

# II Kings 9-14

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Historical Books II  
Lecture #20

# II Kings Chapter 9

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The Rise of Jehu

# Jehu



- General over Israel's army.
- Anointed by a son of the prophets to be the next king.
- Was commissioned to destroy the house of Omri/Ahab.

# Race to Jezreel

- King Joram (Israel) is recuperating at Jezreel.
- King Ahaziah (Judah) is with him.
- Jehu races toward Jezreel.
- Messengers sent to meet Jehu join him.



# Assassinations

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- Jehu kills Joram with an arrow.
- Bidkar (“son of stabbing”, my FAVORITE name) casts Joram’s body in Naboth’s field.
- Ahaziah is captured and killed at Megiddo.



# Death of Jezebel



- Jezebel taunts Jehu from a window.
- Jehu calls for her to be thrown down and some of her servant do so.
- Jehu and his men run over her body with their chariots.
- When they go to retrieve her body, the dogs had eaten it except for her skull, feet, and hands.

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The Reign of Jehu

# Slaughter of the House of Omri

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- Jehu sends a letter to Samaria and they kill the 70 sons of Ahab there.
- Jehu kills all that remain of Ahab in Jezreel.
- 42 relatives of Ahaziah are captured and killed.





# Slaughter of the Priests of Baal

- Jehu tricks the followers of Baal into gathering.
- He has 80 men appointed to kill them all.
- The images of Baal are destroyed.
- The temple is made into a latrine.



# Jehu's Reign

- Reigns 28 years.
- Fought Baal worship but followed Jeroboam's counterfeit worship.
- He was weak against the Syrians and Assyrians
- His son Jehoahaz inherits the throne.



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Athaliah and Jehoash

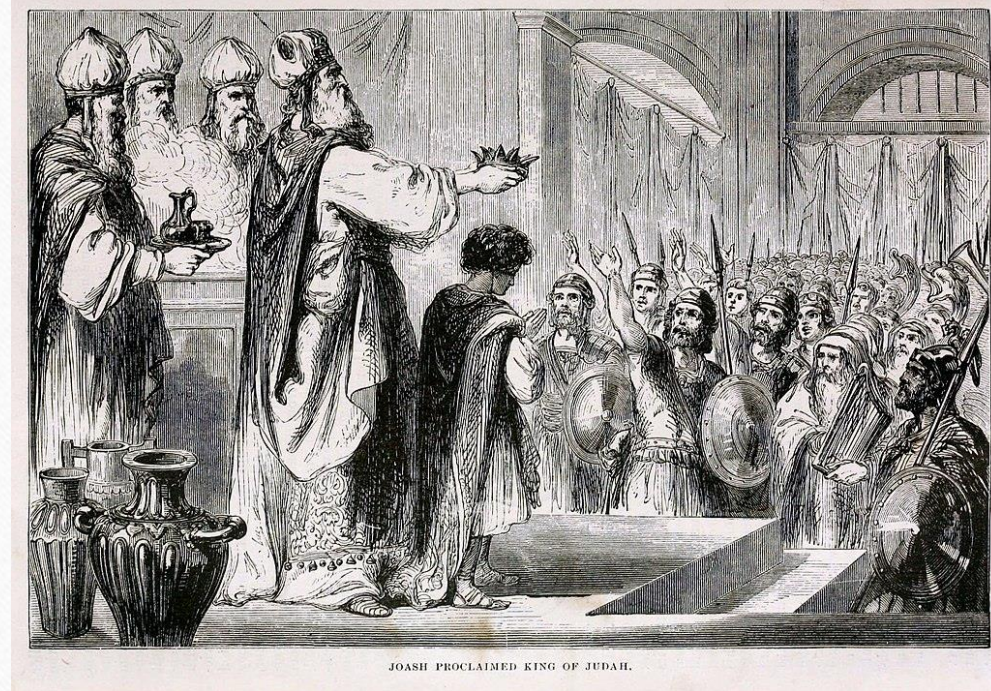
# Athaliah

- Daughter of Ahab and Jezebel.
- Was the widow of King Jehoram of Judah.
- Took power after her son Ahaziah is killed by Jehu.
- First queen to reign over the Jews.
- First non-Davidic ruler over Judah.
- Solidifies her place by killing other possible heirs (children and grandchildren included) to the throne.



