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532. When Jehoram's bowels fell out, he died a miserable death and was buried in the city of David, but without any pomp and not among the kings. {#2Ch 25:19,20} After this, in the twelfth year of Joram, the son of Ahab, Ahaziah, Jehoram's son, succeeded him, reigning one year in Jerusalem. He followed in the steps of his wicked mother Athaliah and the whole house of Ahab, by setting up and maintaining the worship of Baal. {#2Ki 8:25,27 2Ch 22:1-4}

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}

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535. SK-Ahaziah returned from the battle at Ramothgilead against Hazael. Later he went to Jezreel to see Jehoram, the king of Israel, who was recovering from his wounds. When Jehu found many of Ahab's family attending him there, together with various princes of Judah, he killed them all. Then he searched for Ahaziah himself, who had escaped and fled to Megiddo. [E50] When he caught up with him on the way to Gur, which is in Ibleam, in the tribe of Manasseh, he killed him in his chariot. Ahaziah was carried from there by his servants, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David. {#2Ki 9:1-37 2Ch 22:1-9} On his way back to Samaria, Jehu met forty-two men of Ahaziah's relatives heading to Jezreel with the intention of there greeting the king's children, but Jehu had them all killed. {#2Ki 10:13,14}