thee,

and thou shalt be cut off for ever.

Oba 1:11 In the day that thou stoodest on the other side

in the day that the strangers carried away captive his forces [forces, resources, wealth],

and foreigners entered into his gates, and cast lots upon Jerusalem, even thou wast as one of them.

Your arrogance/gloating becomes your undoing

Oba 1:12 But thou shouldest not have looked on the day of thy brother in the day that he became a stranger;

(**Note**: The day that he became rebellious like the heathen)

neither shouldest thou have rejoiced over the children of Judah in the day of their destruction;

neither shouldest thou have spoken proudly in the day of distress.

Oba 1:13 Thou shouldest not have entered into the gate of my people in the day of their calamity;

yea, thou shouldest not have looked on their affliction in the day of their calamity,

nor have laid hands on their substance in the day of their calamity;

Oba 1:14 Neither shouldest thou have stood in the crossway, to cut off those of his that did escape;

neither shouldest thou have delivered up those of his that did remain in the day of distress.

Note: the King James Version has verses 12-14 in the past tense. In the Hebrew no tense is implied or is clear here. The whole context of this prophecy is tensed after the return from the exiles. So the tense implied in the New American Standard version is correct here.

Oba 1:15 For the day of the LORD is near upon all the heathen:

as thou hast done, it shall be done unto thee:

thy reward shall return upon thine own head.

God obliterates His enemies

Oba 1:16 For as ye have drunk upon my holy mountain,

so shall all the heathen drink continually,

yea, they shall drink, and they shall swallow down,

and they shall be as though they had not been.

Oba 1:17 But upon **mount Zion** shall be deliverance,

and there shall be holiness:

and the house of Jacob shall possess their possessions.

Oba 1:18 And the house of Jacob shall be a fire,

and the house of Joseph a flame,

and the house of Esau for stubble,

and they shall kindle in them, and devour them;

and there shall not be *any* remaining of **the house of Esau**;

for the LORD hath spoken it.

Oba 1:19 And *they of* **the south [Negev]** shall possess **the mount of Esau**; (**Note**: Mount Seir) and *they of* **the plain the Philistines**: and they shall possess the fields of **Ephraim**, and the fields of **Samaria**: and **Benjamin** *shall possess* **Gilead**.

Oba 1:20 And the captivity of this host of the children of Israel shall possess that of the Canaanites, even unto Zarephath; (Note: in Lebanon) and the captivity of Jerusalem, which is in Sepharad, (Note: in Southwest Turkey) shall possess the cities of the south [Negev].

Oba 1:21 And saviours [deliverers] shall come up on mount Zion to judge the mount of Esau;

and the kingdom shall be the LORD'S.

Elijah rebukes Jehoram regarding murder, fornication, idolotry

2Ch 21:11 Moreover he made high places in the mountains of **Judah**, and caused the inhabitants of **Jerusalem** to commit fornication, and compelled **Judah** thereto.

2Ch 21:12 And there came a writing to him from Elijah the prophet, saying, Thus saith the LORD God of David thy father, Because

- thou hast not walked in the ways of Jehoshaphat thy father, nor in the ways of Asa king of Judah,
- 2Ch 21:13 But hast walked in the way of **the kings of Israel**, and hast made **Judah** and the inhabitants of **Jerusalem** to go a whoring, like to the whoredoms of **the house of Ahab**,
- and also hast slain thy brethren of thy father's house, which were better than thyself:

2Ch 21:14 Behold,

- with a great plague will **the LORD** smite thy people, and thy children, and thy wives, and all thy goods:
- 2Ch 21:15 And thou shalt have great sickness by disease of thy bowels, until thy bowels fall out by reason of the sickness day by day.

God punishes Jehoram with sickness and by having the Philistines and Arabs annihilate and plunder Judah

2Ch 21:16 Moreover the LORD stirred up against Jehoram the spirit of the Philistines, and of the Arabians, that *were* near the Ethiopians:

2Ch 21:17 And they came up into **Judah**, and brake into it, and carried away all the substance that was found in the king's house, and his sons also, and his wives; so that there was never a son left him, save **Jehoahaz**, the youngest of his sons.

2Ch 21:18 And after all this the LORD smote him in his bowels with an incurable disease.

2Ch 21:19 And it came to pass, that in process of time, after the end of two years, his bowels fell out by reason of his sickness: so he died of sore diseases.

And his people made no burning for him, like the burning of his fathers.

More records of Jehoram (Joram) king of Judah

2Ki 8:23 And 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**?

Note: Not the 1,2 Chronicles of the Biblical canon, but it is recommended reading (if you can find it).

Transfer of power from Jehoram (Joram) king of Judah to his son Ahaziah

2Ki 8:24 And **Joram** slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David: and **Ahaziah his son** reigned in his stead.

2Ch 21:20 Thirty and two years old was he when he began to reign, and he reigned in Jerusalem eight years, and departed without being desired.

Howbeit they buried him in the city of David, but not

in the sepulchres of the kings.

Elisha's journeys

Elisha multiplies oil for a widow to prevent her from being a slave for unpaid debts

- **2Ki 4:1** Now there cried a certain woman of the wives of the sons of the prophets unto Elisha, saying, Thy servant my husband is dead; and thou knowest that thy servant did fear the LORD: and the creditor is come to take unto him my two sons to be bondmen.
- 2Ki 4:2 And Elisha said unto her, What shall I do for thee? tell me, what hast thou in the house? And she said, Thine handmaid hath not any thing in the house, save a pot of oil.
- 2Ki 4:3 Then he said, Go, borrow thee vessels abroad of all thy neighbours, even empty vessels; borrow not a few.
- 2Ki 4:4 And when thou art come in, thou shalt shut the door upon thee and upon thy sons, and shalt pour out into all those vessels, and thou shalt set aside that which is full.
- 2Ki 4:5 So she went from him, and shut the door upon her and upon her sons, who brought *the vessels* to her; and she poured out.
- 2Ki 4:6 And it came to pass, when the vessels were full, that she said unto her son, Bring me yet a vessel. And he said unto her, *There is* not a vessel more. And the oil stayed.
- 2Ki 4:7 Then she came and told the man of God. And he said, Go, sell the oil, and pay thy debt, and live thou and thy children of the rest.

A prominent woman extends Elisha hospitality

- 2Ki 4:8 And it fell on a day, that Elisha passed to Shunem (note: in Issachar), where was a great woman; and she constrained him to eat bread. And so it was, that as oft as he passed by, he turned in thither [there] to eat bread. 2Ki 4:9 And she said unto her husband, Behold now, I perceive that this is an holy man of God, which passeth by us continually.
- 2Ki 4:10 Let us make a little chamber, I pray thee, on the wall; and let us set for him there a bed, and a table, and a stool, and a candlestick: and it shall be, when he cometh to us, that he shall turn in thither [there].

Elisha heals the prominent woman's barrenness

- 2Ki 4:11 And it fell on a day, that he came thither [there], and he turned into the chamber, and lay there.
- 2Ki 4:12 And he said to **Gehazi** his servant, Call this **Shunammite**. And when he had called her, she stood before him.
- 2Ki 4:13 And he said unto him, Say now unto her, Behold, thou hast been careful for us with all this care; what *is* to be done for thee? wouldest thou be spoken for to the king, or to the captain of the host? And she answered, I dwell among mine own people.
- 2Ki 4:14 And he said, What then is to be done for her? And Gehazi answered, Verily she hath no child, and her husband is old.
- 2Ki 4:15 And he said, Call her. And when he had called her, she stood in the door.
- 2Ki 4:16 And he said, About this season, according to the time of life, thou shalt embrace a son. And she said, Nay, my lord, *thou* man of God, do not lie unto thine handmaid.
- 2Ki 4:17 And the woman conceived, and bare a son at that season that Elisha had said unto her, according to the time of life.

The child of the prominent woman dies

- 2Ki 4:18 And when the child was grown, it fell on a day, that he went out to his father to the reapers.
- 2Ki 4:19 And he said unto his father, My head, my head. And he said to a lad, Carry him to his mother.
- 2Ki 4:20 And when he had taken him, and brought him to his mother, he sat on her knees till noon, and then died.

Elisha heals the child

- 2Ki 4:21 And she went up, and laid him on the bed of the man of God, and shut the door upon him, and went out.
- 2Ki 4:22 And she called unto her husband, and said, Send me, I pray thee, one of the young men, and one of the asses, that I may run to the man of God, and come again.
- 2Ki 4:23 And he said, Wherefore wilt thou go to him to day? *it is* neither new moon, nor sabbath. And she said, *It shall be* well.
- 2Ki 4:24 Then she saddled an ass, and said to her servant, Drive, and go forward; slack not *thy* riding for me, except I bid thee.
- 2Ki 4:25 So she went and came unto **the man of God** to **mount Carmel**. And it came to pass, when **the man of God** saw her afar off, that he said to **Gehazi** his servant, Behold, *yonder is* that **Shunammite**:
- 2Ki 4:26 Run now, I pray thee, to meet her, and say unto her, *Is it* well with thee? *is it* well with thy husband? *is it* well with the child? And she answered, *It is* well.
- 2Ki 4:27 And when she came to **the man of God** to the hill, she caught him by the feet: but **Gehazi** came near to thrust her away. And **the man of God** said, Let her alone; for her soul *is* vexed within her: and **the LORD** hath hid *it* from me, and hath not told me.
- 2Ki 4:28 Then she said, Did I desire a son of my lord? did I not say, Do not deceive me?
- 2Ki 4:29 Then he said to **Gehazi**, Gird up thy loins, and take my staff in thine hand, and go thy way: if thou meet any man, salute him not; and if any salute thee, answer him not again: and lay my staff upon the face of the child. 2Ki 4:30 And the mother of the child said, *As* the LORD liveth, and *as* thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee. And he arose, and followed her.
- 2Ki 4:31 And **Gehazi** passed on before them, and laid the staff upon the face of the child; but *there was* neither voice, nor hearing. Wherefore he went again to meet him, and told him, saying, The child is not awaked.
- 2Ki 4:32 And when Elisha was come into the house, behold, the child was dead, and laid upon his bed.
- 2Ki 4:33 He went in therefore, and shut the door upon them twain, and prayed unto the LORD.
- 2Ki 4:34 And he went up, and lay upon the child, and put his mouth upon his mouth, and his eyes upon his eyes, and his hands upon his hands: and he stretched himself upon the child; and the flesh of the child waxed warm.
- 2Ki 4:35 Then he returned, and walked in the house to and fro; and went up, and stretched himself upon him: and the child sneezed seven times, and the child opened his eyes.
- 2Ki 4:36 And he called **Gehazi**, and said, Call this **Shunammite**. So he called her. And when she was come in unto him, he said, Take up thy son.
- 2Ki 4:37 Then she went in, and fell at his feet, and bowed herself to the ground, and took up her son, and went out.

Elisha decontaminates a large pot of stew for the sons of the prophets in Gilgal

2Ki 4:38 And Elisha came again to Gilgal: and there was a dearth [famine] in the land;

Note: The people of Gilgal rejected the Lord and made Saul their king (1Sa 11:15)

and the sons of the prophets were sitting before him: and he said unto his servant, Set on the great pot, and seethe pottage for the sons of the prophets.

- 2Ki 4:39 And one went out into the field to gather herbs, and found a wild vine, and gathered thereof wild gourds his lap full, and came and shred *them* into the pot of pottage: for they knew *them* not.
- 2Ki 4:40 So they poured out for the men to eat. And it came to pass, as they were eating of the pottage, that they cried out, and said, O thou man of God, there is death in the pot. And they could not eat thereof.
- 2Ki 4:41 But he said, Then bring meal. And he cast *it* into the pot; and he said, Pour out for the people, that they may eat. And there was no harm in the pot.

