

~JEHOAHAZ 1 (42)

(Je-ho'a-haz) [May Yehowah Take Hold, Yehowah Has Taken Hold]

- Variant spelling of the name of Ahaziah, who succeeded his father Jehoram as king of Judah in the late Tenth Century B.C.E.
- 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)
- This alternate spelling, also found in the Masoretic text 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)
- Simply transposes the divine name to serve as the prefix instead of the suffix. Once this king of Judah is called Azariah.
- 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)

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