

## ~JEHORAM 2 (380)

(Je-ho'ram) [Yehowah Is High or Exalted]

- Son of Ahab and Jezebel, who succeeded his older brother Ahaziah as the tenth king of the northern kingdom of Israel in about 917 B.C.E. He reigned 12 years.
- And he gradually died, according to the word of Yehowah that Elijah had spoken, and **Jehoram** began to reign in place of him, in the second year of **Jehoram** the son of Jehoshaphat the king of Judah, because he had not come to have a son. (2 Kings 1:17)
- As for the rest of Ahaziah's things that he did, are they not written in the book of the affairs of the days of the kings of Israel. (2 Kings 1:18)
- 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 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)
- This king of Israel should not be confused with the king of Judah by the same name, who was his brother-in-law. Though **Jehoram** removed the sacred pillar of Baal erected by his father, he continued to do what was bad in Yehowah's eyes, clinging to calf worship instituted by Jeroboam.

## See Also JEHORAM 3

- And Jeroboam began to say in his heart; Now the kingdom will return to the house of David. (1 Kings 12:26)
- If this people continues going up to render sacrifices in the house of Yehowah in Jerusalem, the heart of this people will also be bound to return to their lord, Rehoboam the king of Judah, and they will certainly kill me and return to Rehoboam the king of Judah. (1 Kings 12:27)

- Consequently the king took counsel and made two golden calves and said to the people; It is too much for you to go up to Jerusalem. Here is your God, O Israel, that brought you up out of the land of Egypt. (**1 Kings 12:28**)
- Then he placed the one in Bethel, and the other he put in Dan. (**1 Kings 12:29**)
- And Ahab went on to make the sacred pole, and Ahab came to do more to offend Yehowah the God of Israel than all the kings of Israel that happened to be prior to him. (**1 Kings 16:33**)
- 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**)
- Only he stuck to the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, with which he caused Israel to sin. He did not depart from them. (**2 Kings 3:3**)
- King Jehoshaphat of Judah and the king of Edom joined **Jehoram** in an attack on Moab that proved successful because Yehowah deceived the enemy with an optical illusion.
- God's prophet Elisha instructed those of the camp of Israel to dig ditches in which to catch much-needed and divinely provided water. The next morning the reflection of the sunlight upon this water caused the Moabites to think the water was blood.
- Thinking the confederate camp of the three kings had killed off one another, the Moabites moved in to take the spoil, only to be slaughtered in great numbers.
- As regards Mesha the king of Moab, he became a sheep raiser, and he paid to the king of Israel a hundred thousand lambs and a hundred thousand unshorn male sheep. (**2 Kings 3:4**)
- And it came about that as soon as Ahab died, the king of Moab began to revolt against the king of Israel. (**2 Kings 3:5**)
- Consequently King **Jehoram** went out on that day from Samaria and mustered all Israel. (**2 Kings 3:6**)
- He went farther and now sent to Jehoshaphat the king of Judah,

- saying; The king of Moab himself has revolted against me. Will you go with me to Moab in war? To this he said; I shall go. I am the same as you are, my people are the same as your people, my horses are the same as your horses. (2 Kings 3:7)
- And he went on to say; By which particular way shall we go up? So he said; By the way of the wilderness of Edom. (2 Kings 3:8)
  - And the king of Israel and the king of Judah and the king of Edom proceeded to go, and they kept going their way around for seven days, and there proved to be no water for the camp and for the domestic animals that were following their steps. (2 Kings 3:9)
  - At length the king of Israel said; How unfortunate that Yehowah has called these three kings to give them into the hand of Moab! (2 Kings 3:10)
  - At that Jehoshaphat said; Is there not here a prophet of Yehowah? Then let us inquire of Yehowah through him. So one of the servants of the king of Israel answered and said; There is here Elisha the son of Shaphat, who poured out water upon the hands of Elijah. (2 Kings 3:11)
  - Then Jehoshaphat said; The word of Yehowah exists with him. Accordingly the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat and the king of Edom went down to him. (2 Kings 3:12)
  - And Elisha proceeded to say to the king of Israel; What do I have to do with you? Go to the prophets of your father and to the prophets of your mother. But the king of Israel said to him; No, for Yehowah has called these three kings to give them into the hand of Moab. (2 Kings 3:13)
  - To this Elisha said; As Yehowah of armies before whom I do stand is living, if it were not that it is the face of Jehoshaphat the king of Judah for which I am having consideration, I would not look at you or see you. (2 Kings 3:14)
  - And now you men fetch me a string-instrument player. And it occurred that, as soon as the string-instrument player played, the hand of Yehowah came to be upon him. (2 Kings 3:15)
  - And he went on to say; This is what Yehowah has said; Let there