Elisha multiplies scarce food to feed a hundred men

2Ki 4:42 And there came a man from **Baalshalisha**, and brought **the man of God** bread of the firstfruits, twenty loaves of barley, and full ears of corn in the husk thereof. And he said, Give unto the people, that they may eat. 2Ki 4:43 And his servitor said, What, should I set this before an hundred men? He said again, Give the people, that

they may eat: for thus saith the LORD, They shall eat, and shall leave thereof [have some left over].

2Ki 4:44 So he set it before them, and they did eat, and left thereof [had some left over], according to the word of the LORD.

See Matthew 14:13-21

Naaman seeks out Elisha to be healed of his leprosy at the prompting of a slave girl from Israel

2Ki 5:1 Now Naaman, captain of the host of the king of Syria,

- was a great man with his master, and honourable,
- because by him the LORD had given deliverance unto Syria:
- he was also a mighty man in valour,
- but he was a leper.

2Ki 5:2 And the Syrians had gone out by companies, and had brought away captive out of the land of Israel a little maid; and she waited on Naaman's wife.

2Ki 5:3 And she said unto her mistress, Would God my lord *were* with **the prophet** that *is* in **Samaria!** for he would recover him of his leprosy.

2Ki 5:4 And one went in, and told his lord, saying, Thus and thus said the maid that is of the land of Israel.

2Ki 5:5 And the king of Syria said, Go to, go, [Go now] and I will send a letter unto the king of Israel. (note: Joram i.e. Jehoram). And he departed, and took with him

- ten talents of silver,
- and six thousand *pieces* of gold,
- and ten changes of raiment.

2Ki 5:6 And he brought the letter to **the king of Israel**, saying, Now when this letter is come unto thee, behold, I have *therewith* sent **Naaman** my servant to thee, that thou mayest recover him of his leprosy.

2Ki 5:7 And it came to pass, when **the king of Israel** had read the letter, that he rent his clothes, and said, *Am* I God, to kill and to make alive, that this man doth send unto me to recover a man of his leprosy? wherefore consider, I pray you, and see how he seeketh a quarrel against me.

2Ki 5:8 And it was so, when Elisha the man of God had heard that the king of Israel had rent his clothes, that he sent to the king, saying, Wherefore hast thou rent thy clothes? let him come now to me, and he shall know that there is a prophet in Israel.

2Ki 5:9 So Naaman came with his horses and with his chariot, and stood at the door of the house of Elisha.

2Ki 5:10 And Elisha sent a messenger unto him, saying, Go and wash in Jordan seven times, and thy flesh shall come again to thee, and thou shalt be clean.

2Ki 5:11 But Naaman was wroth, and went away, and said, Behold, I thought, He will surely come out to me, and stand, and call on the name of the LORD his God, and strike his hand over the place, and recover the leper.

2Ki 5:12 Are not Abana and Pharpar, rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? may I not wash in them, and be clean? So he turned and went away in a rage.

2Ki 5:13 And his servants came near, and spake unto him, and said, My father, *if* the prophet had bid thee *do some* great thing, wouldest thou not have done *it*? how much rather then, when he saith to thee, Wash, and be clean? 2Ki 5:14 Then went he down, and dipped himself seven times in **Jordan**, according to the saying of **the man of God**: and his flesh came again like unto the flesh of a little child, and he was clean.

Elisha refuses payment for healing Naaman

2Ki 5:15 And he returned to **the man of God**, he and all his company, and came, and stood before him: and he said, Behold, now I know that *there is* no God in all the earth, but in **Israel**: now therefore, I pray thee, take a blessing of thy servant.

2Ki 5:16 But he said, As the LORD liveth, before whom I stand, I will receive none. And he urged him to take it; but he refused.

2Ki 5:17 And Naaman said, Shall there not then, I pray thee, be given to thy servant two mules' burden of earth? for thy servant will henceforth offer neither burnt offering nor sacrifice unto other gods, but unto the LORD.

2Ki 5:18 In this thing **the LORD** pardon thy servant, *that* when my master goeth into **the house of Rimmon** to worship there, and he leaneth on my hand, and I bow myself **in the house of Rimmon**: when I bow down myself in **the house of Rimmon**, **the LORD** pardon thy servant in this thing.

2Ki 5:19 And he said unto him, Go in peace. So he departed from him a little way.

Gehazi, Elisha's servant lies to Naaman to get some payment for himself

2Ki 5:20 But **Gehazi**, the servant of **Elisha the man of God**, said, Behold, my master hath spared **Naaman** this **Syria**n, in not receiving at his hands that which he brought: but, *as* **the LORD** liveth, I will run after him, and take somewhat of him.

2Ki 5:21 So Gehazi followed after Naaman. And when Naaman saw *him* running after him, he lighted down from the chariot to meet him, and said, *Is* all well?

2Ki 5:22 And he said, All *is* well. My master hath sent me, saying, Behold, even now there be come to me from **mount Ephraim** two young men of the **sons of the prophets**: give them, I pray thee, a talent of silver, and two changes of garments.

2Ki 5:23 And Naaman said, Be content, take two talents. And he urged him, and bound two talents of silver in two bags, with two changes of garments, and laid *them* upon two of his servants; and they bare *them* before him.

2Ki 5:24 And when he came to the tower, he took *them* from their hand, and bestowed *them* in the house: and he let the men go, and they departed.

Elisha rebukes Gehazi for lying to him and punishes him with Naaman's leprosy

2Ki 5:25 But he went in, and stood before his master. And Elisha said unto him, Whence *comest thou*, Gehazi? And he said, Thy servant went no whither [where].

2Ki 5:26 And he said unto him, Went not mine heart *with thee*, when the man turned again from his chariot to meet thee? *Is it* a time to receive money, and to receive garments, and oliveyards, and vineyards, and sheep, and oxen, and menservants, and maidservants?

2Ki 5:27 The leprosy therefore of Naaman shall cleave unto thee, and unto thy seed for ever. And he went out from his presence a leper as white as snow.

Elisha makes the lost iron head of an ax float

2Ki 6:1 And the sons of the prophets said unto Elisha, Behold now, the place where we dwell with thee is too strait for us.

2Ki 6:2 Let us go, we pray thee, unto **Jordan**, and take thence every man a beam, and let us make us a place there, where we may dwell. And he answered, Go ye.

2Ki 6:3 And one said, Be content, I pray thee, and go with thy servants. And he answered, I will go.

2Ki 6:4 So he went with them. And when they came to Jordan, they cut down wood.

2Ki 6:5 But as one was felling a beam, the axe head fell into the water: and he cried, and said, Alas, master! for it was borrowed.

2Ki 6:6 And the man of God said, Where fell it? And he shewed him the place. And he cut down a stick, and cast *it* in thither [there]; and the iron did swim.

2Ki 6:7 Therefore said he, Take it up to thee. And he put out his hand, and took it.

Elisha warns Joram (Jehoram) regarding the king of Aram's intent to invade Israel

2Ki 6:8 Then **the king of Syria** warred against **Israel**, and took counsel with his servants, saying, In such and such a place *shall be* my camp.

2Ki 6:9 And the man of God sent unto the king of Israel, saying, Beware that thou pass not such a place; for thither [there] the Syrians are come down.

2Ki 6:10 And the king of Israel sent to the place which the man of God told him and warned him of, and saved himself there, not once nor twice.

The king of Aram, feeling betrayed by Elisha, seeks to kill him

2Ki 6:11 Therefore the heart of **the king of Syria** was sore troubled for this thing; and he called his servants, and said unto them, Will ye not shew me which of us *is* for **the king of Israel**?

2Ki 6:12 And one of his servants said, None, my lord, O king: but Elisha, the prophet that is in Israel, telleth the king of Israel the words that thou speakest in thy bedchamber.

2Ki 6:13 And he said, Go and spy where he *is*, that I may send and fetch him. And it was told him, saying, Behold, *he is* in **Dothan** (note: in west Manasseh).

2Ki 6:14 Therefore sent he thither [there] horses, and chariots, and a great host: and they came by night, and compassed the city about.

The Lord reveals to Elisha how He will subdue the Aramean army

2Ki 6:15 And when the servant of the man of God was risen early, and gone forth, behold, an host compassed the city both with horses and chariots. And his servant said unto him, Alas, my master! how shall we do?

2Ki 6:16 And he answered, Fear not: for they that be with us are more than they that be with them.

2Ki 6:17 And Elisha prayed, and said, LORD, I pray thee, open his eyes, that he may see. And the LORD opened the eyes of the young man; and he saw: and, behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha.

2Ki 6:18 And when they came down to him, Elisha prayed unto the LORD, and said, Smite this people, I pray thee, with blindness. And he smote them with blindness according to the word of Elisha.

Elisha prevents Joram (Jehoram) from killing the Aramean army

2Ki 6:19 And Elisha said unto them, This is not the way, neither is this the city: follow me, and I will bring you to the man whom ye seek. But he led them to Samaria.

2Ki 6:20 And it came to pass, when they were come into **Samaria**, that **Elisha** said, LORD, open the eyes of these *men*, that they may see. And **the LORD** opened their eyes, and they saw; and, behold, *they were* in the midst of **Samaria**.

2Ki 6:21 And the king of Israel said unto Elisha, when he saw them, My father, shall I smite them? shall I smite them?

2Ki 6:22 And he answered, Thou shalt not smite *them:* wouldest thou smite those whom thou hast taken captive with thy sword and with thy bow? set bread and water before them, that they may eat and drink, and go to their master.

2Ki 6:23 And he prepared great provision for them: and when they had eaten and drunk, he sent them away, and they went to their master. So the bands of Syria came no more into the land of Israel.

Ben-hadad king of Aram invades Samaria in the middle of their severe famine

2Ki 6:24 And it came to pass after this, that **Benhadad** king of **Syria** gathered all his host, and went up, and besieged **Samaria**.

A high price paid for any kind of food.

Even children are killed for food in year 1 of a 7-year famine

2Ki 6:25 And there was a great famine in **Samaria**: and, behold, they besieged it, until an ass's head was *sold* for fourscore *pieces* of silver, and the fourth part of a cab of dove's dung for five *pieces* of silver.

2Ki 6:26 And as **the king of Israel** was passing by upon the wall, there cried a woman unto him, saying, Help, my lord, O king.

2Ki 6:27 And he said, If the LORD do not help thee, whence shall I help thee? out of the barnfloor, or out of the winepress?

2Ki 6:28 And **the king** said unto her, What aileth thee? And she answered, This woman said unto me, Give thy son, that we may eat him to day, and we will eat my son to morrow.

2Ki 6:29 So we boiled my son, and did eat him: and I said unto her on the next day, Give thy son, that we may eat him: and she hath hid her son.

2Ki 6:30 And it came to pass, when **the king** heard the words of the woman, that he rent his clothes; and he passed by upon the wall, and the people looked, and, behold, *he had* sackcloth within upon his flesh.

King Joram seeks the life of **Elisha** blaming him for the famine

2Ki 6:31 Then he said, God do so and more also to me, if the head of Elisha the son of Shaphat shall stand [remain] on him this day.

2Ki 6:32 But Elisha sat in his house, and the elders sat with him; and *the king* sent a man from before him: but ere the messenger came to him, he said to the elders, See ye how this son of a murderer hath sent to take away mine head? look, when the messenger cometh, shut the door, and hold him fast at the door: *is* not the sound of his master's feet behind him?

2Ki 6:33 And while he yet talked with them, behold, **the messenger** came down unto him: and he said, Behold, this evil *is* of **the LORD**; what should I wait for **the LORD** any longer?

Elisha: A measure of fine flour for a shekel, and two measures of barley for a shekel 2Ki 7:1 Then Elisha said, Hear ye the word of the LORD; Thus saith the LORD, To morrow about this time *shall* a measure of fine flour *be sold* for a shekel, and two measures of barley for a shekel, in the gate of Samaria. Note: CSB (Christian Standard Bible) version

Elisha replied, "Hear the word of the Lord! This is what the Lord says: 'About this time tomorrow at **Samaria**'s gate, six quarts of fine flour will sell for a half ounce of silver and twelve quarts of barley will sell for a half ounce of silver."

