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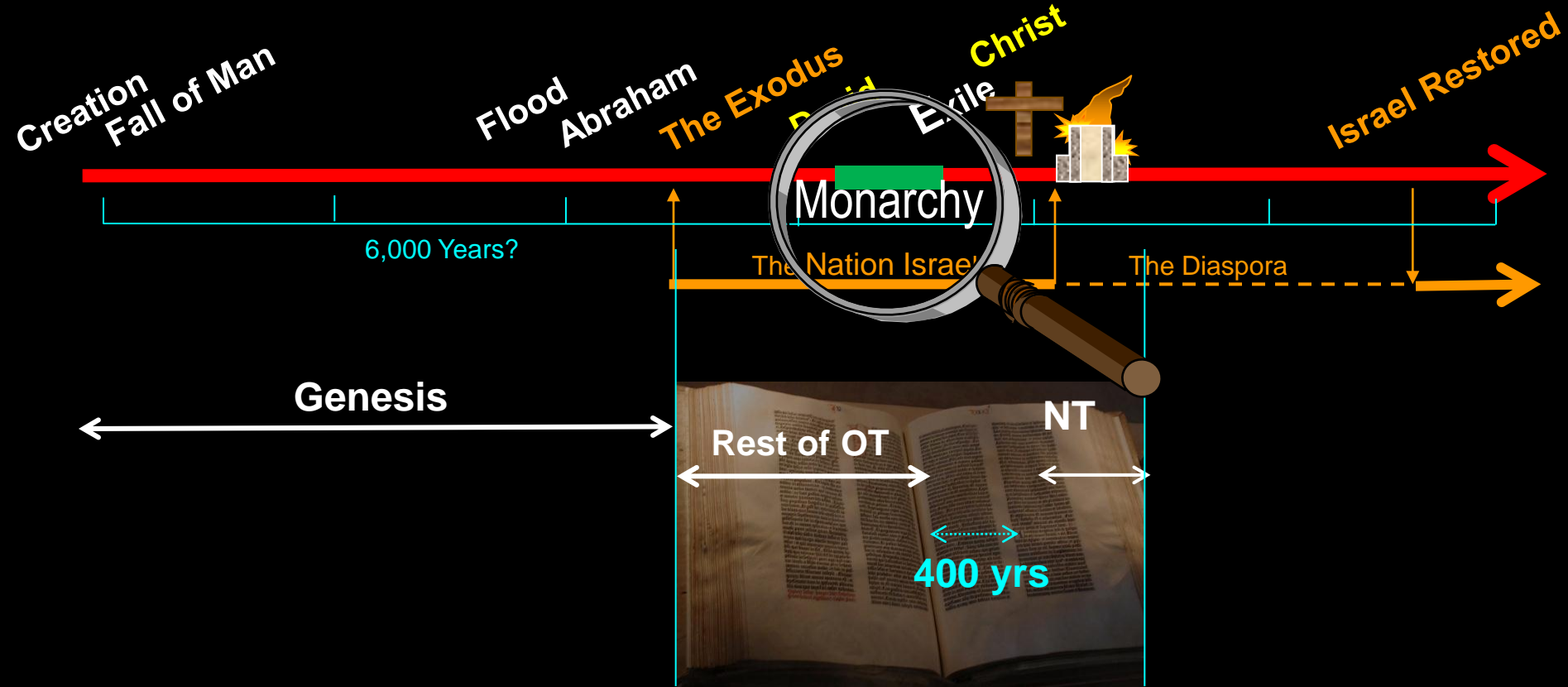
# 2<sup>nd</sup> Book of Kings

*Simply teaching the Word simply*

# Second Book of Kings

- The Record of Two Ruined Kingdoms
- Key Phrase: "According to the Word of Jehovah."
- Key Person: Elisha.
- Key Words: "Man of God," used 36 times,
  - more than in any other Bible book.
- Key Concept is the contrast between:
  - "He did that which was evil in the sight of Jehovah,"
    - used 21 times (3x7 God/Complete)
  - "He did that which was right in the eyes of Jehovah,"
    - used 5 times (5 denotes Grace)

