

~ATHALIAH 1 (307)
(Ath-a-li'ah)

- **Queen of Judah, daughter of King Ahab of Israel and his wife Jezebel, granddaughter of Omri.**
- **And he went walking in the way of the kings of Israel, just as those of the house of Ahab had done, for it was Ahab's daughter that became his wife, and he kept doing what was bad in Yehowah's eyes. (2 Kings 8:18)**
- **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)**
- **She was the sister of Israel's King Jehoram, and sister or half sister of the other 70 sons of Ahab, all of whom Jehu ordered killed.**
- **As for Jehoram the son of Ahab, he became king over Israel in Samaria in the eighteenth year of Jehoshaphat the king of Judah, and he continued to reign for twelve years. (2 Kings 3:1)**
- **And he kept on doing what was bad in Yehowah's eyes, only not like his father or like his mother, but he removed the sacred pillar of Baal that his father had made. (2 Kings 3:2)**
- **Now Ahab had seventy sons in Samaria. Therefore Jehu wrote letters and sent them to Samaria to the princes of Jezreel, the older men and the caretakers of Ahab, saying; (2 Kings 10:1)**
- **Now, then, at the very time that this letter comes to you there are with you the sons of your lord, and there are with you the war chariots and the horses and a fortified city and the armor. (2 Kings 10:2)**
- **And you must see which is the best and most upright of the sons of your lord and put him upon the throne of his father. Then fight for the house of your lord. (2 Kings 10:3)**
- **And they became very greatly afraid and began to say; Look! Two kings themselves did not stand before him, and how shall**

we ourselves stand? (2 Kings 10:4)

- Consequently the one who was over the house and the one who was over the city and the older men and the caretakers sent to Jehu, saying; We are your servants, and everything that you say to us we shall do. We shall not make anyone king. What is good in your own eyes do. (2 Kings 10:5)
- At that he wrote them a second letter, saying; If you belong to me, and it is my voice that you are obeying, take the heads of the men that are sons of your lord and come to me tomorrow at this time at Jezreel. Now the sons of the king, seventy men, were with the distinguished men of the city that were bringing them up. (2 Kings 10:6)
- And it came about that as soon as the letter came to them, they went taking the sons of the king and slaughtering them, seventy men, after which they put their heads in baskets and sent them to him at Jezreel. (2 Kings 10:7)
- Then the messenger came in and told him, saying; They have brought the heads of the sons of the king. So he said; Put them in two heaps at the entrance of the gate until morning. (2 Kings 10:8)
- And it came about in the morning that he proceeded to go out. Then he stood still and said to all the people; You are righteous. Here I myself conspired against my lord, and I got to kill him, but who struck down all these? (2 Kings 10:9)
- **Athaliah** was given in a marriage of political expediency to Jehoram, the eldest son of Jehoshaphat of Judah.
- 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)

- And Jehoshaphat came to have riches and glory in abundance, but he formed a marriage alliance with Ahab. (2 Chronicles 18:1)
- She was the mother of Ahaziah, who in time became king of Judah.
- Like her mother Jezebel, **Athaliah** egged on her husband, Jehoram, to do what was bad in Yehowah's eyes during his eight-year reign.
- Without exception no one has proved to be like Ahab, who sold himself to do what was bad in the eyes of Yehowah, whom Jezebel his wife egged on. (1 Kings 21:25)
- When Jehoram rose up over the kingdom of his father he proceeded to make his position strong, and so he killed all his brothers with the sword and also some of the princes of Israel. (2 Chronicles 21:4)
- Thirty-two years old was Jehoram when he began to reign, and for eight years he reigned in Jerusalem. (2 Chronicles 21:5)
- And he went on walking in the way of the kings of Israel, just as those of the house of Ahab had done, for Ahab's own daughter had become his wife, and he continued to do what was bad in Yehowah's eyes. (2 Chronicles 21:6)
- And like her mother, **Athaliah** wantonly shed the blood of the innocent. When her wicked son Ahaziah died after a one-year reign, she killed off all the others of the royal line, except the infant Jehoash, who had been hidden by the High Priest and his wife, who was Jehoash's aunt. Thereupon **Athaliah** installed herself as queen for six years, circa 905-899 B.C.E.
- However, Jehoshabeath the daughter of the king took Jehoash the son of Ahaziah and stole him away from among the sons of the king that were to be put to death, and put him and his nursing woman in the inner room for the couches. And Jehoshabeath the daughter of King Jehoram, the wife of Jehoiada the priest, for she herself happened to be the sister of Ahaziah, kept him concealed because of **Athaliah**, and she did not

put him to death. (2 Chronicles 22:11)