2Ki 7:2 Then **a lord on whose hand the king leaned** answered **the man of God**, and said, Behold, *if* **the LORD** would make windows in heaven, might this thing be? And he said, Behold, thou shalt see *it* with thine eyes, but shalt not eat thereof.

Four lepers from Samaria take the spoils of the abandoned camps of the Aramean armies

2Ki 7:3 And there were **four leprous men** at the entering in of the gate: and they said one to another, Why sit we here until we die?

2Ki 7:4 If we say, We will enter into the city, then the famine *is* in the city, and we shall die there: and if we sit still here, we die also. Now therefore come, and let us fall unto **the host of the Syrians**: if they save us alive, we shall live; and if they kill us, we shall but die.

2Ki 7:5 And they rose up in the twilight, to go unto the camp of the Syrians: and when they were come to the uttermost part of the camp of Syria, behold, *there was* no man there.

2Ki 7:6 For the Lord had made the host of the Syrians to hear a noise of chariots, and a noise of horses, even the noise of a great host: and they said one to another, Lo, the king of Israel hath hired against us the kings of the Hittites, and the kings of the Egyptians, to come upon us.

2Ki 7:7 Wherefore they arose and fled in the twilight, and left their tents, and their horses, and their asses, even the camp as it *was*, and fled for their life.

2Ki 7:8 And when these lepers came to the uttermost part of the camp, they went into one tent, and did eat and drink, and carried thence silver, and gold, and raiment, and went and hid *it*; and came again, and entered into another tent, and carried thence *also*, and went and hid *it*.

The four lepers notify King Joram that spoils are for the taking

2Ki 7:9 Then they said one to another, We do not well: this day is a day of good tidings, and we hold our peace: if we tarry till the morning light, some mischief will come upon us: now therefore come, that we may go and tell the king's household.

2Ki 7:10 So they came and called unto the porter of the city: and they told them, saying, We came to **the camp of the Syrians**, and, behold, *there was* no man there, neither voice of man, but horses tied, and asses tied, and the tents as they *were*.

2Ki 7:11 And he called the porters; and they told *it* to the king's house within.

2Ki 7:12 And the king arose in the night, and said unto his servants, I will now shew you what **the Syrians** have done to us. They know that we *be* hungry; therefore are they gone out of the camp to hide themselves in the field, saying. When they come out of the city, we shall catch them alive, and get into the city.

2Ki 7:13 And one of his servants answered and said, Let *some* take, I pray thee, five of the horses that remain, which are left in the city, (behold, they *are* as **all the multitude of Israel** that are left in it: behold, I say, they are even as **all the multitude of the Israelites** that are consumed:) and let us send and see.

2Ki 7:14 They took therefore two chariot horses; and the king sent after the host of the Syrians, saying, Go and see

2Ki 7:15 And they went after them unto **Jordan**: and, lo, all the way was full of garments and vessels, which the **Syrians** had cast away in their haste. And the messengers returned, and told **the king**.

2Ki 7:16 And the people went out, and spoiled the tents of the Syrians.

So a measure of fine flour was *sold* for a shekel, and two measures of barley for a shekel, according to **the word of the LORD**.

King Jehoram/Joram 's royal officer is trampled to death

2Ki 7:17 And **the king** appointed **the lord** on whose hand he leaned to have the charge of the gate: and the people trode upon him in the gate, and he died, as the man of God had said, who spake when **the king** came down to him. 2Ki 7:18 And it came to pass as the man of God had spoken to **the king**, saying, Two measures of barley for a shekel, and a measure of fine flour for a shekel, shall be to morrow about this time in the gate of **Samaria**: 2Ki 7:19 And **that lord** answered **the man of God**, and said, Now, behold, *if* **the LORD** should make windows in heaven, might such a thing be? And he said, Behold, thou shalt see it with thine eyes, but shalt not eat thereof. 2Ki 7:20 And so it fell out unto **him**: for the people trode upon him in the gate, and he died.

Elisha has the hospitable prominent woman flee the seven year famine in Samaria See 2Ki 4:8-10, 2Ki 4:21-37

2Ki 8:1 Then spake Elisha unto the woman, whose son he had restored to life, saying, Arise, and go thou and thine household, and sojourn wheresoever thou canst sojourn: for the LORD hath called for a famine; and it shall also come upon the land seven years.

2Ki 8:2 And the woman arose, and did after the saying of the man of God: and she went with her household, and sojourned in the land of the Philistines seven years.

After the famine is over, Jehoram upon hearing about the hospitable woman restores all that was hers

2Ki 8:3 And it came to pass at the seven years' end, that the woman returned out of the land of the Philistines: and she went forth to cry unto the king for her house and for her land.

2Ki 8:4 And the king talked with Gehazi the servant of the man of God, saying, Tell me, I pray thee, all the great things that Elisha hath done.

2Ki 8:5 And it came to pass, as he was telling **the king** how he had restored a dead body to life, that, behold, the woman, whose son he had restored to life, cried to **the king** for her house and for her land. And **Gehazi** said, My lord, O king, this *is* the woman, and this *is* her son, whom **Elisha** restored to life.

2Ki 8:6 And when the king asked the woman, she told him. So the king appointed unto her a certain officer, saying, Restore all that *was* hers, and all the fruits of the field since the day that she left the land, even until now.

Hazael per Elisha's prophesy kills Ben-hadad king of Aram/Syria while in sickness and becomes king in his place

2Ki 8:7 And Elisha came to Damascus; and Benhadad the king of Syria was sick; and it was told him, saying, The man of God is come hither.

2Ki 8:8 And the king said unto Hazael, Take a present in thine hand, and go, meet the man of God, and enquire of the LORD by him, saying, Shall I recover of this disease?

2Ki 8:9 So **Hazael** went to meet him, and took a present with him, even of every good thing of **Damascus**, forty camels' burden, and came and stood before him, and said, Thy son **Benhadad** king of **Syria** hath sent me to thee, saying, Shall I recover of this disease?

2Ki 8:10 And Elisha said unto him, Go, say unto him, Thou mayest certainly recover: howbeit the LORD hath shewed me that he shall surely die.

2Ki 8:11 And he settled his countenance stedfastly, until he was ashamed: and the man of God wept.

2Ki 8:12 And Hazael said, Why weepeth my lord? And he answered, Because I know the evil that thou wilt do unto the children of Israel:

- their strong holds wilt thou set on fire,
- and their young men wilt thou slay with the sword,
- and wilt dash their children,
- and rip up their women with child.

2Ki 8:13 And Hazael said, But what, is thy servant a dog, that he should do this great thing? And Elisha answered, The LORD hath shewed me that thou shalt be king over Syria.

2Ki 8:14 So he departed from Elisha, and came to his master; who said to him, What said Elisha to thee? And he answered, He told me *that* thou shouldest surely recover.

2Ki 8:15 And it came to pass on the morrow, that he took a thick cloth, and dipped it in water, and spread it on his face, so that he died:

and Hazael reigned in his stead.

Ahaziah,wicked king of Judah Son of Jehoram, wicked king of Judah

Brief summary of Ahaziah's life

Note: Joram is Jehoram

2Ki 8:25 In the twelfth year of **Joram the son of Ahab king of Israel**

did Ahaziah the son of Jehoram king of Judah begin to reign.

- 2Ki 8:26 Two and twenty years old was Ahaziah when he began to reign;
- and he reigned one year in Jerusalem.
- And his mother's name was **Athaliah**, the daughter of **Omri** king of **Israel**.
- 2Ki 8:27 And he walked in the way of **the** house of Ahab,
- and did evil in the sight of the LORD, as did the house of Ahab;
- for he was the son in law of the house of Ahab.

2Ch 22:1 And the inhabitants of **Jerusalem** made **Ahaziah his youngest son king** in his stead: for the band of men that came with the Arabians to the camp had slain all the eldest.

So Ahaziah the son of Jehoram king of Judah reigned.

- 2Ch 22:2 Forty and two years old was Ahaziah when he began to reign,
- and he reigned one year in Jerusalem.
- His mother's name also was **Athaliah** the daughter of **Omri**.
- 2Ch 22:3 He also walked in the ways of **the house of Ahab:** for his mother was his counsellor to do wickedly.
- 2Ch 22:4 Wherefore he did evil in the sight of the LORD like the house of Ahab: for they were his counsellors after the death of his father to his destruction.
- 2Ch 22:5a He walked also after their counsel,

Discrepancy in pink due to scribal error, not translation.

Jehoram (Joram) of Israel joins Ahaziah, son of Jehoram of Judah against Hazael king of Aram/Syria. Joram is wounded and made ill.

2Ki 8:28 And he went with Joram the son of **Ahab** to the war against **Hazael** king of **Syria** in **Ramothgilead**; and **the Syrians** wounded **Joram**. Note: Joram is likely the brother of Ahaziah, the likely first born of Ahab, who fell through the lattice and was killed.

2Ki 8:29 And king Joram went back to be healed in Jezreel of the wounds which the Syrians had given 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.

2Ch 22:5b and went with Jehoram the son of **Ahab** king of Israel to war against **Hazael** king of **Syria** at **Ramothgilead**: and **the Syrians** smote **Joram**. **Note**: Ramoth-gilead is located in the tribe of Dan, east of the Jordan River.

2Ch 22:6 And he returned to be healed in **Jezreel** because of the wounds which were given him at **Ramah**, when he fought with **Hazael** king of **Syria**.

And Azariah the son of Jehoram king of Judah went down to see Jehoram the son of Ahab at Jezreel, because he was sick.

Jehu, son of Jehoshaphat, son of Nimshi, anointed king of **Israel** by **Elisha**'s servant

To destroy the whole household of **Ahab**Jehu is Partially loyal to God

Year 1 of the reign of Jehu

Elisha sends a servant to anoint Jehu as king of Israel to destroy the "house of Ahab"

2Ki 9:1 And Elisha the prophet called one of the children of the prophets, and said unto him, Gird up thy loins, and take this box of oil in thine hand, and go to **Ramothgilead**:

2Ki 9:2 And when thou comest thither [there], look out there **Jehu the son of Jehoshaphat the son of Nimshi**, and go in, and make him arise up from among his brethren, and carry him to an inner chamber;

2Ki 9:3 Then take the box of oil, and pour *it* on his head, and say, **Thus saith the LORD**, I have anointed thee **king over Israel.** Then open the door, and flee, and tarry [wait] not.

2Ki 9:4 So the young man, even the young man the prophet, went to Ramothgilead.

2Ki 9:5 And when he came, behold, the captains of the host were sitting; and he said, I have an errand to thee, O captain. And Jehu said, Unto which of all us? And he said, To thee, O captain.

2Ki 9:6 And he arose, and went into the house; and he poured the oil on his head, and said unto him, **Thus saith** the LORD God of Israel, I have anointed thee king over the people of the LORD, even over Israel.

2Ki 9:7 And thou shalt smite the house of **Ahab** thy master, that I may avenge the blood of my servants the prophets, and the blood of all the servants of **the LORD**, at the hand of **Jezebel**.

2Ki 9:8 For the whole house of Ahab shall perish: and I will cut off from Ahab him that pisseth against the wall, and him that is shut up and left in Israel:

2Ki 9:9 And I will make the house of Ahab like the house of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, and like the house of Baasha the son of Ahijah:

2Ki 9:10 And the dogs shall eat Jezebel in the portion of Jezreel, and there shall be none to bury her. And he opened the door, and fled.

2Ki 9:11 Then **Jehu** came forth to the servants of his lord: and *one* said unto him, *Is* all well? wherefore came this mad *fellow* to thee? And he said unto them, Ye know the man, and his communication.