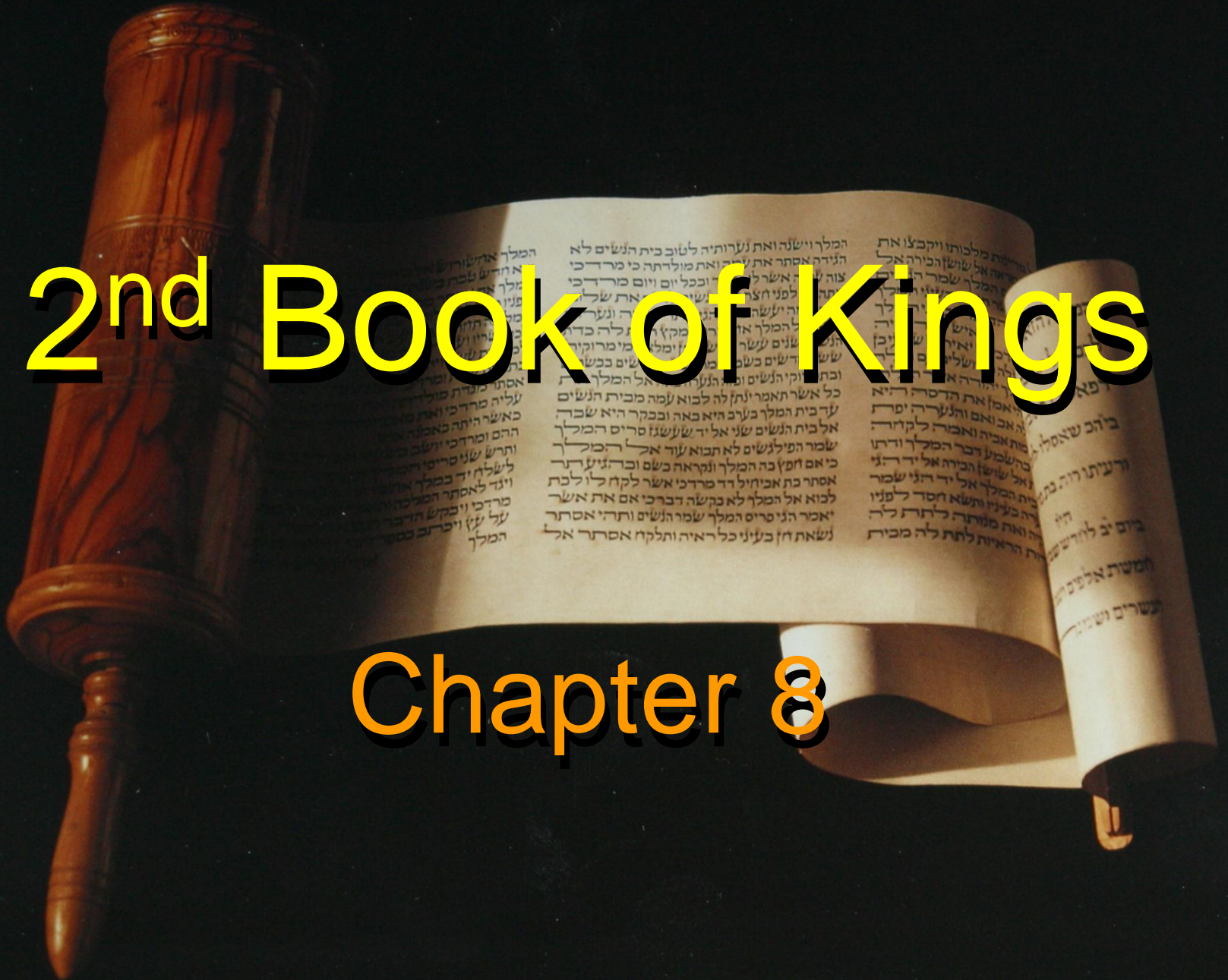
# The Times of the Kings





# 2nd Book of Kings

## Chapter 8



<sup>1</sup> Then spake Elisha unto the woman, whose son he had restored to life, saying, Arise, and go thou and thine household, and sojourn wheresoever thou canst sojourn: **for the LORD hath called for a famine;** and it shall also come upon the land seven years.

<sup>2</sup> And the woman arose, and did after the saying of the man of God: and she went with her household, and sojourned in the land of the Philistines seven years.

**2 Kings 8:1-2**

# Israel's Famines

- There are seven natural famines in the land of Israel recorded in the Bible (excluding sieges)

– Gen 12:10

Abraham

– Gen 26:1

Isaac

– Gen 41:54

Jacob

– Ruth 1:1

Ruth

– 2 Sam 21:1

David

– 1 Kings 18:2

Elijah

– 2 Kings 8:1)

Elisha

Divine Leading

Divine Judgment

# Israel's Famines

- Famines always bring us to a point of crisis / decision cf the prodigal Son. Luke 15:11-32.
- Whether it be a famine of food or another type of 'famine' in our lives.
- Chuck Missler comments: "We can't conceive of a holy God wanting anything less than His very best for his children, and the very best He can give us is a holy character"
- This is why God will allow 'famines' in our lives, in order that we trust & obey

*3 And it came to pass at the seven years' end, that the woman returned out of the land of the Philistines: and she went forth to cry unto the king for her house and for her land.*

**2 Kings 8:3**



# The Right of Redemption

<sup>23</sup> The land shall not be sold for ever: for the land is mine; for ye are strangers and sojourners with me.

<sup>24</sup> And in all the land of your possession ye shall grant a redemption for the land.

<sup>25</sup> If thy brother be waxen poor, and hath sold away some of his possession, and if any of his kin come to redeem it, then shall he redeem that which his brother sold.

Leviticus 25:23-25

*4 And the king talked with Gehazi the servant of the man of God, saying, Tell me, I pray thee, all the great things that Elisha hath done.*

**2 Kings 8:3-4**

- Coincidences are when God chooses to work anonymously!
- Romans 8:28!

**5** And it came to pass, as he was telling the king how he had restored a dead body to life, that, behold, the woman, whose son he had restored to life, cried to the king for her house and for her land. And Gehazi said, My lord, O king, this is the woman, and this is her son, whom Elisha restored to life.

**6** And when the king asked the woman, she told him. So the king appointed unto her a certain officer, saying, Restore all that was hers, and all the fruits of the field since the day that she left the land, even until now.

# Take No Thought For Your Life!

<sup>25</sup> Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment?

