



Divine Regulation of Demonic Mobility; Lucifer's 5th Column in Judah: Athaliah's Massacre of Her Grandsons & Usurpation of the Throne, 2 Kings 11:1-3

Jehu's decision to approve the revival of Jeroboam's golden calves at Bethel and Dan is typical of the assaults that are constantly launched against client nations. Whenever client nations sanction, approve, or ignore idolatry it means that its leadership and its people have given mental ascent to demonism.

When such occurs then the Lord respects the free will decisions of its citizens as free agents in the angelic conflict and permits the demons to operate freely. Although a client nation is designed as an enclave for divine influence in the devil's world, volition remains free. And when negative volition prevails it invites an invasion by the armies of the Dark Side.

On the other hand, when positive volition prevails it results in divine restraint against these demons and they are restricted to certain geographical locations from which they are not allowed to exit.

At the Rapture the total absence of the Holy Spirit from this world removes all restraint on Lucifer and his demons during the Tribulation. Likewise, when in a client nation the dominant absence of the filling of the Holy Spirit removes all restraints from the souls of believers then Lucifer's demons are unleashed upon the entire population.

It was true in the divided kingdoms of the Israelites. It is happening today in client nation America. The Iraqis had a chance to choose a road less traveled but instead went back down the highway of destruction.

The key to understanding these principles is found in Revelation 18, a passage that addresses the aftermath of the 7th Bowl Judgment which we will note in detail at the appropriate time.

In the meantime, we find Jehu, under the influence of ambassador demons, restoring the golden calves at the sanctuaries at Bethel and Dan. As a result, his KER is not altogether positive:

2 Kings 10:30 -And the Lord said to Jehu, "Because you have done well in executing what is right in My eyes, and have done to the house of Ahab according to all that was in My heart, your sons of the fourth generation shall sit on the throne in Israel."

v. 31 - But Jehu was not careful to walk in the law of the Lord, the God of Israel, with all his heart; he did not depart from the sins of Jeroboam, which he made Israel sin.

The sons of the fourth generation were Jehoahaz \je-hō' a-haz\ (814-798); Jehoash \je-hō' ash\ (798-782); Jeroboam II \jer-o-bō' am\ (782-753); and Zechariah (753-752). Along with Jehu, these men constituted the Fourth Dynasty of Northern Kingdom.

Lucifer's Fifth Column in Judah (2 Kings 11:1-3):

What has taken place in the Northern Kingdom is a divine assault against Baal worship and the elimination of all who promote it as well as practice it. Under Jehu, Baal worship in Israel has at least been minimized to such a degree it is no longer an immediate threat to those few there who remain positive.



However, Lucifer's plan of infiltrating Baal worship into the Southern Kingdom has been successful. A major part of his success was his ability to insert a very powerful personality who functioned as a Fifth Column in the government of Judah.

There was one individual whose lust for power demonstrated the lengths to which the human soul will go in order to seize it and maintain it. We have recently learned in the news of mothers who murder their children. But these events only prove Solomon's observation in:

Ecclesiastes 1:9 - That which has been is that which will be, and that which has been done is that which will be done. So, there is nothing new under the sun.

In our passage we find a grandmother who is a direct descendant of Ahab and Jezebel. She is the queen mother of Judah, the mother of the now deceased Ahaziah. The only survivors of the royal line in Judah and of the line of Christ are her grandchildren, the sons of Ahaziah. Lucifer's assault on the line of Christ now centers on these small children and the ambassador demons find ways to motivate her to commit infanticide upon her own progeny. The attempted severance of the line of Christ is carried out by Athaliah in:

2 Kings 11:1 - When Athaliah the mother of Ahaziah saw that her son was dead, she rose and destroyed all the royal offspring.

2 Kings 11:2 - But Jehosheba \je-hosh' e-ba\, the daughter of King Jehoram, sister of Ahaziah, took Joash, the son of Ahaziah and stole him from among the king's sons who were being put to death, and placed him and his nurse in the bedroom. So, they hid Joash from Athaliah, and he was not put to death.

v. 3 - So he was hidden with her in the house of the Lord six years, while Athaliah was reigning over the land.

It is evident that the political intrigue surrounding Athaliah's rise to power has the clear sponsorship of Lucifer and the ongoing influence of ambassador demons. She thus became Lucifer's Fifth Column in his efforts to destroy the line of Christ. An excellent synopsis is provided by:

Orr, James (ed.). *The International Standard Bible Encyclopaedia*. (Grand Rapids: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 1956), 1:317-18:

ATHALIAH, \ath-a-li' a\. Daughter of Ahab and Jezebel, granddaughter of Omri. In her childhood the political relations of the two kingdoms of Judah and Israel had, after many years of strife, become friendly, and she was married to Jehoram, eldest son of Jehoshaphat, king of Judah. The marriage was one of political expediency, and is a blot on the memory of Jehoshaphat.

When Jehoram was 32 years of age, he succeeded to the throne, and Athaliah became the queen of Judah. She inherited her mother's strength of will, and, like Jezebel, developed a fanatical devotion to the cultus of Baal. The first recorded act of Jehoram's reign is the murder of his six younger brothers; some princes of the realm, who were known to be favorable to the ancient faith of the nation, were also destroyed. There can be little doubt that these deeds of blood were supported, and perhaps instigated, by Athaliah, who was a much stronger character than her husband.



After eight years of the royal life, Athaliah became a widow, and her son, Ahaziah, then 22 years of age, ascended his father's throne. As queen-mother, Athaliah was now supreme in the councils of the nation, as well as in the royal palace. **[Note that her presence constitutes a Fifth Column within the government of Judah.]** Within a year, the young king fell, and the only persons who stood between Athaliah and the throne were her grandchildren. It is in such moments that ambition, fired by fanaticism, sees its opportunity, and the massacre of the royal seed was determined **[through the influence of ambassador demons]**.

The palace being cleared of its royal occupants, Athaliah had herself proclaimed sovereign. No other woman, before or since, sat upon the throne of David.

Lucifer's attempt to completely wipe out the royal line of Judah and at the same time the line of Christ would have been a complete success were it not for one small infant which survived the murders under divine protection.

2 Kings 11:2 reveals that the smallest, an infant of less than a year, was miraculously rescued from the queen-mother's assassins. Ahaziah had a sister, the daughter of Jehoram but most likely not of Athaliah. Her name was Jehosheba \je-hosh' e-ba\ and she was the person divinely used to spirit the young prince away to safety.

This toddler was named Joash. Jehosheba was his aunt and she was married to Jehoiada \je-hoi' a-da\, high priest of Judah. Prince Joash and his nurse were taken to the temple where they were sequestered in secrecy for six years unbeknownst to Athaliah.