2Ki 9:12 And they said, *It is* false; tell us now. And he said, Thus and thus spake he to me, saying, **Thus saith the LORD**, I have anointed thee king over **Israel**.

2Ki 9:13 Then they hasted, and took every man his garment, and put *it* under him on the top of the stairs, and blew with trumpets, saying, **Jehu is king.** 2Ki 9:14a

So Jehu the son of Jehoshaphat the son of Nimshi conspired against Joram.

Sidenote: Jehoram (Joram) wounded in battle

2Ki 9:14b (Now Joram had kept [defended] Ramothgilead, he and all Israel, because of Hazael king of Syria.

2Ki 9:15a But king Joram was returned to be healed in Jezreel of the wounds which the Syrians had given him, when he fought with Hazael king of Syria.)

2Ki 9:15b And Jehu said, If it be your minds, *then* let none go forth *nor* escape out of the city to go to tell *it* in Jezreel.

2Ki 9:16 So Jehu rode in a chariot, and went to Jezreel; for Joram lay there. And Ahaziah king of Judah was come down to see Joram.

2Ki 9:17 And there stood a watchman on the tower in Jezreel, and he spied the company of Jehu as he came, and said, I see a company.

And **Joram** said, Take an **horseman**, and send to meet them, and let him say, *Is it* peace? 2Ki 9:18 So there went one on horseback to meet him, and said, Thus saith **the king**, *Is it* peace? And Jehu said, What hast thou to do with peace? turn thee behind me. And **the watchman** told, saying, The messenger came to them, but he cometh not again.

2Ki 9:19 Then he sent out a **second on horseback**, which came to them, and said, Thus saith the king, *Is* it peace? And **Jehu** answered, What hast thou to do with peace? turn thee behind me.

2Ki 9:20 And **the watchman** told, saying, He came even unto them, and cometh not again: and the driving *is* like the driving of **Jehu the son of Nimshi**; for he driveth furiously.

Jehu slays Joram with an arrow

2Ki 9:21 And **Joram** said, Make ready. And his chariot was made ready. And **Joram king of Israel** and **Ahaziah king of Judah** went out, each in his chariot, and they went out against **Jehu**, and met him in the portion of **Naboth** the Jezreelite.

2Ki 9:22 And it came to pass, when **Joram** saw **Jehu**, that he said, *Is it* peace, **Jehu**? And he answered, What peace, so long as the whoredoms of thy mother **Jezebel** and her witchcrafts *are so* many?

2Ki 9:23 And Joram turned his hands, and fled, and said to Ahaziah, *There is* treachery, O Ahaziah.

2Ki 9:24 And Jehu drew a bow with his full strength, and smote Jehoram between his arms, and the arrow went out at his heart, and he sunk down in his chariot.

Jehoram (Joram)'s body is thrown in the field of Naboth the Jezreelite

2Ki 9:25 Then said **Jehu** to **Bidkar his captain**, Take up, *and* cast him in the portion of **the field of Naboth the Jezreelite:** for remember how that, when I and thou rode together after **Ahab** his father, **the LORD** laid this burden [prophecy] upon him;

2Ki 9:26 Surely I have seen yesterday the blood of **Naboth**, and the blood of his sons, **saith the LORD**; and I will requite thee in this plat [property], **saith the LORD**. Now therefore take *and* cast him into the plat [property] *of ground*, according to **the word of the LORD**.

Jehu has Ahaziah king of Judah shot with an arrow

2Ki 9:27 But when **Ahaziah the king of Judah** saw *this*, he fled by the way of the garden house. And **Jehu** followed after him, and said, Smite him also in the chariot. *And they did so* at the going up to **Gur, which is by Ibleam.** And he fled to **Megiddo**, and died there.

Ahaziah king of Judah is buried in Jerusalem

2Ki 9:28 And his servants carried him in a chariot to **Jerusalem**, and buried him in his sepulchre with his fathers in **the city of David**.

Sidenote:

2Ch 22:7 And the destruction of Ahaziah was of God by coming to Joram: for when he was come, he went out with Jehoram against Jehu the son of Nimshi, whom the LORD had anointed to cut off the house of Ahab.

(Note: Joram and Jehoram are the same person)

Note 2Ki 9:2 ... **Jehu the son of Jehoshaphat the son of Nimshi.** Son can also mean grandson in the Hebrew language which is confusing for tracing genealogies.

2Ch 22:8 And it came to pass, that, when **Jehu** was executing judgment upon **the house of Ahab**, and found **the princes of Judah**, and **the sons of the brethren of Ahaziah**, **that ministered to Ahaziah**, **he slew them**. 2Ch 22:9 And he sought **Ahaziah**: and they caught him, (for he was hid in **Samaria**,) and brought him to **Jehu**: and when they had slain him, they buried him: Because, said they, he *is* the son of **Jehoshaphat**, who sought **the LORD** with all his heart.

So the house of Ahaziah had no power to keep still [retain the rule of] the kingdom.

Jehu executes the witch Jezebel

Jehu has Jezebel thrown out the window

2Ki 9:30 And when **Jehu** was come to **Jezreel**, **Jezebel** heard *of it*; and she painted her face [eyes], and tired (adorned) her head, and looked out at a window.

(Note: Certain kinds of eye makeup: styling of the eyebrows, eyelashes, and painting of the eyelids, have their origins in witchcraft.)

2Ki 9:31 And as Jehu entered in at the gate, she said, *Had* Zimri peace, who slew his master?

2Ki 9:32 And he lifted up his face to the window, and said, Who is on my side? who? And there looked out to him two or three eunuchs.

2Ki 9:33 And he said, Throw her down. So they threw her down: and *some* of her blood was sprinkled on the wall, and on the horses: and he trode her under foot.

Jezebel's body is mutilated by dogs

2Ki 9:34 And when **he** was come in, he did eat and drink, and said, Go, see now this cursed *woman*, and bury her: for she *is* a king's daughter.

2Ki 9:35 And they went to bury her: but they found no more of her than the skull, and the feet, and the palms of her hands

2Ki 9:36 Wherefore they came again, and told him. And he said, This is the word of the LORD, which he spake by his servant Elijah the Tishbite, saying, In the portion of Jezreel shall dogs eat the flesh of Jezebel:

2Ki 9:37 And the carcase of Jezebel shall be as dung upon the face of the field in **the portion of Jezreel**; so that they shall not say, This is Jezebel.

Jehu destroys Ahab's household

Jehu has seventy sons of Ahab beheaded

2Ki 10:1 And **Ahab** had seventy sons in **Samaria**.

And Jehu wrote letters, and sent to Samaria, unto the rulers of Jezreel, to the elders, and to them that brought up Ahab's children, saying,

2Ki 10:2 Now as soon as this letter cometh to you, seeing **your master's sons** are with you, and *there* are with you chariots and horses, a fenced city also, and armour;

2Ki 10:3 Look even out the best and meetest of your master's sons, and set *him* on his father's throne, and fight for **your master's house.**

2Ki 10:4 But they were exceedingly afraid, and said,

Behold, two kings stood not before him: how then shall we stand?

2Ki 10:5 And he that was over the house, and he that was over the city, the elders also, and the bringers up of the children, sent to Jehu, saying,

We *are* thy servants, and will do all that thou shalt bid us; we will not make any king: do thou *that which* is good in thine eyes.

2Ki 10:6 Then he wrote a letter the second time to them, saying,

If ye be mine, and if ye will hearken unto my voice, take ye the heads of the men your master's sons, and come to me to Jezreel by to morrow this time.

Now **the king's sons**, *being* **seventy persons**, *were* with the great men of the city, which brought them up. 2Ki 10:7 And it came to pass, when the letter came to them, that they took **the king's sons**, and slew seventy persons, and put their heads in baskets, and sent him *them* to **Jezreel**.

2Ki 10:8 And there came **a messenger**, and told him, saying, They have brought the heads of the king's sons. And he said, Lay ye them in two heaps at the entering in of the gate until the morning.

Jehu kills all Ahab's household, great men, acquaintances, priests

2Ki 10:9 And it came to pass in the morning, that he went out, and stood, and said to all the people, Ye be righteous: behold, I conspired against my master, and slew him: but who slew all these?

2Ki 10:10 Know now that there shall fall unto the earth nothing of **the word of the LORD**, which **the LORD** spake concerning the house of **Ahab**: for **the LORD** hath done *that* which he spake by his servant Elijah.

2Ki 10:11 So Jehu slew all that remained of the house of Ahab in Jezreel, and all his great men, and his kinsfolks, and his priests, until he left him none remaining.

Jehu has executed all the relatives of Ahaziah king of Judah

2Ki 10:12 And he arose and departed, and came to **Samaria**. *And* as he *was* at the shearing house in the way, (**Note:** Beth-eked, a sheep shearing house)

2Ki 10:13 **Jehu** met with **the brethren of Ahaziah king of Judah**, and said, Who *are* ye? And they answered, We *are* **the brethren of Ahaziah**; and we go down to salute **the children of the king** and **the children of the queen**.

2Ki 10:14 And he said, Take them alive. And they took them alive, and slew them at the pit of the shearing house, even two and forty men; neither left he any of them.

Jehu destroys Ahab's household - continued

2Ki 10:15 And when he was departed thence, he lighted on [met] **Jehonadab** the son of Rechab coming to meet him: and he saluted him, and said to him, Is thine heart right, as my heart is with thy heart? And **Jehonadab** answered, It is. If it be, give me thine hand. And he gave him his hand; and he took him up to him into the chariot. 2Ki 10:16 And he said, Come with me, and see my zeal for the LORD. So they made him ride in his chariot.

2Ki 10:17 And when he came to Samaria, he slew all that remained unto Ahab in Samaria, till he had destroyed him, according to the saying of the LORD, which he spake to Elijah.

Jehu destroys all worshipers of Baal and Baal's temple

2Ki 10:18 And Jehu gathered all the people together, and said unto them,

Ahab served **Baal** a little; but **Jehu** shall serve him much.

2Ki 10:19 Now therefore call unto me all **the prophets of Baal**, **all his servants**, **and all his priests**; let none be wanting: for I have a great sacrifice *to do* to **Baal**; whosoever shall be wanting, he shall not live.

But Jehu did it in subtilty, to the intent that he might destroy the worshippers of Baal.

2Ki 10:20 And Jehu said,

Proclaim a solemn assembly for Baal.

And they proclaimed it.

2Ki 10:21 And Jehu sent through all Israel: and all the worshippers of Baal came, so that there was not a man left that came not. And they came into the house of Baal; and the house of Baal was full from one end to another. 2Ki 10:22 And he said unto him that was over the vestry,

Bring forth vestments for all the worshippers of Baal. And he brought them forth vestments.

2Ki 10:23 And Jehu went, and Jehonadab the son of Rechab, into the house of Baal, and said unto the worshippers of Baal,

Search, and look that there be here with you none of the servants of the LORD, but the worshippers of Baal only.

2Ki 10:24 And when they went in to offer sacrifices and burnt offerings, **Jehu** appointed fourscore men without, and said.

If any of the men whom I have brought into your hands escape, he that letteth him go, his life shall be for the life of him.

2Ki 10:25 And it came to pass, as soon as he had made an end of offering the burnt offering, that **Jehu** said to the guard and to the captains, Go in, *and* slay them; let none come forth. And they smote them with the edge of the sword; and the guard and the captains cast *them* out, and went to the city of **the house of Baal**.

2Ki 10:26 And they brought forth the images [sacred pillars] out of the house of Baal, and burned them.

2Ki 10:27 And they brake down the image [sacred pillar] of Baal, and brake down the house of Baal, and made it a draught house [latrine] unto this day.

2Ki 10:28 Thus **Jehu** destroyed **Baal** out of **Israel**.

