

Lesson 8:

2 Kings 8:16 – 9; 2 Chronicles 21 – 22:9

Jehoram (Joram) and Ahaziah

Read 2 Kings 8:16 – 9 and 2 Chronicles 21 – 22:9 to answer the following:

Remember back for a minute to the kings of Israel we have already studied. King Ahab was the worst king of Israel. When he died, his son, Ahaziah, reigned. He sought answers from a false god after he was injured after falling through a lattice. Elijah delivered a message from God that King Ahaziah would die because he sought answers from a false god. When he died, another of Ahab's sons, Jehoram, became king of Israel. He, too, was a very bad king. God sent Jehu to kill him and all of the rest of the descendants of Ahab – because of the death of Naboth for his vineyard. Don't confuse that Jehoram, king of Israel with the Jehoram, king of Judah, that we learned about today.

1. Who became king when King Jehoshaphat died? (2 Chronicles 21:1) _____
What did Jehoshaphat give to his sons? (2 Chronicles 21:2-3) _____
_____ but what did he give to Jehoram? Why? _____
2. What did Jehoram do first as king? (2 Chronicles 21:4) _____

3. What kind of a king was Jehoram? (2 Chronicles 21:6) _____

What does that verse tell us the reason was? _____

4. Because of his wickedness, what did God say? (2 Chronicles 21:12-15) _____

5. What did God allow the enemy to do? (2 Chronicles 21:17) _____

6. What happened to King Jehoram? (2 Chronicles 21:18-19) _____

Again, God reminds us of His promise:

“Yet the LORD would not destroy Judah for David his servant's sake, as he promised him to give him always a light, and to his children” (2 Kings 8:19).

7. Who became the king after Jehoram (Joram)? (2 Kings 8:24) _____
How many years did he reign? (2 Kings 8:26) _____ Who was his mother?
_____ What kind of a king
was he? (2 Kings 8:27) _____

Answers:

1. Jehoram his son; 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
2. he strengthened himself, and slew all his brethren with the sword, and also some of the princes of Israel
3. he walked in the way of the kings of Israel, like as did the house of Ahab and he wrought that which was evil in the eyes of the LORD; because he had the daughter of Ahab as his wife
4. Behold, with a great plague will the Lord smite the people, and your children, and your wives, and all your goods, and you shall have great sickness by disease of thy bowels, until your bowels fall out by reason of the sickness day by day
5. 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 and there was only one son left him, Jehoahaz, the youngest of his sons
6. after all this the LORD smote him in his bowels with an incurable disease, and after the end of two years, his bowels fell out by reason of his sickness: so he died of sore diseases
7. Ahaziah his son; one year; Athaliah, the granddaughter of Omri king of Israel (daughter of King Ahab); he did evil in the sight of the Lord – he was a bad king