

due January 2, 2022

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A **BLESSED NEW YEAR!!**

Should you help the ungodly,
and love them that hate the LORD?
**Jehoshaphat, Jehoram, Ahaziah,
and Joash**
II Chronicles 19-24



Monday (December 27)—Jehu rebukes (and commends) Jehoshaphat, who next is invaded by Moab and prays (II Chronicles 19:1-20:13).

1. Jehoshaphat, king of Judah returned to Jerusalem from Ramoth-gilead (18:28) where he had been battling the Syrians; who rebuked him and for what (19:1-2)? _____

2. What three good things did Jehoshaphat do (19:3-4)? _____

3. Verse 3 tells us that Jehoshaphat brought the people back unto the LORD God of their fathers, and the remaining verses apparently reveal at least part of how he did that (19:4-8); what did King Jehoshaphat set throughout all the fenced cities of Judah, and what was his charge to them (19:5-7)? _____

4. Verses 8-11 indicate that there were two divisions of judges; what were these (19:11)? _____

5. Who came against Jehoshaphat (and Judah) (20:1-2)? _____

How did Jehoshaphat respond—what did he do (in general) (20:3-13)? _____

6. Pray Jehoshaphat's prayer (20:6-12), seeking to apply it to your situation (especially verse 12).

Tuesday (December 28)—God smites the Moabites, yet Jehoshaphat again joins with the wicked north (II Chronicles 20:14-37).

1. Who spoke for God to the Judeans, and what was the main thought of his message (20:14-17)? Note that it is noted that the Spirit of the LORD came upon him (to deliver this message)! _____

2. Did the three groups assembled in Jerusalem (Jehoshaphat, all Judah, Jerusalem inhabitants) believe Jahaziel (20:18-19)? _____
3. When did they rise, with whom did Jehoshaphat consult, and who led (went out before) the army (20:20-22)? _____

4. When and how did the victorious Judeans return to Jerusalem (20:25-28). _____
5. What was true of Jehoshaphat's realm for his remaining years, and why (20:29-31)? _____

For how many years did Jehoshaphat reign, and how old was he when he died? _____

6. What mistake did Jehoshaphat repeat (20:35-37; cf. 19:2)? _____

Wednesday (December 29)—Jehoram succeeds his father Jehoshaphat, lives wickedly, experiences revolts, and dies of an incurable disease (II Chronicles 21).

1. Jehoshaphat dies, and his son Jehoram reigns in his stead; how many brothers did Jehoram have, and what happened to them (21:1-4)? _____

2. How long did Jehoram reign, what reason is given for his walking in the wicked ways of the kings of the north ("like as did the house of Ahab"), and why did the LORD not destroy his house (which was the house of David) (21:5-7)? _____



What (in general) immediately followed the making of this covenant (verses 17-20)? _____

6. Why do you suppose “the city was quiet after that they had slain Athaliah with the sword” (verse 21)? _____

Saturday (January 1)—prayerfully read II Chronicles 24, Joash leads in the repair of the temple, Jehoiada dies, Judah apostatizes, and Joash is assassinated.

1. How old was Joash when he began to reign _____, how long did he reign _____, how long did he do that which was right in the sight of the LORD _____, and who found his wives for him (apparently) (24:1-3)? _____

2. In what way did the priests and Levites disobey (not follow the leadership of) Joash (24:4-7)? _____

Whom did Joash hold responsible for this failure? _____

3. What was Joash’s solution to the immediate problem, and how did the people respond to his call to give (24:8-10)? _____

4. How old was Jehoiada when he died _____, and where was this great priest buried (24:15-16)? _____

What happened after Jehoiada died (verses 17-19)? _____

5. What did the longsuffering LORD send to the straying Israelites, and who specifically was sent (24:19-22)? _____

What betrayal was committed by Joash (verses 21-22)? _____

6. How did Joash’s reign end (24:23-27)?



3. Who revolted against Jehoram, and what reason is given for their revolt (21:8-11)? _____

4. What prophet rebuked Jehoram, in what form did this rebuke come, and what terrible thing would happen personally to Jehoram (21:12-15)?