Simultaneous with the acts of Jehu

God uses Hazael king of Aram to cut off portions of Israel

2Ki 10:32 In those days the LORD began to cut Israel short [cut off portions/allotments to Israel]: and Hazael smote them in all the coasts [borders] of Israel;

2Ki 10:33 From Jordan eastward,

- all the land of Gilead,
 - o the Gadites, and the Reubenites, and the Manassites,
 - o from Aroer, which is by the river Arnon,
 - o even Gilead
- and Bashan. (Note: Bashan incorporates parts of Gad, Manasseh, and western Syria)

Note: Though Gad, Reuben, and east Manasseh are part of the ten tribes of northern Israel I chose the light greenblue color to represent Israel's cities east of the Jordan River.

Athaliah, mother of Ahaziah, wicked ruler of Judah

During year 1 of the reign of **Jehu**

Athaliah the granddaughter of Omri king of Israel.

Athaliah destroys the royal offspring of the house of Judah Joash, son of Ahaziah is hidden from Athaliah

2Ki 11:1 And when **Athaliah** the mother of Ahaziah saw that her son was dead, she arose and destroyed **all the seed royal.**

Note: Athalia was a priestess of witchcraft.

2Ki 11:2 But Jehosheba, the daughter of king Joram, sister of Ahaziah, took Joash the son of Ahaziah, and stole him from among the king's sons *which were* slain; and they hid him, *even* him and his nurse, in the bedchamber from **Athaliah**, so that he was not slain.

2Ki 11:3 And he was with her hid in the house of the LORD six years. And Athaliah did reign over the land.

2Ch 22:10 But when Athaliah the mother of Ahaziah saw that her son was dead, she arose and destroyed all the seed royal of the house of Judah.

2Ch 22:11 But Jehoshabeath, the daughter of the king, took Joash the son of Ahaziah, and stole him from among the king's sons that were slain, and put him and his nurse in a bedchamber.

So Jehoshabeath, the daughter of king Jehoram, the wife of Jehoiada the priest, (for she was the sister of Ahaziah,) hid him from Athaliah, so that she slew him not.

2Ch 22:12 And he was with them hid in the house of God six years: and Athaliah reigned over the land.

Jehoiada the priest has Athalia executed with the sword and Joash established as king of Judah

2Ki 11:4 And the seventh year Jehoiada sent

and fetched the rulers over hundreds, with the captains and the guard, and brought them to him into the house of the LORD,

and made a covenant with them, and took an oath of them in the house of the LORD, and shewed them the king's son.

2Ki 11:5 And he commanded them, saying, This is the thing that ye shall do;

- A third part of you that enter in on the sabbath shall even be keepers of the watch of the king's house.
- 2Ki 11:6 And a third part *shall be* at the gate of Sur;
- and a third part at the gate behind the guard: so shall ye keep the watch of the house, that it be not broken down.

2Ki 11:7 And two parts of all you that go forth on the sabbath, even they shall keep the watch of the house of the LORD about the king.

2Ki 11:8 And **ye** shall compass **the king** round about, every man with his weapons in his hand: and he that cometh within the ranges, let him be slain: and be ye with the king as he goeth out and as he cometh in.

2Ki 11:9 And the captains over the hundreds did according to all *things* that Jehoiada the priest commanded: and they took every man his men that were to come in on the sabbath, with them that should go out on the sabbath, and came to Jehoiada the priest.

2Ki 11:10 And to the captains over hundreds did the priest give king David's spears and shields, that were in the temple of the LORD.

2Ki 11:11 And the guard stood, every man with his weapons in his hand, round about the king, from the right corner of the temple to the left corner of the temple, *along* by the altar and the temple.

2Ki 11:12 And he brought forth **the king's son**, and put the crown upon him, and *gave him* the testimony; and

2Ch 23:1 And in the seventh year Jehoiada strengthened himself,

and took the captains of hundreds,

- Azariah the son of Jeroham,
- and Ishmael the son of Jehohanan,
- and Azariah the son of Obed,
- and Maaseiah the son of Adaiah,
- and Elishaphat the son of Zichri,

into covenant with him.

2Ch 23:2 And they went about in Judah, and gathered the Levites out of all the cities of Judah, and the chief of the fathers of Israel, and they came to Jerusalem. 2Ch 23:3 And all the congregation made a covenant with the king in the house of God. And he said unto them, Behold, the king's son shall reign, as the LORD hath said of the sons of David.

2Ch 23:4 This is the thing that ye shall do;

- A third part of you entering on the sabbath, of the priests and of the Levites, *shall be* porters of the doors;
- 2Ch 23:5 And a third part *shall be* at the king's house;
- and a third part at the gate of the foundation:

and all the people *shall be* in the courts of **the house of the LORD**.

2Ch 23:6 But let none come into the house of the LORD, save the priests, and they that minister of the Levites; they shall go in, for they *are* holy: but all the people shall keep the watch of the LORD.

2Ch 23:7 And the Levites shall compass the king round about, every man with his weapons in his hand; and whosoever *else* cometh into the house, he shall be put to death: but be ye with the king when he cometh in, and when he goeth out.

2Ch 23:8 So the Levites and all Judah did according to all things that Jehoiada the priest had commanded, and took every man his men that were to come in on the sabbath, with them that were to go *out* on the sabbath: for Jehoiada the priest dismissed not the courses [divisions].

2Ch 23:9 Moreover **Jehoiada the priest** delivered to the captains of hundreds spears, and bucklers, and shields, that *had been* king **David**'s, which *were* in the house of God.

2Ch 23:10 And he set all the people, every man having his weapon in his hand, from the right side of the temple to the left side of the temple, along by the altar and the temple, by the king round about.

2Ch 23:11 Then they brought out **the king's son**, and put upon him the crown, and *gave him* the testimony,

they made him king, and anointed him; and they clapped their hands, and said, God save [long live] the king.

Athaliah Executed

2Ki 11:13 And when **Athaliah** heard the noise of the guard *and* of the people, she came to the people into **the temple of the LORD**.

2Ki 11:14 And when she looked, behold, **the king** stood by a pillar, as the manner *was*, and the princes and the trumpeters by the king, and all the people of the land rejoiced, and blew with trumpets:

and Athaliah rent her clothes, and cried, Treason, Treason.

2Ki 11:15 But Jehoiada the priest commanded the captains of the hundreds, the officers of the host, and said unto them, Have her forth without the ranges: and him that followeth her kill with the sword. For the priest had said, Let her not be slain in the house of the LORD.

2Ki 11:16 And they laid hands on her; and she went by the way by the which the horses came into the king's house: and there was she slain.

Jehojada's Reforms

2Ki 11:17 And Jehoiada made a covenant between the LORD and the king and the people, that they should be the LORD'S people; between the king also and the people.

2Ki 11:18 And all the people of the land went into the house of Baal, and brake it down; his altars and his images brake they in pieces thoroughly, and slew Mattan the priest of Baal before the altars.

And the priest appointed officers over the house of the

LORD.

2Ki 11:19 And he took the rulers over hundreds, and the captains, and the guard, and all the people of the land; and they brought down the king from the house of the LORD, and came by the way of the gate of the guard to the king's house. And he sat on the throne of the kings.

2Ki 11:20 And all the people of the land rejoiced, and the city was in quiet: and [for] they slew Athaliah with the sword *beside* the king's house.

and made him king. And Jehoiada and his sons anointed him, and said, God save [long live] the king.

Athaliah Executed

2Ch 23:12 Now when **Athaliah** heard the noise of the people running and praising the king, she came to the people into the house of the LORD:

2Ch 23:13 And she looked, and, behold, the king stood at his pillar at the entering in, and the princes and the trumpets by the king: and all the people of the land rejoiced, and sounded with trumpets, also the singers with instruments of musick, and such as taught to sing praise. Then Athaliah rent her clothes, and said, Treason, Treason.

2Ch 23:14 Then **Jehoiada the priest** brought out the captains of hundreds that were set over the host, and said unto them, Have her forth of the ranges: and whoso followeth her, let him be slain with the sword. For the priest said, Slay her not in **the house of the LORD**.

2Ch 23:15 So they laid hands on her; and when she was come to the entering of the horse gate by the king's house, they slew her there.

Jehojada's Reforms

2Ch 23:16 And **Jehoiada** made a covenant between him, and between all the people, and between the king, that they should be the LORD'S people.

2Ch 23:17 Then all the people went to the house of Baal, and brake it down, and brake his altars and his images in pieces, and slew Mattan the priest of Baal before the altars.

2Ch 23:18 Also Jehoiada appointed the offices of the house of the LORD by the hand of the priests the Levites, whom David had distributed in the house of the LORD, to offer the burnt offerings of the LORD, as it is written in the law of Moses, with rejoicing and with singing, as it was ordained by David.

2Ch 23:19 And he set the porters at the gates of the house of the LORD, that none *which was* unclean in any thing should enter in.

2Ch 23:20 And he took the captains of hundreds, and the nobles, and the governors of the people, and all the people of the land, and brought down the king from the house of the LORD: and they came through the high gate into the king's house, and set the king upon the throne of the kingdom.

2Ch 23:21 And all the people of the land rejoiced: and the city was quiet, after that [for] they had slain Athaliah with the sword.

Joe 1:1

The word of the LORD that came to Joel the son of Pethuel.

Note: there is no mention of Pethuel elsewhere in the Bible.

Joe 1:2

Hear this, ye old men, and give ear, all ye inhabitants of the land.

Hath this been in your days, or even in the days of your fathers? Joe 1:3 Tell ye your children of it, and *let* your children *tell* their children, and their children another generation.

Sword, Famine, Plague, Desolation

Plague

Joe 1:4 That which the palmerworm hath left hath the locust eaten; and that which the locust hath left hath the cankerworm eaten; and that which the cankerworm hath left hath the caterpiller eaten.

Joe 1:5 Awake, ye drunkards, and weep; and howl, all ye drinkers of wine, because of the new wine; for it is cut off from your mouth.

Sword and Famine

Joe 1:6 For a nation is come up upon my land, (note: Babylon and the Chaldeans under Nebuchadnezzar) strong, and without number, whose teeth *are* the teeth of a lion, and he hath the cheek teeth of a great lion.

Joe 1:7 He hath laid my vine waste,

and barked [splintered] my fig tree:

he hath made it clean bare, and cast it away;

the branches thereof are made white.

Joe 1:8 Lament like a virgin girded with sackcloth for the husband of her youth.

Joe 1:9 The meat [grain] offering and the drink offering is cut off from the house of the LORD; the priests, the LORD'S ministers, mourn.

Joe 1:10 The field is wasted,

the land mourneth; for the corn is wasted:

the new wine is dried up,

the oil languisheth.

Joe 1:11 Be ye ashamed, O ye husbandmen [farmers]; howl, O ye vinedressers,

for the wheat and for the barley; because

the harvest of the field is perished.

Joe 1:12 The vine is dried up,

and the fig tree languisheth; the pomegranate tree, the palm tree also, and the apple tree,

even all the trees of the field, are withered: because joy is withered away from the sons of men.

Repent!

Joe 1:13 Gird yourselves, and lament, ye priests:

howl, ye ministers of the altar:

come, lie all night in sackcloth, ye ministers of my God:

for the meat [grain] offering and the drink offering is withholden from the house of your God.

Joe 1:14 Sanctify ye a fast,

call a solemn assembly,

gather the elders *and* all the inhabitants of the land *into* the house of the LORD your God, and cry unto the LORD,

Joe 1:15

Alas for the day!

for the day of **the LORD** is at hand,

and as a destruction from the Almighty shall it come.

Sword and Famine

Joe 1:16 Is not the meat cut off before our eyes, *yea*,

joy and gladness from the house of our God?

Joe 1:17 The seed is rotten under their clods,

the garners [storehouses] are laid desolate,

the barns are broken down;

for the corn is withered.

Joe 1:18 How do the beasts groan!

the herds of cattle are perplexed, because they have no pasture; yea,

the flocks of sheep are made desolate.

Joe 1:19 O LORD, to thee will I cry:

for the fire hath devoured the pastures of the wilderness,

and the flame hath burned all the trees of the field.

