

~AHAZIAH (207)

(A-ha-zi'ah) [Yehowah Has Taken Hold]

- Son of Jehoram and Athaliah and listed as king of Judah for one year **circa. 906 B.C.E.** During his father's reign the Philistines and Arabs invaded Judah and took captive all of Jehoram's sons except Jehoahaz, **Ahaziah**, the youngest.
- Accordingly Yehowah aroused against Jehoram the spirit of the Philistines and the Arabs that were by the side of the Ethiopians. (2 Chronicles 21:16)
- So they came up into Judah and forced it open and took captive all the goods that were to be found in the king's house and also his sons and his wives, and there was not left to him a son but Jehoahaz, his youngest son. (2 Chronicles 21:17)
- Then the inhabitants of Jerusalem made **Ahaziah** his youngest son king in place of him, for the marauder band that came with the Arabs to the camp had killed all the older ones, and **Ahaziah** the son of Jehoram began to reign as king of Judah. (2 Chronicles 22:1)
- He was a young man of 22 years when ascending the throne, and his domineering mother Athaliah, daughter of Ahab and Jezebel, influenced him to wickedness.
- In the twelfth year of Jehoram the son of Ahab the king of Israel, **Ahaziah** the son of Jehoram the king of Judah became king. (2 Kings 8:25)
- Twenty-two years old was **Ahaziah** when he began to reign, and for one year he reigned in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Athaliah the granddaughter of Omri the king of Israel. (2 Kings 8:26)
- And he went walking in the way of the house of Ahab and kept doing what was bad in Yehowah's eyes, like the house of Ahab, for he was a relative of the house of Ahab by marriage. (2 Kings 8:27)
- Twenty-two years old was **Ahaziah** when he began to reign, and

- for one year he reigned in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Athaliah the granddaughter of Omri. (2 Chronicles 22:2)
- He himself also walked in the ways of the house of Ahab, for his mother herself became his counselor in doing wickedly. (2 Chronicles 22:3)
 - And he went on doing what was bad in Yehowah's eyes, the same as the house of Ahab, for they themselves became counselors to him after the death of his father, to his ruination. (2 Chronicles 22:4)
 - He accompanied King Jehoram of Israel, his maternal uncle, in a fight against Syria at Ramoth-gilead, which resulted in Jehoram's being wounded. Later, Ahaziah visited the convalescing Jehoram at Jezreel.
 - Accordingly he went with Jehoram the son of Ahab to the war against Hazael the king of Syria at Ramoth-gilead, but the Syrians struck down Jehoram. (2 Kings 8:28)
 - So Jehoram the king returned to get healed at Jezreel from the wounds that the Syrians got to inflict upon him at Ramah when he fought Hazael the king of Syria. As for Ahaziah the son of Jehoram the king of Judah, he went down to see Jehoram the son of Ahab in Jezreel, for he was sick. (2 Kings 8:29)
 - Later Jehoram the king returned to get healed at Jezreel from the wounds that the Syrians got to inflict upon him when he fought Hazael the king of Syria. Jehu now said; If your soul agrees, do not let anyone go out in escape from the city to go and make report in Jezreel. (2 Kings 9:15)
 - It was also in their counsel that he walked, so that he went with Jehoram the son of Ahab the king of Israel to the war against Hazael the king of Syria at Ramoth-gilead, at which the shooters got to strike Jehoram. (2 Chronicles 22:5)
 - Hence he returned to get healed at Jezreel from the wounds that they had inflicted upon him at Ramah when he fought Hazael the king of Syria. As for Azariah the son of Jehoram the king of Judah, he went down to see Jehoram the son of Ahab in Jezreel, for he was sick. (2 Chronicles 22:6)
 - Coordinating the two accounts,