**Matthew 6:25**



# Take No Thought For Your Life!

*“Take no thought for your life.” “Be careful about one thing only,” says our Lord—“your relationship to Me.” Common sense shouts loud and says—“That is absurd, I must consider how I am going to live, I must consider what I am going to eat and drink.” Jesus says you must not. Beware of allowing the thought that this statement is made by One Who does not understand our particular circumstances. Jesus Christ knows our circumstances better than we do, and He says we must not think about these things so as to make them the one concern of our life. Whenever there is competition, be sure that you put your relationship to God first”* - Oswald Chambers,

# Take No Thought For Your Life!

- 13** Come now, you who say, "Today or tomorrow, we shall go to such and such a city, and spend a year there and engage in business and make a profit."
- 14** Yet you do not know what your life will be like tomorrow. You are just a vapor that appears for a little while and then vanishes away.
- 15** Instead, you ought to say, "If the Lord wills, we shall live and also do this or that."

**James 4:13-15**

# Planning For The Future

- Is it wrong to plan for the future?
- It depends....
- On whether or not you trust God!
- *“The lot is cast into the lap; but the whole disposing thereof is of the LORD”* Proverbs 16:33
- *“O LORD, I know that the way of man is not in himself: it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps”* Jeremiah 10:23
- *“The steps of a good man are ordered by the LORD: and he delighteth in his way”* Psalm 37:23

*7 And Elisha came to Damascus; and Ben-hadad the king of Syria was sick; and it was told him, saying, The man of God is come hither.*

*8 And the king said unto Hazael, Take a present in thine hand, and go, meet the man of God, and inquire of the LORD by him, saying, Shall I recover of this disease?*

**2 Kings 8:7-8**

- Elisha is the man that caused havoc to Ben-Hadad's army
  - they'd been blinded and led captive to Samaria
    - yet later released
- But Elisha had also healed Naaman



**9** So Hazael went to meet him, and took a present with him, even of every good thing of Damascus, forty camels' burden, and came and stood before him, and said, Thy son Ben-hadad king of Syria hath sent me to thee, saying, Shall I recover of this disease?

**10** And Elisha said unto him, Go, say unto him, Thou mayest certainly recover: howbeit the LORD hath shewed me that he shall surely die.

**2 Kings 8:9-10**

**II** And he settled his countenance stedfastly, until he was ashamed: and the man of God wept.

**I2** And Hazael said, Why weepeth my lord? And he answered, Because I know the evil that thou wilt do unto the children of Israel: their strong holds wilt thou set on fire, and their young men wilt thou slay with the sword, and wilt dash their children, and rip up their women with child.

**2 Kings 8:11-12**

**13** And Hazael said, But what, is thy servant a dog, that he should do this great thing? And Elisha answered, The LORD hath shewed me that thou shalt be king over Syria.

**14** So he departed from Elisha, and came to his master; who said to him, What said Elisha to thee? And he answered, He told me that thou shouldest surely recover.

**2 Kings 8:13-14**

<sup>15</sup> And it came to pass on the morrow, that he took a thick cloth, and dipped it in water, and spread it on his face, so that he died: and Hazael reigned in his stead.

2 Kings 8:15

- Note how quick sin takes hold!
- *“The journey from mind to your hands is shorter than you’re thinking!” Casting Crowns*
- James says: *“But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed. Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death”*