Joe 1:20 The beasts of the field cry also unto thee: for the rivers of waters are dried up, and the fire hath devoured the pastures of the wilderness.

Joe 2:1 Blow ye the trumpet in Zion, and sound an alarm in my holy mountain:

let all the inhabitants of the land tremble:

for the day of the LORD cometh, for it is nigh at hand;

- Joe 2:2 A day of darkness and of gloominess,
- a day of clouds and of thick darkness,

as the morning spread upon the mountains: a great people and a strong; (see Joel 2:20)

there hath not been ever the like,

neither shall be any more after it, even to the years of many generations.

Joe 2:3 A fire devoureth before them; and behind them a flame burneth:

the land *is* as the garden of Eden before them, and behind them a desolate wilderness; yea, and nothing shall escape them.

Joe 2:4 The appearance of them is as the appearance of horses; and as horsemen, so shall they run.

Joe 2:5 Like the noise of chariots on the tops of mountains shall they leap,

like the noise of a flame of fire that devoureth the stubble,

as a strong people set in battle array.

Joe 2:6 Before their face the people shall be much pained; all faces shall gather blackness.

Joe 2:7 They shall run like mighty men; they shall climb the wall like men of war;

and they shall march every one on his ways, and they shall not break their ranks:

Joe 2:8 Neither shall one thrust another; they shall walk every one in his path: and *when* they fall upon the sword, they shall not be

Joe 2:8 They do not crowd each other; They march everyone in his path.

When they burst through the defenses, they do not break ranks. (NASV)

Joe 2:9 They shall run to and fro in the city; they shall run upon the wall, they shall climb up upon the houses; they shall enter in at the windows like a thief.

• Joe 2:10 The earth shall quake

before them;

wounded. (KJV)

- the heavens shall tremble:
- the sun and the moon shall be dark,
- and the stars shall withdraw their shining:

God calls His people to repentance - Sound the Alarm

JJoe 2:11 And the LORD shall utter his voice before his army: (see verse 20) for his camp is very great: for he is strong that executeth his word:

for the day of **the LORD** *is* great and very terrible; and who can abide {endure} it? (see verse 20)

Joe 2:12

Therefore also now, saith the LORD, turn ye *even* to me with all your heart,

and with fasting, and with weeping, and with mourning:

Joe 2:13 And rend your heart, and not your garments,

and turn unto the LORD your God:

for he *is* gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repenteth him [relenting] of the evil.

Joe 2:14 Who knoweth *if* he will return and repent [relent], and leave a blessing behind him; *even* a meat [grain] offering and a drink offering unto **the LORD** your God?

Joe 2:15 Blow the trumpet in Zion,

sanctify a fast,

call a solemn assembly:

Joe 2:16 Gather the people, sanctify the congregation,

assemble the elders,

gather the children, and those that suck the breasts:

let the bridegroom go forth of his chamber, and the bride out of her closet.

Joe 2:17 Let the priests, the ministers of the LORD, weep between the porch and the altar, and let them say,

Spare thy people, O LORD,

and give not thine heritage to reproach, that the heathen should rule over them: wherefore [why] should they say among the people, Where *is* their God?

If you, Israel and Judah and Jerusalem, repent, then I will do this

Joe 2:18 Then will **the LORD** be jealous for his land,

and pity his people.

Joe 2:19 Yea, the LORD will answer and say unto his people,

Behold, I will send you corn, and wine, and oil,

and ye shall be satisfied therewith:

and I will no more make you a reproach among the heathen:

Joe 2:20

But I will remove far off from you the northern army,

- and will drive him into a land barren and desolate,
- with his face toward the east sea,
- and his hinder part toward the utmost sea,
- and his stink shall come up, and his ill savour shall come up, because he hath done great things.
- Joe 2:21 Fear not, O land; be glad and rejoice: for the LORD will do great things.
- Joe 2:22 Be not afraid, ye beasts of the field: for the pastures of the wilderness do spring, for the tree beareth her fruit, the fig tree and the vine do yield their strength.

Joe 2:23 Be glad then, ye children of Zion, and rejoice in the LORD your God:

for he hath given you the former rain moderately,

and he will cause to come down for you the rain, the former rain, and the latter rain in the first month.

Joe 2:24 And the floors shall be full of wheat,

and the fats shall overflow with wine and oil.

Joe 2:25 And I will restore to you the years that **the locust** hath eaten, the cankerworm, and the caterpiller, and the palmerworm, my great army which I sent among you.

Joe 2:26 And ye shall eat in plenty, and be satisfied,

and praise the name of the LORD your God, that hath dealt wondrously with you:

and my people shall never be ashamed.

Joe 2:27 And ye shall know that I am in the midst of **Israel**, and that I am the LORD your God, and none else:

and my people shall never be ashamed.

After the Resurrection of Jesus Christ

Joe 2:28

And it shall come to pass afterward,

that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh;

and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,

your old men shall dream dreams,

your young men shall see visions:

Joe 2:29 And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit.

Note: Fulfilled prophecy starting with the book of Acts in the New Testament)

Shortly before Jesus Christ returns to set up His Kingdom on earth

Joe 2:30 And I will shew wonders in the heavens and in the earth,

- blood, and fire, and pillars of smoke.
- Joe 2:31 The sun shall be turned into darkness,
- and the moon into blood,

before the great and the terrible day of the LORD come.

Joe 2:32 And it shall come to pass, *that* whosoever shall call on **the name of the LORD** shall be delivered: for in **mount Zion** and in **Jerusalem** shall be deliverance, as **the LORD** hath said, and in **the remnant** whom **the LORD** shall call.

Joe 3:1

For, behold, in those days, and in that time,

when I shall bring again the captivity of **Judah** and **Jerusalem**, Joe 3:2 I will also gather **all nations**, and will bring them down into the valley of **Jehoshaphat**, Note: **Jehoshaphat** was the son of **Asa king of Judah**

and will plead with them there for my people and for my heritage Israel, whom they have scattered among the nations.

- and parted my land.
- Joe 3:3 And they have cast lots for my people;
- and have given a boy for an harlot,
- and sold a girl for wine, that they might drink.

Joe 3:4 Yea, and what have ye to do with me, O Tyre, and Zidon [Sidon], and all the coasts of Palestine? will ye render me a recompence?

and if ye recompense me, swiftly and speedily will I return your recompence upon your own head;

Joe 3:5 Because

- ye have taken my silver and my gold,
- and have carried into your temples my goodly pleasant things:
- Joe 3:6 The children also of Judah and the children of Jerusalem have ye sold unto the Grecians, that ye might remove them far from their border.

Joe 3:7 Behold,

- I will raise them out of the place whither [where] ye have sold them,
- and will return your recompence upon your own head:
- Joe 3:8 And I will sell your sons and your daughters into the hand of **the children of Judah**, and they shall sell them to **the Sabeans**, to a people far off: for **the LORD** hath spoken *it*.

Note: The Sabeans are mentioned in Job and Isaiah chapter 45 who live in what is today called Yemen, bordering Saudi Arabia on the south.

Joe 3:9 Proclaim ye this among the Gentiles;

Prepare war, wake up the mighty men, let all the men of war draw near; let them come up: Joe 3:10 Beat your plowshares into swords, and your pruninghooks into spears: let the weak say, I *am* strong.

Joe 3:11 Assemble yourselves, and come, **all ye heathen**, and gather yourselves together round about:

thither [there] [there] cause thy mighty ones to come down, O LORD.

Joe 3:12 Let the heathen be wakened, and come up to the valley of Jehoshaphat:

for there will I sit to judge all the heathen round about.

Joe 3:13 Put ye in the sickle, for the harvest is ripe: (see Rev elation 14:14-19)

come, get you down; for the press is full,

the fats overflow; for their wickedness is great.

Joe 3:14 Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision:

for the day of the LORD is near in the valley of decision.

- *Joe 3:15 The sun and the moon shall be darkened,*
- and the stars shall withdraw their shining.
- Joe 3:16 The LORD also shall roar out of Zion, and utter his voice from Jerusalem;
- and the heavens and the earth shall shake:

but **the LORD** *will be* the hope of **his people**, and the strength of **the children of Israel**. See also 2 Chronicles chapters 17-20

Joe 3:17 a So shall ye know that **I am the LORD** your God dwelling in **Zion**, my holy mountain:

When Jesus Christ sets up His Eternal Kingdom on Earth

Joe 3:17b

then shall **Jerusalem** be holy,

and there shall no strangers pass through her any more.

Joe 3:18 And it shall come to pass in that day,

that the mountains shall drop down new wine,

and the hills shall flow with milk,

and all the rivers of **Judah** shall flow with waters,

and a fountain shall come forth of the house of the LORD, and shall water the valley of Shittim.

Joe 3:19 Egypt shall be a desolation, (Note: Egypt will first be punished then repent and worship with Israel and Assyria per Isaiah 19:10-22)

and Edom shall be a desolate wilderness, for the violence against the children of Judah, because they have shed innocent blood in their land.

Joe 3:20 But Judah shall dwell for ever, and Jerusalem from generation to generation.

Joe 3:21 For I will cleanse their blood *that* I have not cleansed:

for the LORD dwelleth in Zion.

Jehoash (Joash), righteous then wicked **king of Judah** Son of Ahaziah, wicked **king of Judah**

In the seventh year of Jehu king of Israel

Brief summary of Jehoash's life

2Ki 11:21 Seven years old was Jehoash when he began to reign.

2Ki 12:1 In the seventh year of Jehu Jehoash began to reign;

(Note: **Jehu** son of Nimshi was anointed king of Israel to slay Ahab's household. This is not the **prophet Jehu**, son of the **prophet Hanani**)

- and forty years reigned he in Jerusalem.
- And his mother's name was Zibiah of Beersheba
- 2Ki 12:2 And Jehoash did that which was right in the sight of the LORD all his days wherein Jehoiada the priest instructed him.
- 2Ki 12:3 But the high places were not taken away: the people still sacrificed and burnt incense in the high places.

2Ch 24:1 Joash *was* seven years old when he began to reign,

- and he reigned forty years in Jerusalem.
- His mother's name also was Zibiah of
 Beersheba
- 2Ch 24:2 And Joash did that which was right in the sight of the LORD all the days of Jehoiada the priest.

Overlapping reigns of **Jehu** and **Joash** (Jehoash)

Jehu continues in the sins of Jeroboam

2Ki 10:29 Howbeit from the sins of **Jeroboam the son of Nebat**, who made **Israel** to sin, **Jehu** departed not from after them, to wit, the golden calves that were in **Bethel**, and that were in **Dan**.

2Ki 10:30 And the LORD said unto Jehu, Because thou hast done well in executing *that which is* right in mine eyes, *and* hast done unto the house of Ahab according to all that *was* in mine heart, thy children of the fourth *generation* shall sit on the throne of Israel.

2Ki 10:31 But **Jehu** took no heed to walk in **the law of the LORD God of Israel** with all his heart: for he departed not from the sins of **Jeroboam**, which made **Israel** to sin.

More records of Jehu grandson of Nimshi king of Israel

2Ki 10:34 Now the rest of the acts of **Jehu**, and all that he did, and all his might, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of **Israel**?

Note: Not the same 1,2 Chronicles in the Biblical canon but it is recommended reading (if you can find it).

Transfer of power from Jehu to his son Jehoahaz

2Ki 10:35 And **Jehu** slept with his fathers: and they buried him in **Samaria**. And **Jehoahaz** his son reigned in his stead

2Ki 10:36 And the time that Jehu reigned over Israel in Samaria was twenty and eight years.

Joash/Jehoash continued - Repairs are made to the house of the Lord

2Ki 12:4 And Jehoash said to the priests, All the money of the dedicated things that is brought into the house of the LORD, even the money of every one that passeth the account, the money that every man is set at, and all the money that cometh into any man's heart to bring into the house of the LORD,

2Ki 12:5 Let **the priests** take *it* to them, every man of his acquaintance: and let them repair the breaches of the house, wheresoever any breach shall be found.

