

Lesson 15

Jehoram and Ahaziah Reign Over Judah
(2 Kings 8:16 – 9:29; 2 Chronicles 21:1 – 22:9)

Questions

1. How long did Jehoram reign and what kind of king was he (2 K. 8:16-19; 2 Chron. 21:1-7)?
2. Who revolted under the hand of Judah at this time and why (2 K. 8:20-24; 2 Chron. 21:8-10)?
3. What did Jehoram do to lead Judah astray and what punishment did he receive from the Lord (2 Chron. 21:11-17)?
4. How did Jehoram die and how did the people respond to his death (2 Chron. 21:18-21)?
5. How long did Ahaziah reign and what kind of king was he (2 K. 8:25-29; 9:29; 2 Chron. 22:1-4)?
6. What happened to Joram (Jehoram) king of Israel at this time (2 K. 8:28-29; 2 Chron. 22:5-6)?
7. Who did Elisha have anointed as king over Israel and what work of the Lord did he accomplish (2 K. 9:1-13)?
8. Why did Jehu come to Jezreel (2 K. 9:14-16; 2 Chron. 22:7)?
9. What did Jehu say to the messengers concerning his coming (2 K. 9:17-20)?

10. How did Joram king of Israel die and why was he buried in the field of Naboth (2 K. 9:21-26)?

11. How did Ahaziah king of Judah die and where was he buried (2 K. 9:27-29; 2 Chron. 22:7-9)?

Digging Deeper

1. What are the approximate dates for the reigns of Jehoram and Ahaziah over Judah (2 K. 8:16 – 9:29)?

2. How can both Jehoshaphat, and his son Jehoram, be reigning at the same time (2 K. 8:16)?

3. Who was “Joram” in 2 Kings 8:21, 23 and who was “Joram” in 2 Kings 8:16, 25; 9:14, 17, 21?

4. What was the other name for Jehoahaz (2 Chron. 21:17)?

5. Was Athaliah the “daughter” (the older versions) or “granddaughter” of Omri (2 K. 8:18, 26)?

6. What “minor” prophet, thought by some Bible scholars to have ministered during the reign of Jehoram (c. 840 B.C.), prophesied of the fall of Edom (2 K. 8:20-22; 2 Chron. 21:8-20)?

7. Where in 1 Kings are we told about the Lord’s judgment against Ahab and Jezebel (2 K. 9:8-10, 25-26)?

8. How do you reconcile 2 Kings 8:25 with 2 Kings 9:29 concerning the beginning of Ahaziah's reign?

9. Locate the following on a map: Ramoth-gilead (2 K. 8:28; 9:14), Jezreel (2 K. 9:15), Megiddo (2 K. 9:27), Ramah (2 Chron. 22:6), and Samaria (2 Chron. 22:9).

Applications for Today

1. Be careful who you marry. He or she (or their parents) may take you away from the Lord (2 K. 8:18, 27; 2 Chron. 22:1-4; Prov. 19:14).
2. The Lord is merciful, even in the presence of sin (2 K. 8:19; 2 Pet. 3:8-9).
- 3 You will bring trouble to your life when you forsake the Lord (2 Chron. 21:10; Josh. 24:20; Isa. 1:28).
- 4 . Don't lead your brethren away into sin (2 Chron. 21:11-15; 1 K. 14:16; 15:30; 2 K. 21:11, 16; 2 Tim. 3:13).
5. How will you die? Will people still desire you when you die (2 Chron. 21:20; Psa. 116:15)?
6. Be careful from whom you get your counsel and advice (2 Chron. 22:3-5; Prov. 1:5; 11:14; 12:15; 19:20; 20:18; 24:6).
7. God uses zealous and faithful servants to carry out his judgment on others (2 K. 9:20; 2 Chron. 22:7-8; Ezra 7:26; Psa. 106:30; Zech. 7:9; 8:16).
8. The Lord's word and judgment are certain. It will always come to pass just as the Lord says (2 K. 9:25-26; Mt. 5:18; 24:35; 1 Pet. 1:25).