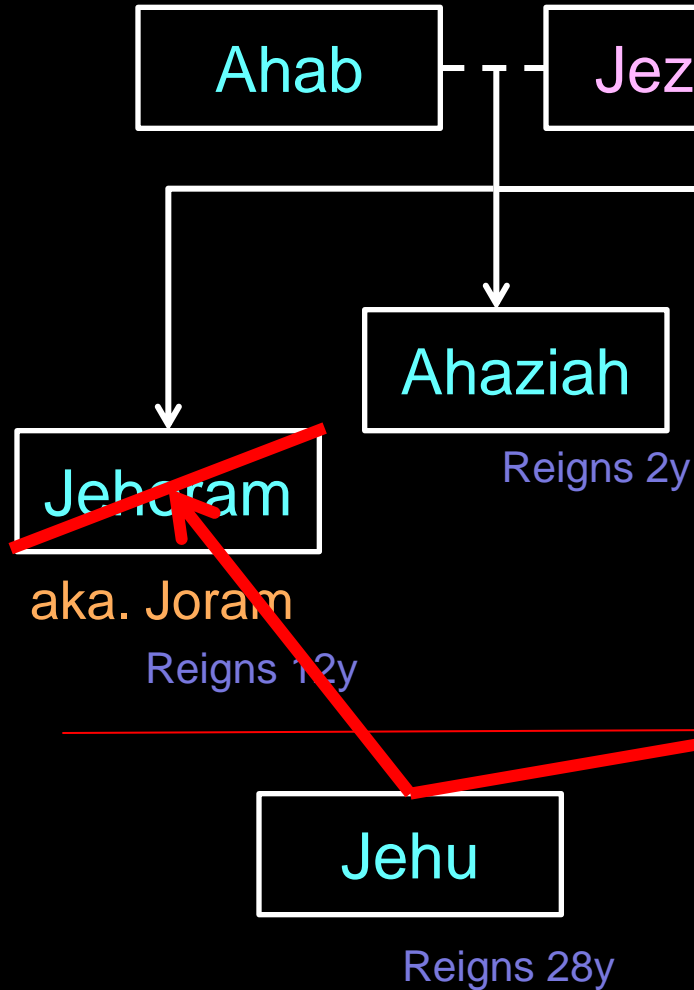
James 1:14-15



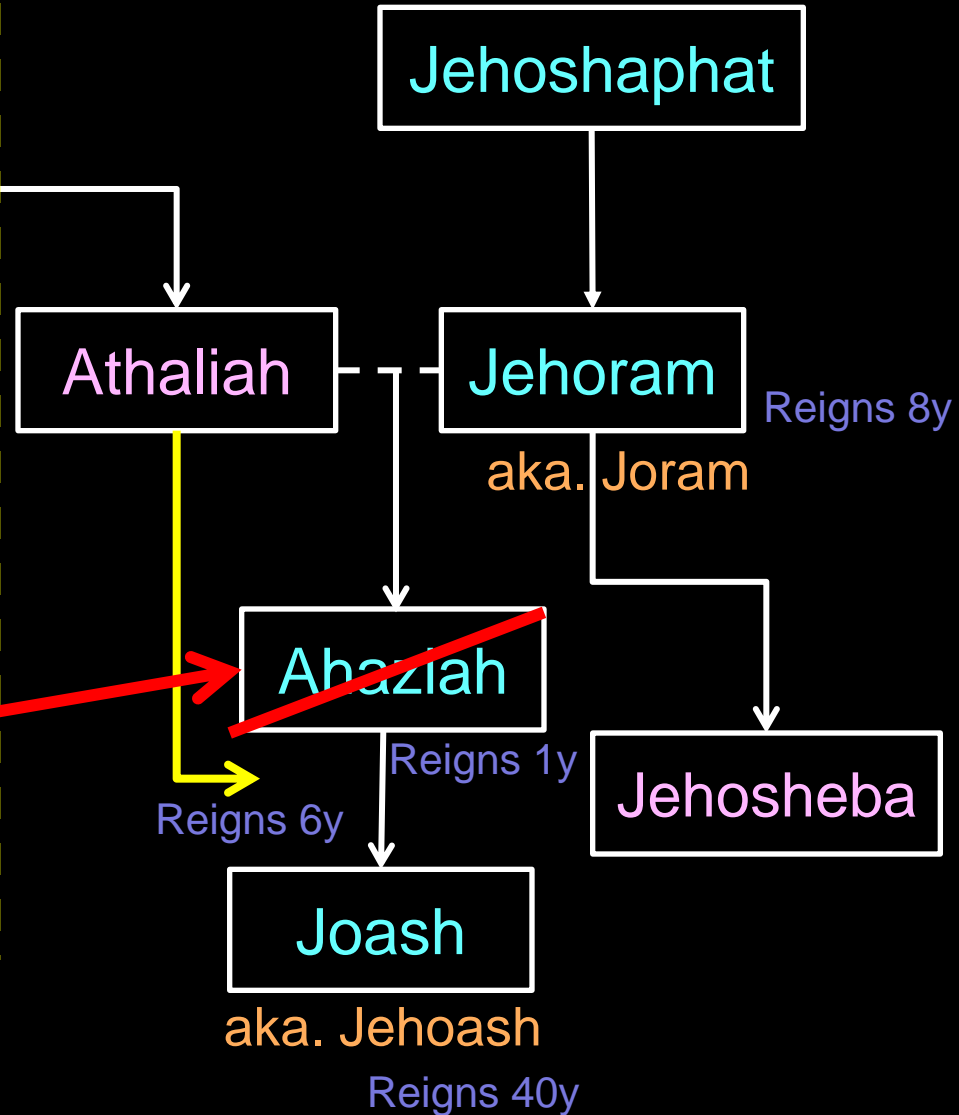
<sup>16</sup> And in the fifth year of Joram the son of Ahab king of Israel, Jehoshaphat being then king of Judah, Jehoram the son of Jehoshaphat king of Judah began to reign.

**2 Kings 8:16**

# Israel Northern Kingdom



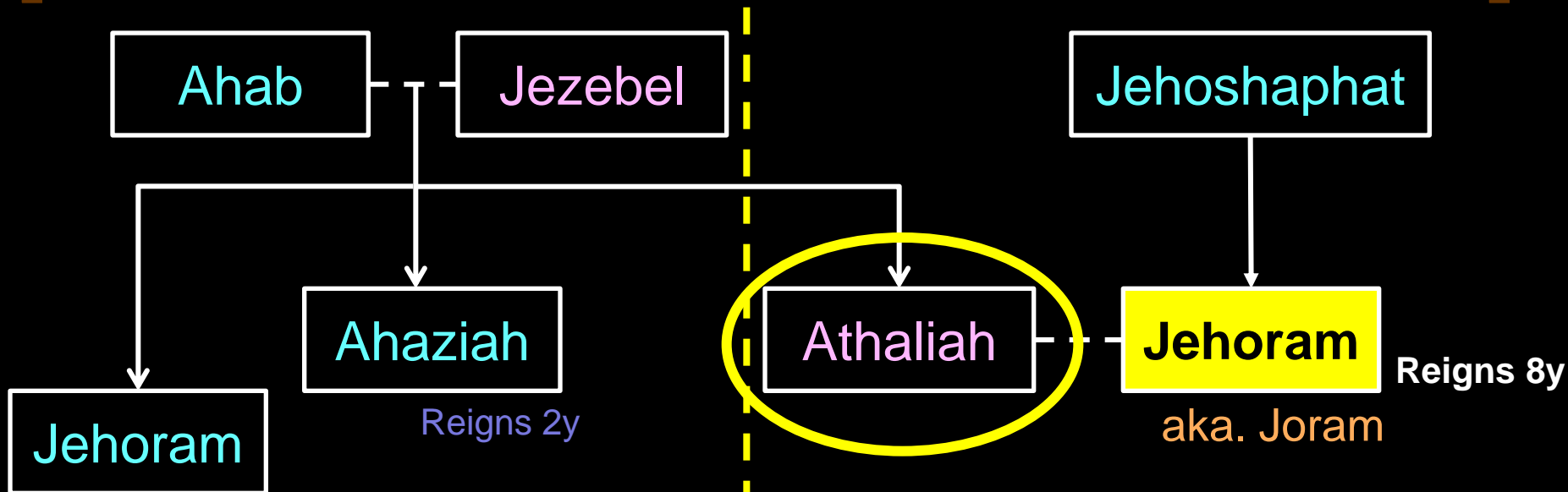
# Judah Southern Kingdom



<sup>17</sup> Thirty and two years old was he when he began to reign; and he reigned eight years in Jerusalem.