# Jehoash/Joash

- The infant Jehoash escapes when hidden in the Temple for six years.
- The priests lead a revolt against Athaliah by proclaiming the boy as king.
- He is seven years old.





# Death of Athaliah

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- Athaliah goes to the Temple to find out what is happening.
- She cries, “Treason! Treason!”.
- The guards capture her and execute her outside the Temple.

# Jehoiada

- The High Priest Jehoiada is the mastermind behind the revolt.
- He leads the people into a revival.
- Baal worship is destroyed.
- He is a strong spiritual leader in the land for as long as he lives.



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Jehoash's Rise and Fall



# Jehoash

- Reigns 40 years.
- Did right as long as Jehoiada lived.
- Did not restore united worship by allowing the high places to continue.



# Repair of the Temple

- The Temple is about 150 years old.
- Money is collected to repair it.
- The first donations were either stolen or misappropriated.
- Finally, a system is set up to ensure the money was used properly.



# Syrian Invasion

- Hazael of Syria led a campaign against the Philistines.
- He then turns to Jerusalem.
- Jehoash pays tribute to him from the treasuries of the Temple and the royal family.



# Assassination of Jehoash

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- We will cover more of his life in II Chronicles.
- He is killed by two of his servants.
- His son Amaziah takes the throne.



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Jehoahaz, Jehoash, Jeroboam

# Jehoahaz

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- Reigned 17 years.
- Not a good king.
- Did seek the Lord when the Syrians invaded.
  - God gave them a “saviour”
  - Probably his son.
- Joash/Jehoash inherits the throne.



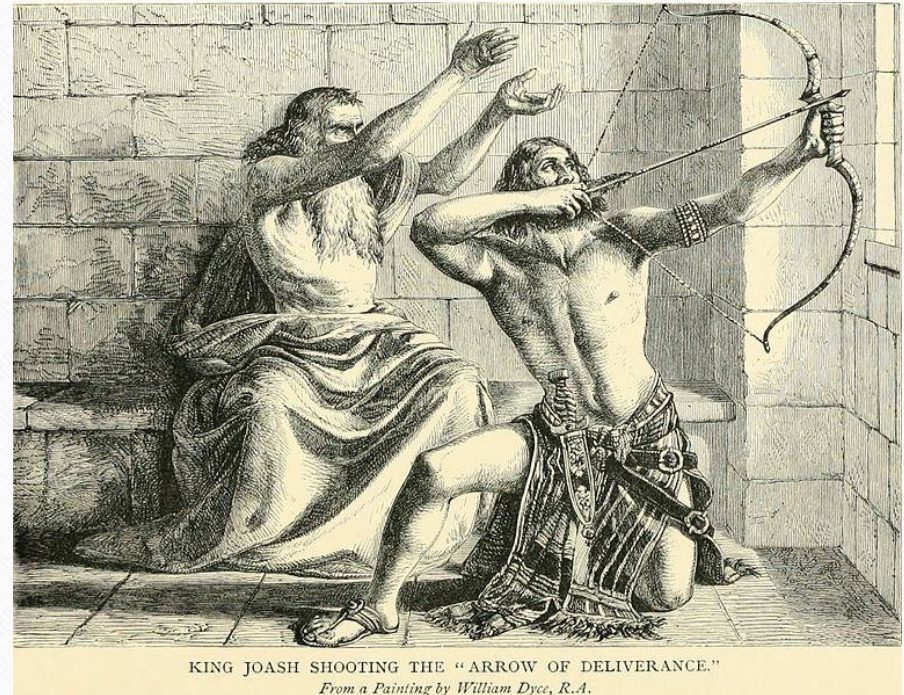
# Jehoash

- Reigned 16 years.
- Bad, followed Jeroboam's religion.
- His son Jeroboam II inherits the throne.



# Elisha and Jehoash

- Through an object lesson with a bow and arrows, it is revealed that:
  - Israel will be delivered from Syrian oppression.
  - Israel will win three battles.
    - If only Jehoash had struck more times...