- At that Jehoram said; Hitch up! So his war chariot was hitched up and Jehoram the king of Israel and **Ahaziah** the king of Judah went out, each in his own war chariot. As they continued on out to meet Jehu, they got to find him in the tract of land of Naboth the Jezreelite. (2 Kings 9:21)
- And it came about that as soon as Jehoram saw Jehu, he immediately said, Is there peace, Jehu? But he said; What peace could there be as long as there are the fornications of Jezebel your mother and her many sorceries? (2 Kings 9:22)
- At once Jehoram made a turn with his hands, that he might flee, and said to **Ahaziah**; There is trickery, **Ahaziah**! (2 Kings 9:23)
- And Jehu himself filled his hand with a bow and proceeded to shoot Jehoram between the arms, so that the arrow came out at his heart, and he collapsed in his war chariot. (2 Kings 9:24)
- He now said to Bidkar his adjutant; Lift him up. Throw him into the tract of the field of Naboth the Jezreelite, for remember. I and you were riding teams behind Ahab his father, and Yehowah himself lifted up this pronouncement against him. (2 Kings 9:25)
- Certainly the blood of Naboth and the blood of his sons I saw yesterday, is the utterance of Yehowah, and I shall certainly repay you in this tract of land, is the utterance of Yehowah. So now, lift him up, throw him into the tract of land according to the word of Yehowah. (2 Kings 9:26)
- And **Ahaziah** the king of Judah himself saw it and took to flight by the way of the garden house. Later Jehu went in pursuit of him and said; Him also! Strike him down! So they struck him down while in the chariot on the way up to Gur, which is by Ibleam. And he continued his flight to Megiddo and got to die there. (2 Kings 9:27)
- Then his servants carried him in a chariot to Jerusalem, and so they buried him in his grave with his forefathers in the City of David. (2 Kings 9:28)
- But it was from God that the downfall of **Ahaziah** occurred by his coming to Jehoram, and when he came, he went out with Jehoram to Jehu the grandson of Nimshi, whom Yehowah had

anointed to cut off the house of Ahab. (2 Chronicles 22:7)

- And it came about that as soon as Jehu had entered into controversy with the house of Ahab, he got to find the princes of Judah and the sons of the brothers of **Ahaziah**, ministers of Ahaziah, and he proceeded to kill them. (2 Chronicles 22:8)
- Then he went looking for **Ahaziah**, and they finally captured him, as he was hiding in Samaria, and brought him to Jehu. Then they put him to death and buried him, for they said, He is the grandson of Jehoshaphat, who searched for Yehowah with all his heart. And there was no one of the house of Ahaziah to retain power for the kingdom. (2 Chronicles 22:9)
- The following evidently took place, Jehu, on nearing Jezreel, met Jehoram and **Ahaziah**. Jehu struck down Jehoram, but **Ahaziah** fled. At this time Jehu did not pursue **Ahaziah** but continued to Jezreel to finish his executorial work there. Meanwhile the fleeing **Ahaziah** tried to make his way back to Jerusalem, however, he only got as far as Samaria, where he tried to hide himself. Jehu's men, pursuing **Ahaziah**, discovered him in Samaria and captured him, and he was brought to Jehu, who was near the town of Ibleam, not far from Jezreel.
- When Jehu saw **Ahaziah**, he ordered his men to kill him in his chariot. They struck and wounded him on the way up to Gur, near Ibleam, but **Ahaziah** was allowed to escape, and he fled to Megiddo, where he died of his wounds. He was then taken to Jerusalem and buried there. The accounts of his death are not contradictory but complementary.
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- Points out that **Ahaziah's** death was from God, and thus Jehu acted as God's executioner in slaying this man who fellowshipped with the condemned house of Ahab. **Ahaziah** is also referred to as **Azariah** at;
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Judah, he went down to see Jehoram the son of Ahab in Jezreel, for he was sick. (2 Chronicles 22:6)

- Though here 15 Hebrew manuscripts read **Ahaziah**, and as **Jehoahaz** at,
- So they came up into Judah and forced it open and took captive all the goods that were to be found in the king's house and also his sons and his wives, and there was not left to him a son but **Jehoahaz**, his youngest son. (2 Chronicles 21:17)
- As **Jehoahaz** at,
- And it was Amaziah the king of Judah, the son of Jehoash the son of **Jehoahaz**, that Jehoash the king of Israel seized at Beth-shemesh, after which he brought him to Jerusalem and made a breach in the wall of Jerusalem, from the Gate of Ephraim clear to the Corner Gate, four hundred cubits. (2 Chronicles 25:23)
- A case of transposing the divine name to serve as a prefix instead of as a suffix.