<sup>18</sup> And he walked in the way of the kings of Israel, as did the house of Ahab: for the daughter of Ahab was his wife: and he did evil in the sight of the LORD.

2 Kings 8:16-18



<sup>19</sup> Yet the LORD would not destroy Judah for David his servant's sake, as he promised him to give him alway a light, and to his children.

2 Kings 8:19

- The faithfulness of God!
- *"If we are faithless, He remains faithful, for He cannot deny Himself". 2 Timothy 2:13*



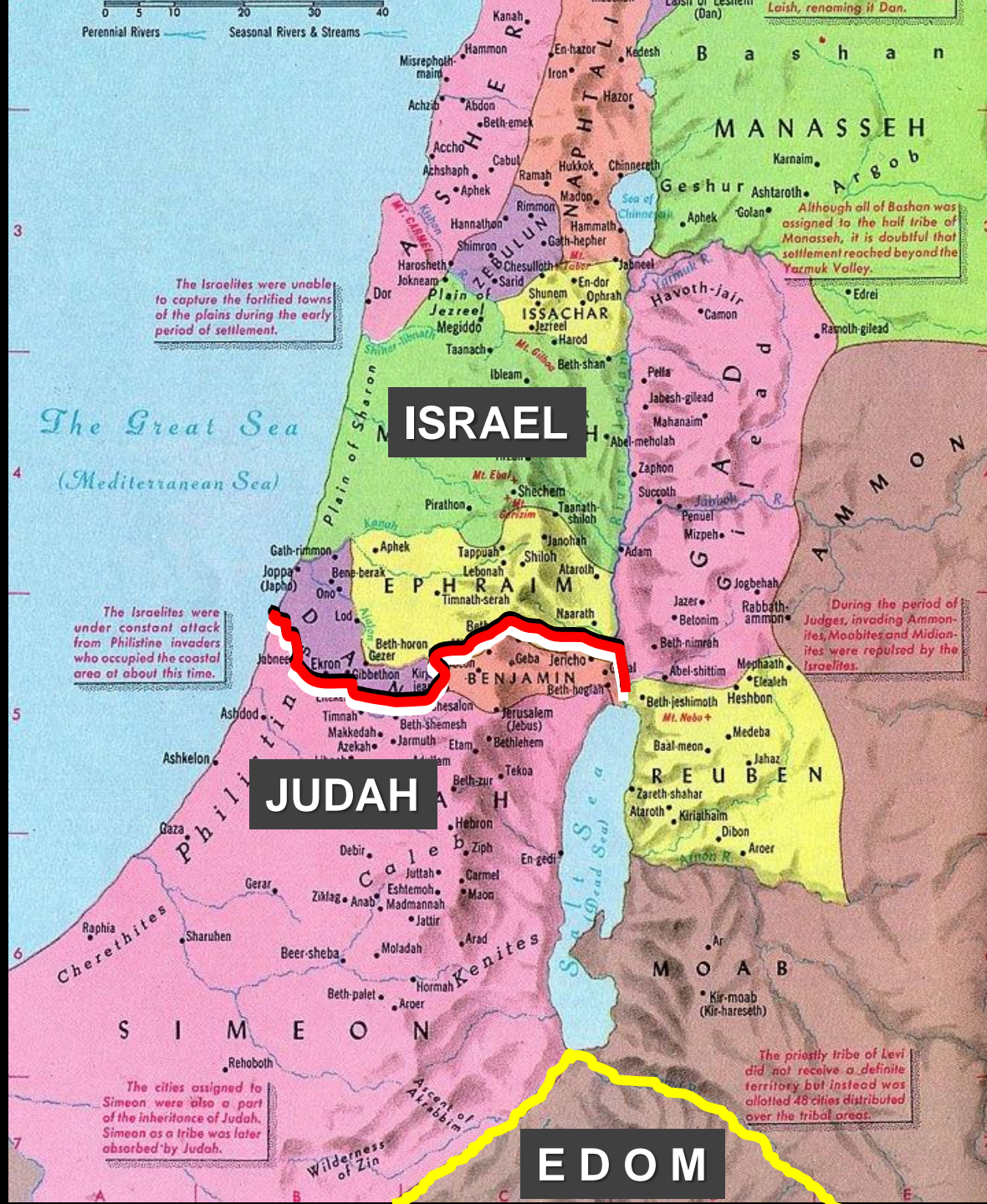
<sup>20</sup> In his days Edom revolted from under the hand of Judah, and made a king over themselves.

<sup>21</sup> So Joram went over to Zair, and all the chariots with him: and he rose by night, and smote the Edomites which compassed him about, and the captains of the chariots: and the people fled into their tents.

<sup>22</sup> Yet Edom revolted from under the hand of Judah unto this day. Then Libnah revolted at the same time.