2Ki 12:6 But it was so, that in the three and twentieth year of king Jehoash the priests had not repaired the breaches of the house.

2Ki 12:7 Then king **Jehoash** called for **Jehoiada the priest**, and **the** *other* **priests**, and said unto them, Why repair ye not the breaches of the house?

now therefore receive no *more* money of your acquaintance, but deliver it for the breaches of the house

2Ki 12:8 And the priests consented to receive no *more* money of the people, neither to repair the breaches of the house.

2Ki 12:9 But Jehoiada the priest took a chest, and bored a hole in the lid of it, and set it beside the altar, on the right side as one cometh into the house of the LORD:

and the priests that kept the door put therein all the money that was brought into the house of the LORD.

2Ki 12:10 And it was so, when they saw that there was much money in the chest, that the king's scribe and the high priest came up, and they put up in bags, and told the money that was found in the house of the LORD.

2Ch 24:3 And **Jehoiada** took for him two wives; and he begat sons and daughters.

2Ch 24:4 And it came to pass after this, *that* Joash was minded to repair the house of the LORD.
2Ch 24:5 And he gathered together the priests and the Levites, and said to them, Go out unto the cities of Judah, and gather of all Israel money

to repair the house of your God from year to year, and see that ye hasten the matter.

Howbeit the Levites hastened it not.

2Ch 24:6 And the king called for Jehoiada the chief, and said unto him, Why hast thou not required of the Levites to bring in out of Judah and out of Jerusalem the collection, according to the commandment of Moses the servant of the LORD, and of the congregation of Israel, for the tabernacle of witness? 2Ch 24:7 For the sons of Athaliah, that wicked woman, had broken up the house of God; and also all the dedicated things of the house of the LORD did they bestow upon Baalim.

2Ch 24:8 And at the king's commandment they made a chest, and set it without at the gate of the house of the LORD.

2Ch 24:9 And they made a proclamation through **Judah** and **Jerusalem**, to bring in to **the LORD** the collection *that* **Moses** the servant of God *laid* upon **Israel** in the wilderness.

2Ch 24:10 And all the princes and all the people rejoiced, and brought in, and cast into the chest, until they had made an end.

2Ch 24:11 Now it came to pass, that at what time the chest was brought unto the king's office by the hand of the Levites.

and when they saw that *there was* much money, the king's scribe and the high priest's officer came and emptied the chest, and took it, and carried it to his place again. Thus they did day by day, and gathered money in abundance.

2Ki 12:11 And they gave the money, being told, into the hands of them that did the work, that had the oversight of the house of the LORD: and they laid it out to the carpenters and builders, that wrought upon the house of the LORD.

2Ki 12:12 And to **masons**, **and hewers of stone**, and to buy timber and hewed stone to repair the breaches of **the house of the LORD**, and for all that was laid out for the house to repair *it*.

2Ki 12:13 Howbeit there were not made for **the house of the LORD** bowls of silver, snuffers, basons, trumpets, any vessels of gold, or vessels of silver, of the money that was brought into **the house of the LORD**: 2Ki 12:14 But they gave that to the workmen, and repaired therewith **the house of the LORD**. 2Ki 12:15 Moreover they reckoned not with the men, into whose hand they delivered the money to be bestowed on workmen: for they dealt faithfully.

2Ki 12:16 The trespass money and sin money was not brought into the house of the LORD: it was the priests'.

2Ch 24:12 And the king and **Jehoiada** gave it to such as did the work of the service of **the house of the LORD**,

and hired masons and carpenters to repair the house of the LORD, and also such as wrought iron and brass to mend the house of the LORD.

2Ch 24:13 So the workmen wrought, and the work was perfected by them, and they set **the house of God** in his state, and strengthened it.

2Ch 24:14 And when they had finished *it*, they brought the rest of the money before **the king** and **Jehoiada**, whereof were made

- vessels for the house of the LORD,
- even vessels to minister, and to offer withal,
- and spoons, and vessels of gold and silver.

And they offered burnt offerings in the house of the LORD continually all the days of Jehoiada.

Persecution of the righteous prophets

2Ch 24:15 But Jehoiada waxed old, and was full of days when he died; an hundred and thirty years old was he when he died.

2Ch 24:16 And they buried him in the city of David among the kings, because he had done good in Israel, both toward God, and toward his house.

2Ch 24:17 Now after the death of Jehoiada came the princes of Judah, and made obeisance to the king. *Then the king hearkened unto them.*

2Ch 24:18 And they left the house of the LORD God of their fathers, and served groves and idols:

and wrath came upon Judah and Jerusalem for this their trespass.

2Ch 24:19 Yet he sent **prophets** to them, to bring them again unto **the LORD**; and they testified against them: but they would not give ear.

2Ch 24:20 And the Spirit of God came upon Zechariah the son of Jehoiada the priest, which stood above the people, and said unto them,

Thus saith God, Why transgress ye the commandments of the LORD, that ye cannot prosper? because ye have forsaken the LORD, he hath also forsaken you.

2Ch 24:21

And they conspired against him, and stoned him with stones at the commandment of the king in the court of the house of the LORD.

2Ch 24:22 Thus Joash the king remembered not the kindness which Jehoiada his father had done to him, but slew his son.

And when he died, he said, The LORD look upon it, and require [avenge] it.

Judgment: The Lord gives over Judah's great army into the hands of a much smaller Aramean army under the rule of Hazael

2Ki 12:17 Then Hazael king of Syria went up, and fought against Gath, and took it: and Hazael set his face to go up to Jerusalem.

2Ki 12:18 And **Jehoash king of Judah** took all the hallowed things that

- Jehoshaphat,
- and Jehoram,
- and Ahaziah,

his fathers, kings of Judah, had dedicated,

- and his own hallowed things,
- and all the gold that was found in the treasures of
 - o the house of the LORD,
 - o and in the king's house,

and sent it to Hazael king of Syria:

(Note: Jehoash is Joash)

2Ch 24:23 And it came to pass at the end of the year, that the host of Syria came up against him: and they came to Judah and Jerusalem,

and destroyed all the princes of the people from among the people, and sent all the spoil of them unto the king of Damascus.

2Ch 24:24 For the army of the Syrians came with a small company of men, and the LORD delivered a very great host into their hand,

because they had forsaken the LORD God of their fathers.

So they executed judgment against **Joash**.

2Ch 24:25a And when they were departed from him, (for they left him in great diseases,) ...

and he went away from Jerusalem.

Jehoash (Joash) is slain by his servants, his son Amaziah succeeds him

2Ki 12:20 And his servants arose, and made a conspiracy, and slew **Joash** in the house of Millo, which goeth down to Silla.

Note: Silla - an embankment in Jerusalem 2Ki 12:21 For

- **Jozachar** the son of **Shimeath**,
- and **Jehozabad** the son of **Shomer**.

his servants,

smote him,

and he died;

and they buried him with his fathers in the city of David:

and Amaziah his son reigned in his stead.

2Ch 24:25b his own servants conspired against him for the blood of the sons of **Jehoiada the priest**, and slew him on his bed,

2Ch 24:26 And these are they that conspired against him:

- **Zabad** the son of **Shimeath** an **Ammonitess**.
- and Jehozabad the son of Shimrith a Moabitess.

2Ch 24:25c and he died:

- and they buried him in the city of David,
- but they buried him not in the sepulchres of the kings.

2Ch 24:27b And Amaziah his son reigned in his stead.

More records of Jehoash (Joash) king of Judah

2Ki 12:19 And the rest of the acts of **Joash**, and all that he did, *are* they not written in **the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah**?

2Ch 24:27a Now *concerning* his sons, and the greatness of the burdens *laid* upon him, and the repairing of the house of God, behold, they *are* written in the story of the book of the kings.

Note: Not the same 1,2 Chronicles and 1,2 Kings in the Biblical canon but it is recommended reading (if you can find it).

Transfer of power from Jehu to his son Jehoahaz (verses 10:35-36 repeated for continuity)

2Ki 10:35 And Jehu slept with his fathers: and they buried him in Samaria.

And Jehoahaz his son reigned in his stead.

2Ki 10:36 And the time that Jehu reigned over Israel in Samaria was twenty and eight years.

Jehoahaz, wicked king of Israel at Samaria Son of Jehu king of Israel

In parallel reign with Joash(Jehoash) king of Judah

Brief summary of Jehoahaz's life

2Ki 13:1 In the three and twentieth year of Joash the son of Ahaziah king of Judah Note: Joash is Jehoash

Jehoahaz the son of Jehu began to reign over Israel in Samaria,

and reigned seventeen years.

2Ki 13:2 And he did that which was evil in the sight of **the LORD**, and followed the sins of **Jeroboam the son of** Nebat, which made **Israel** to sin; he departed not therefrom.

God grants Israel a deliverer from the oppression of the Aramean kings but Israel still acts wickedly

2Ki 13:3 And the anger of **the LORD** was kindled against **Israel**, and he delivered them into the hand of **Hazael** king of Syria, and into the hand of **Benhadad** the son of Hazael, all *their* days.

2Ki 13:4 And Jehoahaz besought the LORD, and the LORD hearkened unto him: for he saw the oppression of Israel, because the king of Syria oppressed them.

2Ki 13:5 (And the LORD gave Israel a saviour, so that they went out from under the hand of the Syrians: and the children of Israel dwelt in their tents, as beforetime.

2Ki 13:6 Nevertheless they departed not from the sins of **the house of Jeroboam**, who made **Israel** sin, but walked therein: and there remained **the grove** also in **Samaria**.)
2Ki 13:7

Neither did he leave of the people to Jehoahaz but

- fifty horsemen,
- and ten chariots,
- and ten thousand footmen;

for the king of Syria had destroyed them, and had made them like the dust by threshing.

More records of Jehoahaz king of Israel

2Ki 13:8 Now the rest of the acts of **Jehoahaz**, and all that he did, and his might, *are* they not written in **the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel**?

Note: Not the same 1,2 Chronicles in the Biblical canon but it is recommended reading (if you can find it).

Transfer of power from Jehoahaz to Joash his son

2Ki 13:9 And Jehoahaz slept with his fathers; and they buried him in Samaria:

and Joash his son reigned in his stead.

Jehoash (Joash), wicked king of **Israel** in **Samaria** son of Jehoahaz

In parallel reign with Joash(Jehoash) king of Judah

Brief summary of Joash's life

2Ki 13:10 In the thirty and seventh year of Joash king of Judah

began Jehoash the son of Jehoahaz to reign over Israel in Samaria,

- and reigned sixteen years.
- 2Ki 13:11 And he did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD; he departed not from all the sins of **Jeroboam** the son of **Nebat**, who made **Israel** sin: but he walked therein.

Elisha prophesies partial victory over Aram/western Syria for Jehoahaz king of Israel

2Ki 13:14 Now Elisha was fallen sick of his sickness whereof he died. And Joash the king of Israel came down unto him, and wept over his face, and said,

O my father, my father, the chariot of Israel, and the horsemen thereof.

2Ki 13:15 And Elisha said unto him, Take bow and arrows. And he took unto him bow and arrows.

2Ki 13:16 And he said to the king of Israel,

Put thine hand upon the bow.

And he put his hand *upon it*: and Elisha put his hands upon the king's hands.

2Ki 13:17 And he said,

Open the window eastward.

And he opened it. Then Elisha said,

Shoot.

And he shot. And he said,

The arrow of **the LORD'S** deliverance, and the arrow of deliverance from **Syria**: for thou shalt smite **the Syrians** in **Aphek**, till thou have consumed them.

2Ki 13:18 And he said,

Take the arrows.

And he took them. And he said unto the king of Israel,

Smite upon the ground.

And he smote thrice, and stayed [stopped].

