



**Satanic Attack on the Davidic Dynasty: King Jehoram Murders His Brothers; the Lord Destroys His House; Allows Ahaziah to Survive; 2 Chron 21:1-15**

- (43) The satanic attack on the Davidic dynasty was Jehoram's assassination of his royal brothers recorded in:

**2 Chronicles 21:1** - Then Jehoshaphat \je-hosh' a-fat\ slept with his fathers and was buried with his fathers in the city of David, and Jehoram \je-hō' ram\ his son became king in his place.

**v. 2** - And he had brothers, the sons of Jehoshaphat: Azariah \az-a-rī' a\, Jehiel \je-hī' a\, Zechariah, Azaryahu \ az-a-rī' a-hu\, Michael \mī' ka-el\, and Shephatiah \shef-a-tī' a\ . All these were the sons of Jehoshaphat king of Israel.

**v. 4** - Now when Jehoram had taken over the kingdom of his father and made himself secure, he killed all his brothers with the sword, and some of the rulers of Israel also.

**v. 5** - Jehoram was thirty-two years old when he became king, and he reigned eight years in Jerusalem.

**v. 6** - And he walked in the way of the kings of Israel, just as the house of Ahab did (for Ahab's daughter was his wife), and he did evil in the sight of the Lord.

**2 Corinthians 21:7** - Yet the Lord was not willing to destroy the house of David because of the covenant which He had made with David, and since He had promised to give a lamp to him and his sons forever.

- (44) Jehoram was clearly Satan-inspired to murder his brothers. His horrible record as king of Judah made him a candidate for the sin unto death. Elijah the prophet was instructed by the Lord to make his fate known to him. The illness that will strike Jehoram is ebolaesque and the calamity that will hit his family almost wipes it out. However, one son will survive so that the Davidic line can continue:

**2 Chronicles 21:12** - Then a letter came to him from Elijah the prophet saying, "Thus says the Lord God of your father David, 'Because you have not walked in the ways of Jehoshaphat you father and the ways of Asa king of Judah,

**v. 13** - but have walked in the way of the kings of Israel, and have caused Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem to play the harlot as the house of Ahab played the harlot, and you have also killed your brothers, your own family, who were better than you,

**v. 14** - behold, the Lord is going to strike your people, your sons, your wives, and all your possessions with a great calamity;

**v. 15** - and you will suffer severe sickness, a disease of your bowels, until your bowels, come out because of the sickness, day by day."



- (45) The Lord under His permissive will allowed the armies of Philistines and Arabians to invade Judah. They carried away all the possessions in the king's house, his sons, his wives, leaving only his youngest son Jehoahaz \je-hō' a-haz\, also identified in Scripture as Ahaziah \ā-ha-zī' a\. (vv. 16-17)
- (46) The reign of Ahaziah as king of Judah lasted only one year and was corrupted by his association with King Ahab's dynasty in Israel.
- (47) Being only 22 years old, Ahaziah was heavily influenced by his mother Athaliah \a-tha-lī' ah\ who was involved in the perversions and blasphemies of the Baal cult. This circumstance was clearly approaching the level of violating the rules of engagement for the Invisible War since the Lord, who controls history, began to intervene into the affairs of both the Northern and Southern kingdoms.
- (48) It is important at this point to remind you that at the time of Ahaziah's rule the Israelites had split into two kingdoms. Originally the Jews lived under a United Kingdom that lasted for three administrations:

Saul: c. 1020 – 1012 B.C.  
David: 1012 – 971 B.C.  
Solomon: 971 – 931 B.C.