KING JOASH SHOOTING THE "ARROW OF DELIVERANCE."  
*From a Painting by William Dyce, R.A.*

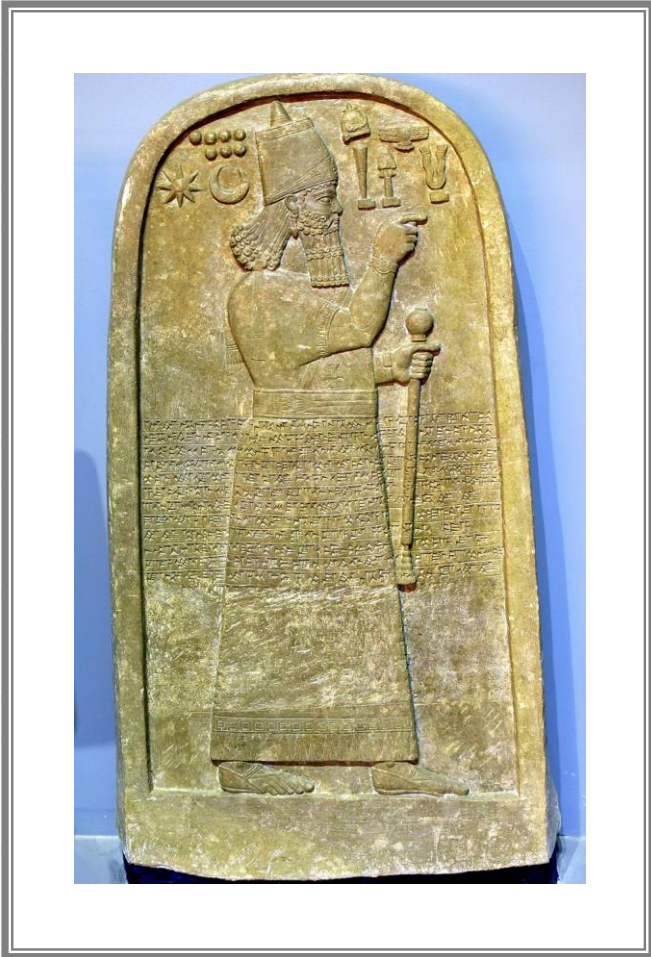




## One more miracle...

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- Elisha dies.
- The Moabites invade the land.
- At a funeral the people see the Moabites coming.
- They hurriedly place the body in Elisha's crypt.
- The man comes back to life after touching Elisha's remains.



## War with Syria

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- Conflicts continue with Syria.
- No real gains are made as long as Hazael was their king.
- Hazael died and his son Benhadad III inherits the Syrian throne.
- Israel is able to defeat Benhadad and reclaim lost territory.

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Amaziah to Zachariah

# Amaziah

- Reigned 29 years.
- A good king.
- Did not destroy the high places.
- Had his father's assassins killed and followed Deuteronomy 24:16 in doing it.
- Led a campaign against Edom.



# Battle of Bethshemesh



- Amaziah challenges Jehoash and Israel to battle.
- Judah is soundly defeated and Amaziah captured.
- 600 feet of Jerusalem's walls are destroyed, and the city is spoiled.

# Amaziah's End

- A conspiracy arises against Amaziah.
- He flees Jerusalem to Lachish.
- He is assassinated there and buried in Jerusalem.
- His son Azariah is given the throne.



# Jeroboam II

- Reigns 41 years.
- Follows the ways of his namesake.
- Strengthens and expands the Northern Kingdom.
- vs. 25 –JONAH!
- His son Zachariah inherits the throne.

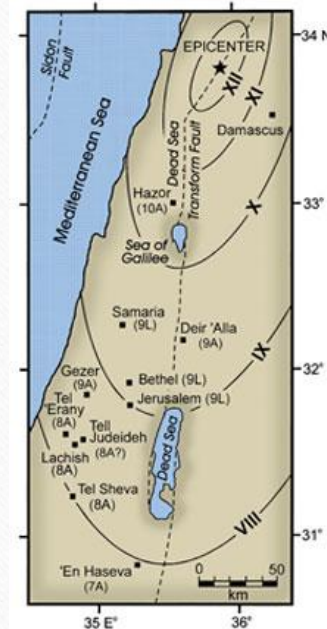


# EARTHQUAKE!!!

- There is a major earthquake in 786 B.C.
- Amos and Zechariah both mention it.



*Displaced blocks within the excavation of the outer wall at Gezer.*



*Map showing the locations of damaged cities and the earthquake's probable epicenter.*



*Leaning wall at Hazor characteristic of Stratum VI.*