2Ki 13:19 And the man of God was wroth with him, and said,

Thou shouldest have smitten five or six times; then hadst thou smitten **Syria** till thou hadst consumed *it*: whereas now thou shalt smite **Syria** *but* thrice [three times].

Elisha's death and resurrection of a man thrown into his grave

2Ki 13:20 And Elisha died, and they buried him.

And the bands of the **Moabites** invaded the land at the coming in of the year.

2Ki 13:21 And it came to pass, as they were burying a man, that, behold, they spied a band *of men;* and they cast the man into the sepulchre [grave] of Elisha: and when the man was let down, and touched the bones of Elisha, he revived, and stood up on his feet.

Partial victory over Aram just as Elisha prophesied

Comment

2Ki 13:22 But Hazael king of Syria oppressed Israel all the days of Jehoahaz.

2Ki 13:23 And the LORD was gracious unto them, and had compassion on them, and had respect unto them, because of his covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and would not destroy them, neither cast he them from his presence as yet.

2Ki 13:24 So Hazael king of Syria died; and Benhadad his son reigned in his stead.

Note: Hazael , son of Benhadad was anointed by Elisha to be king of Syria. Hazael names his son after his father

2Ki 13:25 And Jehoash the son of Jehoahaz took again out of the hand of Benhadad the son of Hazael the cities, which he had taken out of the hand of Jehoahaz his father by war. Three times did Joash beat him, and recovered the cities of Israel.

(See 2 Kings 13:19 prophecy by Elisha)

Amaziah, partially righteous **king of Judah** Son of Joash **king of Judah**

In parallel reign with Joash(Jehoash) king of Israel

Brief summary of Amaziah's life

Ki 14:1 In the second year of Joash son of Jehoahaz king of Israel

Note: Joash is the same as Jehoash, whether of Israel or Judah

reigned Amaziah the son of Joash king of Judah.

- 2Ki 14:2 He was twenty and five years old when he began to reign,
- and reigned twenty and nine years in **Jerusalem**.
- And his mother's name was Jehoaddan of Jerusalem.
- 2Ki 14:3 And he did that which was right in the sight of the LORD, yet not like David his father: he did according to all things as Joash his father did.
- 2Ki 14:4 Howbeit the high places were not taken away: as yet the people did sacrifice and burnt incense on the high places.

- 2Ch 25:1 Amaziah was twenty and five years old when he began to reign,
- and he reigned twenty and nine years in Jerusalem.
- And his mother's name was Jehoaddan of Jerusalem.
- 2Ch 25:2 And he did *that which was* right in the sight of **the LORD**, *but not with a perfect heart*.

Amaziah kills the servants who killed his father

2Ki 14:5 And it came to pass, as soon as the kingdom was confirmed in his hand, that he slew his servants which had slain the king his father.

2Ki 14:6 But the children of the murderers he slew not: according unto that which is written in **the book of the law of Moses**, wherein **the LORD** commanded, saying, The fathers shall not be put to death for the children, nor the children be put to death for the fathers; but every man shall be put to death for his own sin.

2Ch 25:3 Now it came to pass, when the kingdom was established to him, that he slew his servants that had killed the king his father.

2Ch 25:4 But he slew not their children, but *did* as *it is* written in **the law in the book of Moses**, where **the LORD** commanded, saying,

The fathers shall not die for the children, neither shall the children die for the fathers, but every man shall die for his own sin.

Amaziah takes a census to reorganize his army

2Ch 25:5 Moreover **Amaziah** gathered **Judah** together, and made them captains over thousands, and captains over hundreds, according to the houses of *their* fathers, throughout all **Judah** and **Benjamin**: and he numbered them from twenty years old and above, and found them three hundred thousand choice *men*, *able* to go forth to war, that could handle spear and shield.

God warns Amaziah through a prophet not to use the men he hired from Israel for war - Amaziah obeys

2Ch 25:6 He hired also an hundred thousand mighty men of valour out of **Israel** for an hundred talents of silver.

2Ch 25:7 But there came a man of God to him, saying, O king, let not the army of Israel go with thee; for the

LORD is not with Israel, to wit [nor], with all the children of Ephraim.

2Ch 25:8 But if thou wilt go, do *it*, be strong for the battle: God shall make thee fall before the enemy: for God hath power to help, and to cast down.

2Ch 25:9 And Amaziah said to the man of God, But what shall we do for the hundred talents which I have given to the army of Israel? And the man of God answered, The LORD is able to give thee much more than this. 2Ch 25:10 Then Amaziah separated them, to wit, the army that was come to him out of Ephraim, to go home again:

wherefore their anger was greatly kindled against Judah, and they returned home in great anger.

Amaziah's victories over **Edom** and Sela

2Ki 14:7 He slew of **Edom** in the valley of salt ten thousand,

and took **Selah** by war, and called the name of it **Joktheel** unto this day.

2Ch 25:11 And Amaziah strengthened himself, and led forth his people, and went to the valley of salt, and smote of the children of Seir ten thousand.

Note: Esau, Jacob's twin brother, lived in the hill country of Seir and in the territory of Edom.

2Ch 25:12 And other ten thousand left alive did the children of Judah carry away captive, and brought them unto the top of the rock, and cast them down from the top of the rock, that they all were broken in pieces.

Israeli army that Amaziah sent home takes revenge on him

2Ch 25:13 But the soldiers of the army which Amaziah sent back, that they should not go with him to battle, fell upon the cities of Judah, from Samaria even unto Bethhoron, and smote three thousand of them, and took much spoil.

Amaziah worships the gods he took for spoil from Edom, Prophet says God is angry

2Ch 25:14 Now it came to pass, after that Amaziah was come from the slaughter of the **Edomites**, that he brought the gods of **the children of Seir**, and set them up *to be* his gods, and bowed down himself before them, and burned incense unto them

2Ch 25:15 Wherefore the anger of **the LORD** was kindled against **Amaziah**, and he sent unto him **a prophet**, which said unto him, Why hast thou sought after the gods of the people, which could not deliver their own people out of thine hand?

2Ch 25:16 And it came to pass, as he talked with him, that *the king* said unto him, Art thou made of the king's counsel? Forbear [stop]; why shouldest thou be smitten?

Then the prophet forbare [stopped], and said, I know that God hath determined to destroy thee, because thou hast done this, and hast not hearkened unto my counsel.

God punishes Amaziah/Judah with Israel's army

2Ki 14:8 Then **Amaziah** sent messengers to **Jehoash**, **the son of Jehoahaz son of Jehu**, **king of Israel**, saying, Come, let us look one another in the face.

2Ki 14:9 And Jehoash the king of Israel sent to Amaziah king of Judah, saying, The thistle that was in Lebanon sent to the cedar that was in Lebanon, saying, Give thy daughter to my son to wife: and there passed by a wild beast that was in Lebanon, and trode down the thistle.

2Ki 14:10 Thou hast indeed smitten **Edom**, and thine heart hath lifted thee up: glory *of this*, and tarry at home: for why shouldest thou meddle to *thy* hurt, that thou shouldest fall, *even* thou, and **Judah** with thee?

2Ki 14:11 But Amaziah would not hear.

Therefore Jehoash king of Israel went up; and he and Amaziah king of Judah looked one another in the face at Bethshemesh, which belongeth to Judah.

2Ch 25:17 Then Amaziah king of Judah took advice, and sent to Joash, the son of Jehoahaz, the son of Jehu, king of Israel, saying, Come, let us see one another in the face.

2Ch 25:18 And Joash king of Israel sent to Amaziah king of Judah, saying, The thistle that was in Lebanon sent to the cedar that was in Lebanon, saying, Give thy daughter to my son to wife: and there passed by a wild beast that was in Lebanon, and trode down the thistle.

2Ch 25:19 Thou sayest, Lo, thou hast smitten the **Edomites**; and thine heart lifteth thee up to boast: abide now at home; why shouldest thou meddle to *thine* hurt, that thou shouldest fall, *even* thou, and **Judah** with thee?

2Ch 25:20 But Amaziah would not hear; for it *came* of God, that he might deliver them into the hand *of* their enemies, because they sought after the gods of Edom.

2Ch 25:21 So Joash the king of Israel went up; and they saw one another in the face, both he and Amaziah king of Judah, at Bethshemesh, which belongeth to Judah.

2Ki 14:12 And Judah was put to the worse before Israel; and they fled every man to their tents.
2Ki 14:13 And Jehoash king of Israel took Amaziah king of Judah, the son of Jehoash the son of Ahaziah, at Bethshemesh, and came to Jerusalem, and brake down the wall of Jerusalem from the gate of Ephraim unto the corner gate, four hundred cubits.

2Ki 14:14 And he took all the gold and silver, and all the vessels that were found in the house of the LORD, and in the treasures of the king's house, and hostages, and returned to Samaria.

2Ch 25:22 And Judah was put to the worse before Israel, and they fled every man to his tent.
2Ch 25:23 And Joash the king of Israel took
Amaziah king of Judah, the son of Joash, the son of Jehoahaz, at Bethshemesh, and brought him to Jerusalem, and brake down the wall of Jerusalem from the gate of Ephraim to the corner gate, four hundred cubits.

2Ch 25:24 And *he took* all the gold and the silver, and all the vessels that were found in **the house of God** with **Obededom**, and the treasures of the king's house, the hostages also, and returned to **Samaria**.

More records of Jehoash (Joash) king of Israel

2Ki 13:12 And the rest of the acts of **Joash**, and all that he did, and his might wherewith he fought against **Amaziah king of Judah**, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of **Israel**?

2Ki 14:15 Now the rest of the acts of **Jehoash** which he did, and his might, and how he fought with **Amaziah king of Judah**, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of **Israel**?

Note: Not the same 1,2 Chronicles in the Biblical canon but it is recommended reading (if you can find it).

Transfer of power from Jehoash (Joash) to his son Jeroboam 2

2Ki 13:13 And Joash slept with his fathers; and Jeroboam sat upon his throne: and Joash was buried in Samaria with the kings of Israel.

2Ki 14:16 And Jehoash slept with his fathers, and was buried in Samaria with the kings of Israel; and Jeroboam his son reigned in his stead.

Transfer of power from Amaziah to Azariah (Uzziah) by conspiracy

2Ki 14:17 And Amaziah the son of Joash king of Judah lived after the death of Jehoash son of Jehoahaz king of Israel fifteen years.

2Ch 25:25 And Amaziah the son of Joash king of Judah lived after the death of Joash son of Jehoahaz king of Israel fifteen years.

2Ki 14:19 Now they made a conspiracy against him in **Jerusalem**: and he fled to Lachish; but they sent after him to Lachish, and slew him there.

2Ki 14:20 And they brought him on horses: and he was buried at Jerusalem with his fathers in the city of David.

2Ch 25:27 Now after the time that Amaziah did turn away from following the LORD they made a conspiracy against him in Jerusalem; and he fled to Lachish: but they sent to Lachish after him, and slew him there.

2Ch 25:28 And they brought him upon horses, and buried him with his fathers in the city of Judah.

More records of Amaziah king of Judah

2Ki 14:18 And the rest of the acts of Amaziah, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?

2Ch 25:26 Now the rest of the acts of Amaziah, first and last, behold, *are* they not written in the book of the kings of Judah and Israel?

Note: Not the same 1,2 Chronicles and 1,2 Kings in the Biblical canon but it is recommended reading (if you can find it).

2Ki 14:21 And all the people of **Judah** took **Azariah**, which was sixteen years old, and made him king instead of his father **Amaziah**.

2Ki 14:22 He built **Elath**, and restored it to **Judah**, after that the king slept with his fathers.

2Ch 26:1 Then all the people of **Judah** took **Uzziah**, who was sixteen years old, and made him king in the room of his father **Amaziah**.

2Ch 26:2 He built **Eloth**, and restored it to **Judah**, after that the king slept with his fathers.