**be a making of this torrent valley full of ditches. (2 Kings 3:16)**

- **For this is what Yehowah has said; You men will not see a wind, and you will not see a downpour, yet that torrent valley will be filled with water, and you men will certainly drink from it, you and your livestock and your domestic animals. (2 Kings 3:17)**
- **And this will indeed be a trivial thing in the eyes of Yehowah, and he will certainly give Moab into your hand. (2 Kings 3:18)**
- **And you must strike down every fortified city and every choice city, and every good tree you should fell, and all the springs of water you should stop up, and every good tract of land you should mar with stones. (2 Kings 3:19)**
- **And it came about in the morning, at the time of the going up of the grain offering, that, look! Water was coming from the direction of Edom, and the land came to be filled with the water. (2 Kings 3:20)**
- **As regards all the Moabites, they heard that the kings had come up to fight against them. Consequently they called together men from as many as were girding on a belt and upward, and they began standing at the boundary. (2 Kings 3:21)**
- **When they got up early in the morning, the sun itself flashed upon the water, so that the Moabites from the opposite side saw the water red like blood. (2 Kings 3:22)**
- **And they began to say; This is blood! The kings have unquestionably been put to the sword, and they went striking one another down. So now, to the spoil, O Moab! (2 Kings 3:23)**
- **When they came into the camp of Israel, the Israelites immediately rose up and began striking the Moabites down so that they took to flight from before them. Hence they came into Moab, striking the Moabites down as they came. (2 Kings 3:24)**
- **And the cities they went throwing down, and, as for every good tract of land, they would pitch each one his stone and actually fill it, and every spring of water they would stop up, and every good tree they would fell, until they left only the stones of Kir-hareseth remaining in it, and the slingers began going around it and striking it down. (2 Kings 3:25)**

- When the king of Moab saw that the battle had proved too strong for him, he at once took with him seven hundred men drawing sword to break through to the king of Edom, but they were not able to. (2 Kings 3:26)
- Finally he took his firstborn son who was going to reign in place of him and offered him up as a burnt sacrifice upon the wall. And there came to be great indignation against Israel, so that they pulled away from against him and returned to their land. (2 Kings 3:27)
- Naaman, the army chief of Syria, came to Jehoram to be cured of leprosy, bearing a letter to that effect from the king of Syria. Jehoram, thinking the Syrian ruler was picking a quarrel, exclaimed, Am I God who can put to death and preserve alive and cure leprosy? Elisha, however, requested that Jehoram send Naaman to him so that the Syrian army chief might know that the true God did have a prophet in the land, one capable of performing such cures.
- Now a certain Naaman, the chief of the army of the king of Syria, had become a great man before his lord and held in esteem, because it was by him that Yehowah had given salvation to Syria, and the man himself had proved to be a valiant, mighty man, though a leper. (2 Kings 5:1)
- And the Syrians, for their part, had gone out as marauder bands, and they got to take captive from the land of Israel a little girl, and she came to be before Naaman's wife. (2 Kings 5:2)
- In time she said to her mistress; If only my lord were before the prophet that is in Samaria! In that case he would recover him from his leprosy. (2 Kings 5:3)
- Subsequently someone came and reported to his lord, saying; It was like this and that that the girl spoke who is from the land of Israel. (2 Kings 5:4)
- Then the king of Syria said; Get going! Come, and let me send a letter to the king of Israel. So he proceeded to go and take in his hand ten talents of silver and six thousand pieces of gold and ten changes of garments. (2 Kings 5:5)
- And he came bringing the letter to the king of Israel, saying; And

now at the same time that this letter comes to you, here I do send to you Naaman my servant, that you may recover him from his leprosy. (**2 Kings 5:6**)