5. Who carried away all the substance found in the king’s house, along with his sons and wives, and what son only was left behind (21:16-17)? _____

6. Give something you can “work out” (Philippians 2:12) from this story of chapter 21 (perhaps developing the thought of verse 20, that he “departed without being desired”). _____

Review memorizing the kings of Judah (beginning with David) by seeing if you can recite the names of the first six! The first six are David, Solomon, Rehoboam, Abijah, Asa, and Jehoshaphat! The next five (including the usurper Athaliah) are **Jehoram, Ahaziah, Athaliah, Joash, and Amaziah**. Distinguishing facts for each are **Jehoram** (married Athaliah the wicked daughter of Ahab and died of sore diseases), **Ahaziah** (killed by Jehu), **Athaliah** (only woman to reign), **Joash** (rebuilt temple and went bad when Jehoiada died), and **Amaziah** (defeated Edomites and then worshiped their gods).

The goal is to be able to recite all twenty of them (3:10-16) by the time our study of I-II Chronicles is completed, and to be able to give a distinguishing fact for each! **You can do this!** Give a distinguishing fact about each of the first six kings of Judah (beginning with David)! **David** (_____), **Solomon** (_____), **Rehoboam** (_____), **Abijah** (defeated _____ I after giving great _____), **Asa** (good but sought not the LORD regarding his diseased _____), **Jehoshaphat** (allied with _____ and then with Ahaziah 20:37)!



Thursday (December 30)—Ahaziah (in Judah) follows Jehoram and is killed by Jehu; Ahaziah's mom Athaliah kills all the seed royal except for Joash who is hidden by his aunt (II Chronicles 22).

1. Who was king in Judah after Jehoram _____, how old was he when he began to reign _____, how long did he reign _____, and who was his mother _____ (22:1-2)?
2. Who was (and were) Ahaziah's counselor and "counsellors," to do wickedly to his destruction (22:3-4)? _____

3. Whom did Ahaziah join to fight against the Syrians (22:5)? _____
4. Who went down to see the northern king (which northern king is referred to as both Jehoram and Joram in both verses 6 and 7!), and what happened to him (22:6-9)? _____
5. Who killed Ahaziah's sons (and brothers? "the seed royal") except for one (22:10-12)? _____

Who rescued the one "seed royal" (son of Ahaziah) who survived, and where did she hide him? _____
6. What personal application can you make from this section?

Jehoram the son of Ahab is also referred to as Joram in this same verse. There is a Jehoram son of Ahab in the north and a Jehoram son of Jehoshaphat in the south. Both Jehorams also are referred to by the shortened name Joram—it can get confusing!

King of the northern tribes:

referred to as **Jehoram** II Ki 1:17; 3:1, 6; II Chr 22:5, 6, 7—**6X**

referred to as **Joram** II Ki 8:16, 25, 28, 29; 9:14, 15, 16, 17, 21, 22, 23, 24, 29; II Chr 22:5, 7—**15X**

King of the southern tribes:

referred to as **Joram** II Ki 8:21, 23, 24; 11:2; I Chr 3:11; Mt 1:8—**6X**

referred to as **Jehoram** I Ki 22:50; II Ki 1:17; 8:16, 25, 29; 12:18; II Chr 21:1, 3, 4, 5, 9, 16; 22:1, 6, 7—**15X**

We will refer to the **southern king as Jehoram** and the **northern one as Joram** for clarity's sake (cf. II Ki 8:16 fm)! II Chr 22:5-7—the same guy (king of the northern tribes) is referred to by both names (Jehoram and Joram) in each of these three verses!

Friday (December 31)—prayerfully read II Chronicles 23, Joash becomes king of Judah, and revival is experienced.

1. Who organized the coup (a seizure and removal of a government and its powers; it is pronounced with "p" being silent) _____, and what two groups did he organize, along with the five captains listed in verse 1 (23:1-2)? _____
2. What two covenants were made in preparation for overthrowing wicked queen Athaliah (23:1-3)? _____

What was the biblical basis for overthrowing Athaliah, as mentioned in verse 3? _____

3. Who only was to go into the house of the LORD (verse 6) _____, and what was to be done to whoever else came into the house (apparently who were not on their side, verse 7) _____, what two things did they give to the king's son when they made him king (verse 11) _____, and what did the people say upon his crowning (verse 11)? _____

What do you suppose "Jehoiada dismissed not the courses" means in verse 8?

What attracted Athaliah to the house of the LORD, and what did she cry (23:12-13)?



5. What third covenant in this chapter (first two are in verses 1 and 3) did Jehoiada make (23:16)? _____
