

## Evil by Association

2 Kings 8:16-29

1. Sins of the \_\_\_\_\_ – King Jehoram (v. 16-24)
  - a. Effects of a bad marriage \_\_\_\_\_ (2 Chron. 18:1)
    - i. Despite repeated \_\_\_\_\_ to Jehoshaphat
    - ii. Despite obvious service to \_\_\_\_\_ gods
  - b. Effects of walking the wrong \_\_\_\_\_
    - i. Following the kings of \_\_\_\_\_
    - ii. Being influenced by \_\_\_\_\_'s daughter
    - iii. Doing \_\_\_\_\_ in the LORD's eyes
      1. \_\_\_\_\_
      2. \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. Effects of \_\_\_\_\_ the holy LORD
    - i. No effect on the LORD's \_\_\_\_\_ promises
    - ii. Effects on the \_\_\_\_\_
      1. Rebellion of nations and \_\_\_\_\_
      2. \_\_\_\_\_ of Judah
      3. Plagues and horrifying \_\_\_\_\_
2. Sins of the \_\_\_\_\_ - King Ahaziah (v. 25-29)
  - a. Following family \_\_\_\_\_
    - i. A son of his \_\_\_\_\_ in every way
    - ii. A son of his \_\_\_\_\_'s advice
    - iii. A son-in-law to the advice of Ahab's \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Doing what \_\_\_\_\_ men do
    - i. \_\_\_\_\_ in the LORD's eyes
    - ii. Joining in war with wicked \_\_\_\_\_
    - iii. Visiting "good ol' \_\_\_\_\_ Joram"

*Do not be unequally yoked with unbelievers. For what partnership has righteousness with lawlessness? Or what fellowship has light with darkness? What accord has Christ with Belial? Or what portion does a believer share with an unbeliever?*

2 Corinthians 6:14-15

*Now Jehoshaphat had great riches and honor, and he made a marriage alliance with Ahab.* 2 Chronicles 18:1

*Then David's men swore to him, 'You shall no longer go out with us to battle, lest you quench the lamp of Israel.'* 2 Samuel 21:17

*But to [Solomon's] son I will give one tribe, that David my servant may always have a lamp before me in Jerusalem, the city where I have chosen to put my name... Nevertheless, for David's sake the LORD his God gave him a lamp in Jerusalem, setting up his son after him, and establishing Jerusalem.* 1 Kings 11:36; 15:4

*There I will make a horn to sprout for David; I have prepared a lamp for my anointed.* Psalm 132:17

*When Jehoram had ascended the throne of his father and was established, he killed all his brothers with the sword, and also some of the princes of the land... And a letter came to him from Elijah the prophet, saying, 'Thus says the LORD, the God of David your father, 'Because you have not walked in the ways of Jehoshaphat your father, or in the ways of Asa king of Judah, but have walked in the way of the kings of Israel and have enticed Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem into whoredom, as the house of Ahab led Israel into whoredom, and also you have killed your brothers, of your father's house, who were better than you, behold, the LORD will bring a great plague on your people, your children, your wives, and all your possessions, and you yourself will have a severe sickness with a disease of your bowels, until your bowels come out because of the disease, day by day.' 2 Chronicles 21:4; 12-15*

*[Ahaziah] also walked in the ways of the house of Ahab, for his mother was his counselor in doing wickedly. He did what was evil in the sight of the LORD, as the house of Ahab had done. For after the death of his father they were his counselors, to his undoing.* 2 Chronicles 22:3-4

### **Follow-Up Quote**

“Our verse [19] here is simply saying that Yahweh's ‘Davidic plan’ is still in force and the wickedness of some two-bit Ahab-clone in Judah isn't going to overthrow it.”

(Dale Ralph Davis, *2 Kings: The Power and the Fury*, 2005, p. 141)