- And it came about that as soon as the king of Israel read the letter, he immediately ripped his garments apart and said; Am I God, to put to death and to preserve alive? For this person is sending to me to recover a man from his leprosy, for just take note, please, you men, and see how he is seeking a quarrel with me. (**2 Kings 5:7**)
- And it came about that, as soon as Elisha the man of the true God heard that the king of Israel had ripped his garments apart, he at once sent to the king, saying; Why did you rip your garments apart? Let him come, please, to me that he may know that there exists a prophet in Israel. (**2 Kings 5:8**)
- In advance, Yehowah's prophet Elisha also informed **Jehoram** of Syrian military maneuvers.
- And the king of Syria, for his part, became involved in war against Israel. Accordingly he took counsel with his servants, saying; At such and such a place you will encamp with me. (**2 Kings 6:8**)
- Then the man of the true God sent to the king of Israel, saying; Guard yourself against passing by this place, because there is where the Syrians are coming down. (**2 Kings 6:9**)
- So the king of Israel sent to the place that the man of the true God had said to him. And he warned him, and he kept away from there, not once or twice. (**2 Kings 6:10**)
- Consequently the heart of the king of Syria became enraged over this matter, so that he called his servants and said to them; Will you not tell me who from those who belong to us is for the king of Israel? (**2 Kings 6:11**)
- Then one of his servants said; None, my lord the king, but it is Elisha the prophet who is in Israel that tells the king of Israel the things that you speak in your inner bedroom. (**2 Kings 6:12**)
- Certain Syrian assaults against Israel were divinely foiled during **Jehoram's** reign.

- So he said; You men go and see where he is, that I may send and take him. Later the report was made to him, saying; There he is in Dothan. (2 Kings 6:13)
- Thus it happened to him like that, when the people kept trampling him in the gateway, so that he died. (2 Kings 7:20)
- But despite such manifestations of God's loving-kindness, **Jehoram**, down to the day of his death, did not repent and turn to Yehowah with all his heart.
- Death came suddenly and in an unexpected way. Jehoram was at Jezreel recuperating from wounds received in battle with the Syrians. In time, he went out to meet Jehu, asking; Is there peace, Jehu? The negative answer made Jehoram turn to flee, but Jehu shot an arrow through his heart. Thus this son of a murderer.
- And Elisha was sitting in his own house, and the older men were sitting with him, when he sent a man from before him. Before the messenger could come in to him, he himself said to the older men; Have you seen how this son of a murderer has sent to take off my head? See to it, as soon as the messenger comes, close the door, and you must press him back with the door. Is there not the sound of the feet of his lord behind him? (2 Kings 6:32)
- Was executed, his dead body being pitched into the field of Naboth.
- And Jehu the son of Jehoshaphat the son of Nimshi proceeded to conspire against **Jehoram**. And **Jehoram** himself had happened to be keeping guard at Ramoth-gilead, he with all Israel, because of Hazael the king of Syria. (2 Kings 9:14)
- 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)
- And Jehu began to ride and go to Jezreel, for **Jehoram** was lying there, and Ahaziah the king of Judah himself had gone down to see Jehoram. (2 Kings 9:16)

- And the watchman was standing upon the tower in Jezreel, and he got to see the heaving mass of Jehu's men as he was coming, and he at once said; There is a heaving mass of men that I am seeing. At that **Jehoram** said; Take a cavalryman and send him to meet them, and let him say; Is there peace? (**2 Kings 9:17**)
- Accordingly a rider on a horse went to meet him and said; This is what the king has said; Is there peace? But Jehu said; What do you have to do with peace? Get around to my rear! And the watchman went on to report, saying; The messenger came as far as to them, but he has not returned. (**2 Kings 9:18**)
- So he sent out a second rider on a horse, who, when he came to them, proceeded to say; This is what the king has said; Is there peace? But Jehu said; What do you have to do with peace? Get around to my rear! (**2 Kings 9:19**)
- And the watchman went on to report, saying; He came as far as to them, but he has not returned, and the driving is like the driving of Jehu the grandson of Nimshi, for it is with madness that he drives. (**2 Kings 9:20**)
- 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)**