**2 Kings 8:20-22**

- *When a man's ways please the LORD, he maketh even his enemies to be at peace with him". Proverbs 16:7*



Perennial Rivers Seasonal Rivers & Streams

The Israelites were unable to capture the fortified towns of the plains during the early period of settlement.

The Great Sea  
(Mediterranean Sea)

The Israelites were under constant attack from Philistine invaders who occupied the coastal area at about this time.

Although all of Bashan was assigned to the half tribe of Manasseh, it is doubtful that settlement reached beyond the Yarmuk Valley.

During the period of Judges, invading Ammonites, Moabites and Midianites were repulsed by the Israelites.

The priestly tribe of Levi did not receive a definite territory but instead was allotted 48 cities distributed over the tribal area.

The cities assigned to Simeon were also a part of the inheritance of Judah. Simeon as a tribe was later absorbed by Judah.

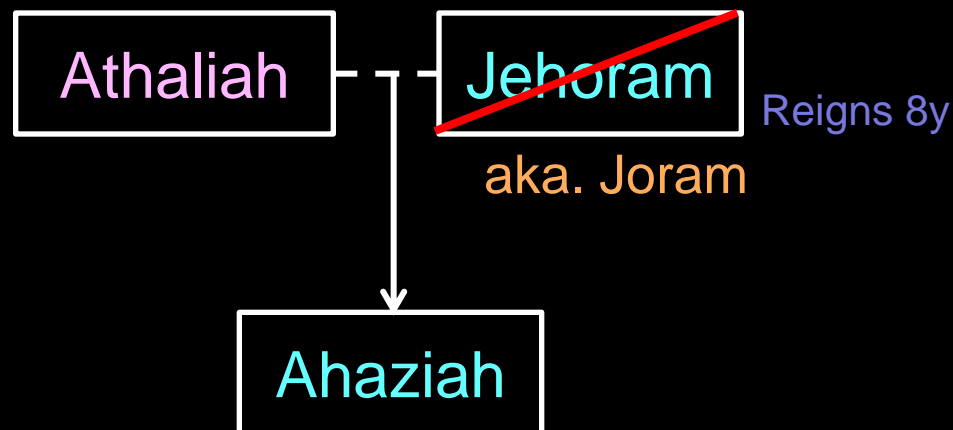
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<sup>23</sup> And the rest of the acts of Joram, and all that he did, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?

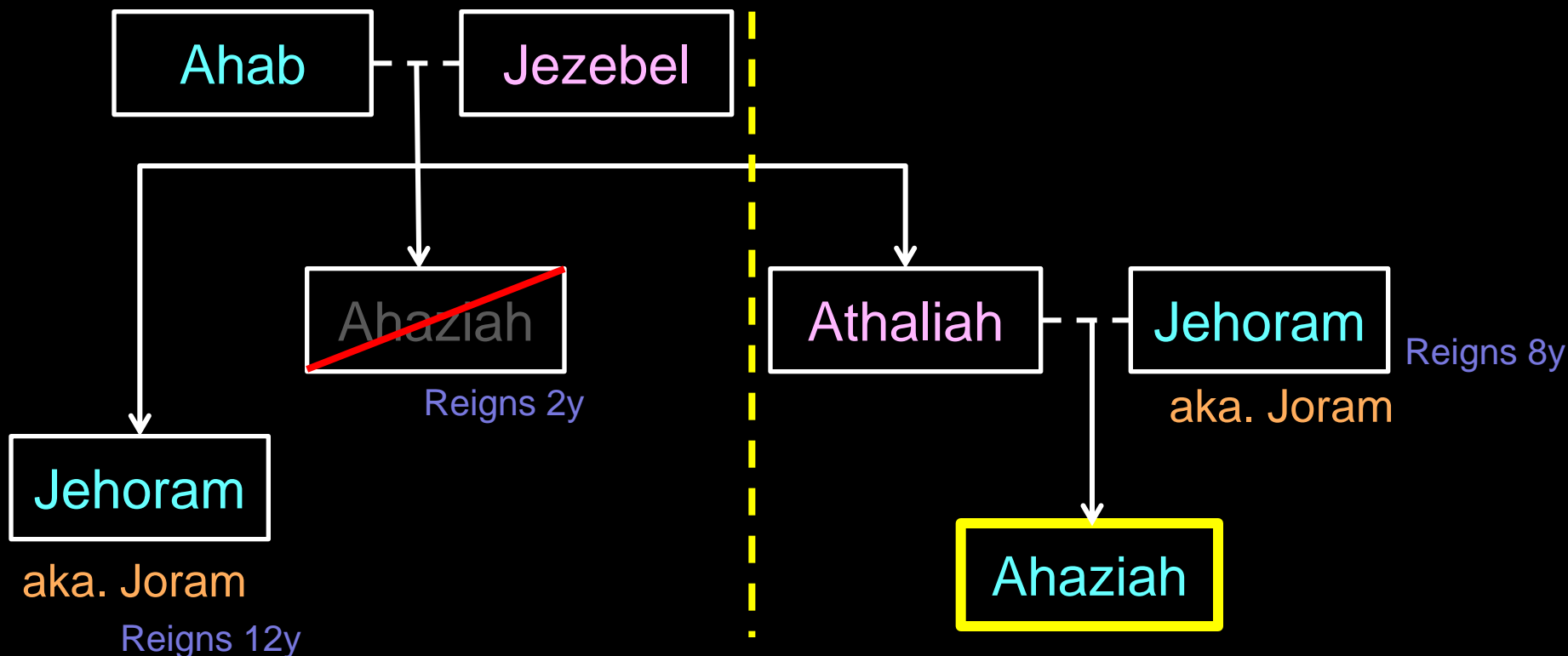
<sup>24</sup> And Joram slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David: and Ahaziah his son reigned in his stead.

