

----- Jehu 28 years -----

3120b AM, 3830 JP, 884 BC

534. NK-Jehoram, king of Israel, and Ahaziah, king of Judah, went out together with their armies to Ramothgilead against Hazael, who had recently succeeded Benhadad to the kingdom of Syria, as Elisha the prophet had foretold him. In that battle, Jehoram was grievously wounded by the Syrians and retired to Jezreel to be healed of his wounds. {#2Ki 8:1-29} Meanwhile, a certain son of the prophets was sent by Elisha and came to Ramoth. He anointed Jehu, the son of Jehoshaphat the son of Nimshi, king over Israel. [L72] He told him the will of God concerning the wiping out of the house of Ahab. As soon as Jehu had been proclaimed king by the captains and officers of the army, he marched to Jezreel. There he killed both Jehoram and Jezebel. {#2Ki 9:1-37} Jehu sent letters to Samaria which were responsible for the death of the seventy sons of Ahab, as foretold by Elisha. He took Jehonadab, the son of Rechab, with him to Samaria. There he destroyed all the family of Ahab with all the priests of Baal. Although he destroyed Baal worship, he still maintained the worship of Jeroboam's golden calves, and the associated idolatry by the Israelites, for the duration of his twenty-eight year reign. {#2Ki 10:28,29,36}

3148c AM, 3858 JP, 856 BC, 23 SK, 1 NK

542. NK-Jehoahaz succeeded his father Jehu as king over Israel in the twenty-third year of Joash, the son of Ahaziah. He reigned seventeen years {#2Ki 13:1} and during that entire time Hazael, the king of Syria, cruelly oppressed the Israelites, {#2Ki 13:3,7,22} as foretold by Elisha. {#2Ki 8:12}