- And he continued with them in the house of the true God hidden for six years, while **Athaliah** was ruling as queen over the land. (2 Chronicles 22:12)
- Her sons robbed Yehowah's temple of the holy things and offered them up to Baal.
- For as regards **Athaliah** the wicked woman, her sons themselves had broken into the house of the true God, and even all the holy things of the house of Yehowah they had rendered up to the Baals. (2 Chronicles 24:7)
- When Jehoash reached seven years of age, God-fearing High Priest Jehoiada brought the lad out of secrecy and crowned him rightful heir to the throne. Hearing the tumult, **Athaliah** rushed to the temple and, upon seeing what was happening, cried; Conspiracy! Conspiracy!
- High Priest Jehoiada ordered her taken outside the temple grounds to be executed at the horse gate of the palace, she was perhaps the last of Ahab's abominable house.
- Now as regards **Athaliah** the mother of Ahaziah, she saw that her son had died. So she rose up and destroyed all the offspring of the kingdom. (2 Kings 11:1)
- However, Jehosheba the daughter of King Jehoram, the sister of Ahaziah, took Jehoash the son of Ahaziah and stole him from among the sons of the king that were to be put to death, even him and his nursing woman, into the inner room for the couches, and they kept him concealed from the face of **Athaliah**, and he was not put to death. (2 Kings 11:2)
- And he continued with her at the house of Yehowah in hiding for six years, while **Athaliah** was reigning over the land. (2 Kings 11:3)
- And in the seventh year Jehoiada sent and then took the chiefs of hundreds of the Carian bodyguard and of the runners and brought them to himself at the house of Yehowah and concluded a covenant with them and made them swear at the house of Yehowah, after which he showed them the son of the king. (2

Kings 11:4)

- **And he went on to command them, saying; This is the thing that you will do, one third of you are coming in on the Sabbath and keeping strict watch over the king's house. (2 Kings 11:5)**
- **And one third will be at the Gate of the Foundation, and one third will be at the gate behind the runners, and you must keep strict watch over the house by turns. (2 Kings 11:6)**
- **And there are two divisions among you that are all going out on the Sabbath, and they must keep strict watch over the house of Yehowah in behalf of the king. (2 Kings 11:7)**
- **And you must encircle the king all around, each one with his weapons in his hand, and anyone entering within the rows will be put to death. And continue with the king when he goes out and when he comes in. (2 Kings 11:8)**
- **And the chiefs of hundreds proceeded to do according to all that Jehoiada the priest had commanded. So they took each one his men that were coming in on the Sabbath, together with those that were going out on the Sabbath, and then came in to Jehoiada the priest. (2 Kings 11:9)**
- **The priest now gave the chiefs of hundreds the spears and the circular shields that had belonged to King David, which were in the house of Yehowah. (2 Kings 11:10)**
- **And the runners kept standing each one with his weapons in his hand, from the right side of the house clear to the left side of the house, by the altar and by the house, all around near the king. (2 Kings 11:11)**
- **Then he brought the son of the king out and put upon him the diadem and the Testimony, and so they made him king and anointed him. And they began to clap their hands and say; Let the king live! (2 Kings 11:12)**
- **When **Athaliah** heard the sound of the people running, she at once came to the people at the house of Yehowah. (2 Kings 11:13)**
- **Then she saw, and there the king was standing by the pillar**

according to the custom, and the chiefs and the trumpets by the king, and all the people of the land rejoicing and blowing the trumpets. Immediately **Athaliah** ripped her garments apart and began crying; Conspiracy! Conspiracy! (2 Kings 11:14)

- But Jehoiada the priest commanded the chiefs of hundreds, the appointed one's of the military force, and said to them; Take her out from inside the rows, and, as for anyone coming after her, let there be an execution of death with the sword! For the priest had said; Do not let her be put to death in the house of Yehowah. (2 Kings 11:15)
- So they laid their hands upon her and she came by the way of the horse entry of the king's house, and she got put to death there. (2 Kings 11:16)
- Then Jehoiada concluded the covenant between Yehowah and the king and the people, that they should prove themselves the people of Yehowah, and also between the king and the people. (2 Kings 11:17)
- After that all the people of the land came to the house of Baal and pulled down his altars, and his images they broke up thoroughly, and Mattan the priest of Baal they killed before the altars. And the priest proceeded to put overseers over the house of Yehowah. (2 Kings 11:18)
- Further, he took the chiefs of hundreds and the Carian bodyguard and the runners and all the people of the land, that they might bring the king down from the house of Yehowah, and they came gradually by the way of the gate of the runners to the king's house, and he began to sit upon the throne of the kings. (2 Kings 11:19)
- And all the people of the land continued to rejoice, and the city, for its part, had no disturbance, and **Athaliah** herself they had put to death with the sword at the king's house. (2 Kings 11:20)
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- **How true it proved to be, nothing of Yehowah's word will fall unfulfilled to the earth that Yehowah has spoken against the house of Ahab.**
- **Know, then, that nothing of Yehowah's word will fall unfulfilled to the earth that Yehowah has spoken against the house of Ahab, and Yehowah himself has done what he spoke by means of his servant Elijah. (2 Kings 10:10)**
- **Moreover, Jehu went on to strike down all who were left over of the house of Ahab in Jezreel and all his distinguished men and his acquaintances and his priests, until he had let no survivor of his remain. (2 Kings 10:11)**
- **And Ahab proceeded to say to Elijah; Have you found me, O enemy of mine? To which he said; I have found you. For the reason that you have sold yourself to do what is bad in the eyes of Yehowah. (1 Kings 21:20)**
- **Here I am bringing calamity upon you, and I shall certainly make a clean sweep after you and cut off from Ahab anyone urinating against a wall and the helpless and worthless one in Israel. (1 Kings 21:21)**
- **And I shall certainly constitute your house like the house of Jeroboam the son of Nebat and like the house of Baasha the son of Ahijah, for the offense with which you have offended and then caused Israel to sin. (1 Kings 21:22)**
- **And also as regards Jezebel Yehowah has spoken, saying; The very dogs will eat up Jezebel in the plot of land of Jezreel. (1 Kings 21:23)**
- **Anyone of Ahab's that is dying in the city the dogs will eat up, and anyone dying in the field the fowls of the heavens will eat up. (1 Kings 21:24)**