2 Kings 8:23-24



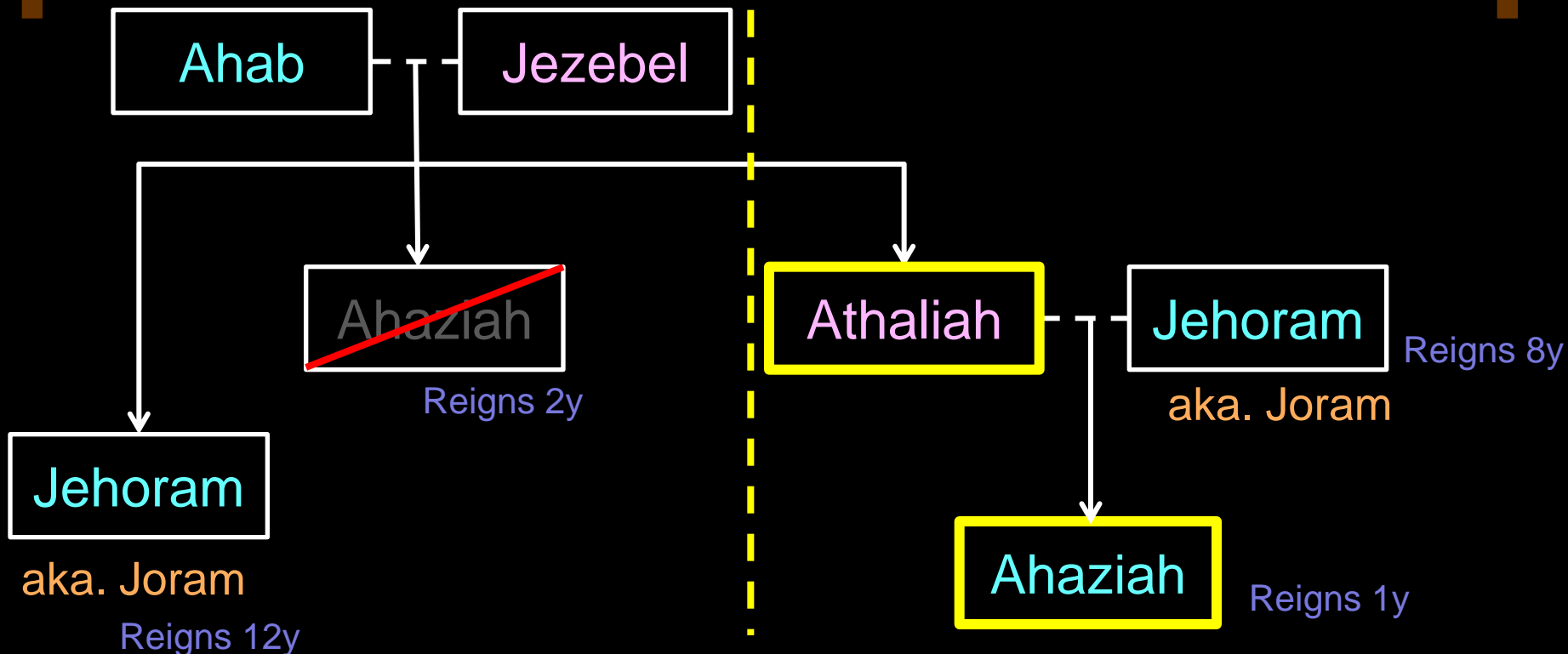
<sup>25</sup> In the twelfth year of Joram the son of Ahab king of Israel did Ahaziah the son of Jehoram king of Judah begin to reign.

2 Kings 8:25



<sup>26</sup> Two and twenty years old was Ahaziah when he began to reign; and he reigned one year in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Athaliah, the daughter of Omri king of Israel.

