

# Royal Lessons for Life

## Ahaziah and Jehoram

(Israel)

### Ahaziah's Biography

- Inherits the throne of his father Ahab – I Kings 22:51
- His short reign of 2 years is full of evil – I Kings 22:52-53
  - Note that he followed the examples of his father Ahab, his mother Jezebel, and Jeroboam – I Kings 22:52-53
- The client-state of Moab rebels against Israel showing the weakness of his rule – II Kings 1:1, 3:5-7
- He partners with Jehoshaphat in an ill-fated sea trading venture – I Kings 22:48-49, II Chronicles 20:35-36
- He is mortally wounded in a fall and sought help from the Philistine god Baalzebub – II Kings 1:2
  - For this he is rebuked by Elijah – II Kings 1:3-16
- Because he has no sons, his brother Jehoram inherits the throne – II Kings 1:17

### Jehoram's Biography

- Reigned for 12 years – II Kings 3:1
- Sometimes called Joram (same name, only shortened) and ruled at the same time as a king of Judah with the same name – II Kings 8:16, etc.
- He seems to not follow Baal but Jeroboam's religion instead – II Kings 3:2-3
- He leads an alliance of Israel, Judah, and Edom against Moab – II Kings 3:6-27
  - During this campaign, Elisha prophesies that God will supply water – II Kings 3:16-19
- As the Syrians begin to cause trouble, God uses Elisha to deliver him and the people – II Kings 6:8-23
- He is delivered by God from Syria's siege of Samaria – II Kings 6:24-7:20
- He develops an appreciation for Elisha – II Kings 8:4
- He is wounded in battle against the Syrians at Ramothgilead – II Kings 8:28
- While recuperating from his wounds, he is assassinated by Jehu – II Kings 8:29, 9:14-29

### Lessons from the Lives of Ahaziah and Jehoram

- Ahaziah is an example of someone who hates God and truth – Psalm 68:1
- Jehoram is an example of someone who has some respect for God and truth, but not enough to repent and follow the Lord – Acts 26:28