

2 Chronicles 21

King James Version (KJV)

21 Now Jehoshaphat slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David. And Jehoram his son reigned in his stead. (He married Athaliah, the daughter of Ahab and Jezebel) (Jehoram = whom Yah has exalted – that won't happen here; Jehoram was as evil as his wife Athalia)

²And he had brethren the sons of Jehoshaphat, Azariah, and Jehiel, and Zechariah, and Azariah, and Michael, and Shephatiah: all these were the sons of Jehoshaphat king of Israel. (After so many decades of idolatry and perversion, it is believed that God had written off the northern 10 tribes as heathen and that Judah was all that was left of Israel)

³And their father gave them 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. 2Kings-8:16 (He reined jointly with Jehoshaphat for the last 2 years of Jehoshaphat's life – probably because Jehoshaphat was ill)

⁴Now when Jehoram was risen up to the kingdom of his father, he strengthened himself, and slew all his brethren with the sword, and divers also of the princes of Israel. (He killed off any possible adversaries. His brothers were no threat to his rule. It is more likely that they didn't approve of his politics and his Baal worship. His wife Athaliah was pure evil. She was raised by Jezebel and Ahab)

⁵Jehoram was thirty and two years old when he began to reign, and he reigned eight years in Jerusalem. (6 on his own, after his father died)

⁶And he walked in the way of the kings of Israel, like as did the house of Ahab: for he had the daughter of Ahab to wife: and he wrought that which was evil in the eyes of the LORD.

⁷Howbeit the LORD would not destroy the house of David, because of the covenant that he had made with David, and as he promised to give a light to him and to his sons for ever. (Jesus would later fulfill this promise for ever. Jesus came into the world as a descendant of Nathan, not Solomon)

⁸In his days the Edomites revolted from under the dominion of Judah, and made themselves a king. (Turn your back on God, and He will

remove His blessings and protection from you) (Jehoram was probably a weak willed man, going with whatever Athaliah wanted him to do. He certainly was a weak king)

⁹ Then Jehoram went forth with his princes, and all his chariots with him: and he rose up by night, and smote the Edomites which compassed him in, and the captains of the chariots. 2Kings-8:21 (This was just one battle. He was far from having defeated the Edomites)

¹⁰ So the Edomites revolted from under the hand of Judah unto this day. The same time also did Libnah revolt from under his hand; because he had forsaken the LORD God of his fathers. (Eventually the Edomites did get their independence from Jehoram) (Libnah was a priest city in Judah and they would not go along with Jehoram's idolatry – Baal worship)

¹¹ Moreover he made high places in the mountains of Judah and caused the inhabitants of Jerusalem to commit fornication, and compelled Judah thereto. (He rebuilt the high places for Baal that Asa and Jehoshaphat had destroyed. The people went back to Baal worship and orgies in the groves)

(Verses 12-19 are not written in the Book of Kings)

¹² And there came a writing to him from Elijah the prophet, saying, Thus saith the LORD God of David thy father, Because thou hast not walked in the ways of Jehoshaphat thy father, nor in the ways of Asa king of Judah, (Elijah wrote this letter before he was taken up by God. At the time of this reading, he was gone and Elisha had replaced him) 2Kings-2:1 (God took Elijah up in a "whirlwind")

¹³ But hast walked in the way of the kings of Israel, and hast made Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem to go a whoring, like to the whoredoms of the house of Ahab, and also hast slain thy brethren of thy father's house, which were better than thyself: (They had sunrise orgies to the "queen of heaven – Ishtar" in the groves. They decorated and rolled eggs in the grass as a sign of fertility. This is where Easter comes from. It is an insult to God)

¹⁴ Behold, with a great plague will the LORD smite thy people, and thy children, and thy wives, and all thy goods: (God will destroy his house completely) (Could be from STDs spread through their orgies)

¹⁵ And thou shalt have great sickness by disease of thy bowels, until thy bowels fall out by reason of the sickness day by day. (He suffered for 2 years before he finally died)

¹⁶ Moreover the LORD stirred up against Jehoram the spirit of the Philistines, and of the Arabians, that were near the Ethiopians: (They were attacked by other countries)

¹⁷ And 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; so that there was never a son left him, save Jehoahaz, the youngest of his sons. (Jehoahaz is later called Ahaziah, and later in other verses, Azariah)

¹⁸ And after all this the LORD smote him in his bowels with an incurable disease. (Good riddance to an evil king)

¹⁹ And it came to pass, that in process of time, after the end of two years, his bowels fell out by reason of his sickness: so he died of sore diseases. And his people made no burning for him, like the burning of his fathers. (The people had no respect for him)

²⁰ Thirty and two years old was he when he began to reign, and he reigned in Jerusalem eight years, and departed without being desired. Howbeit they buried him in the city of David, but not in the sepulchres of the kings. (He wasn't worthy of a royal funeral)