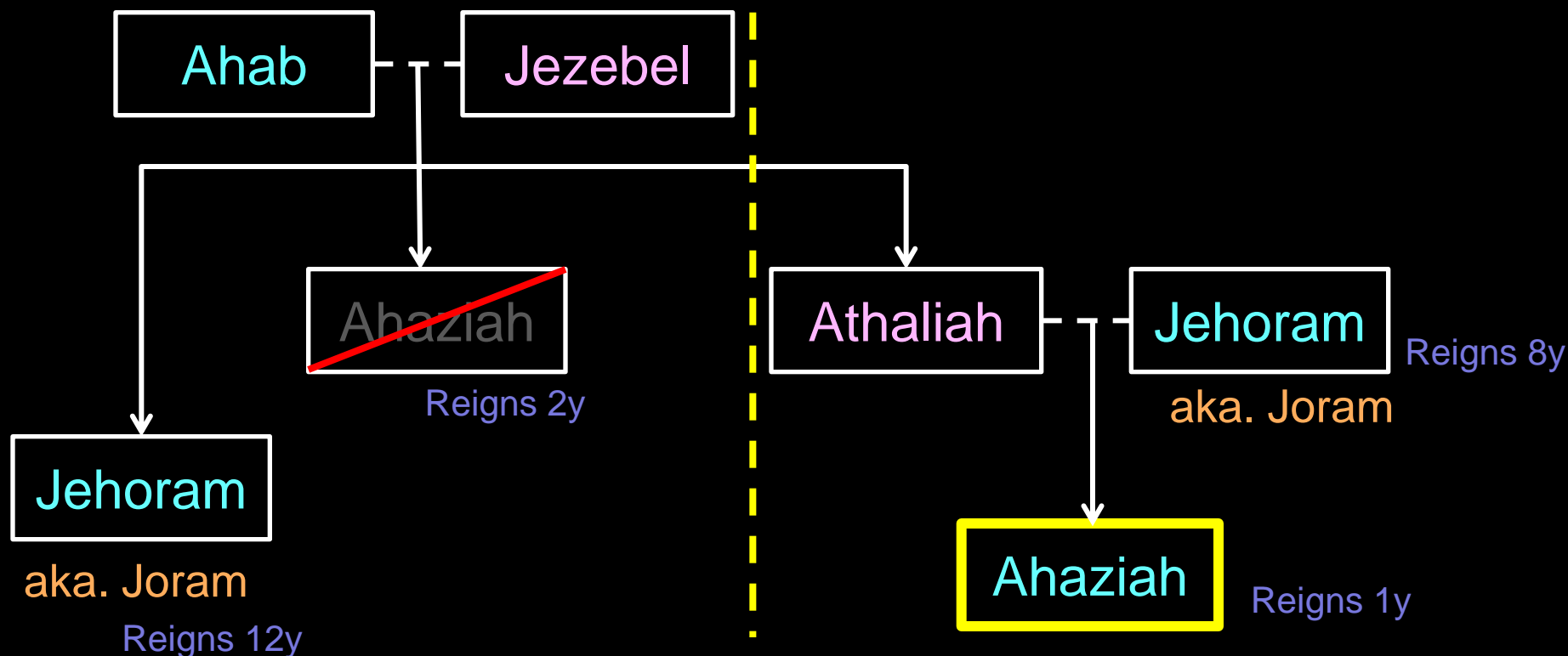
2 Kings 8:26





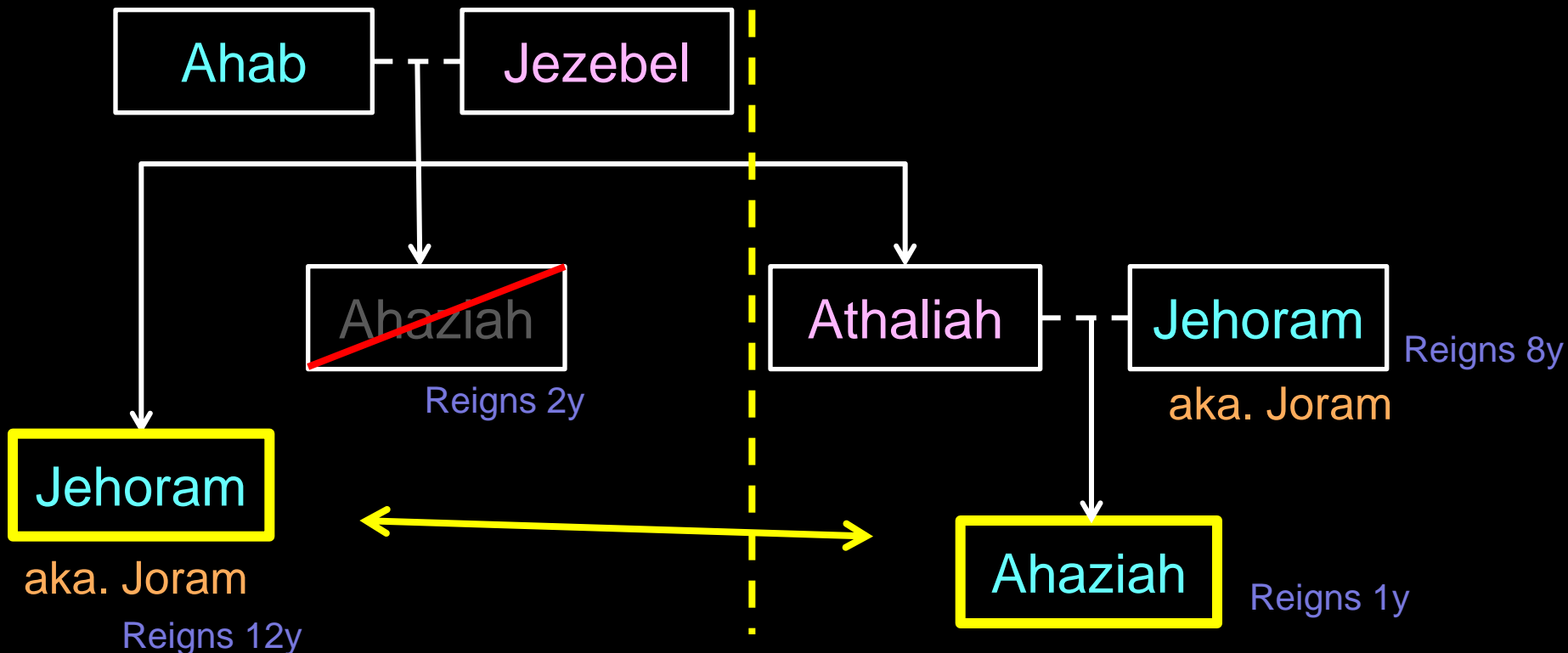
<sup>27</sup> And he walked in the way of the house of Ahab, and did evil in the sight of the LORD, as did the house of Ahab: for he was the son in law of the house of Ahab.

2 Kings 8:27



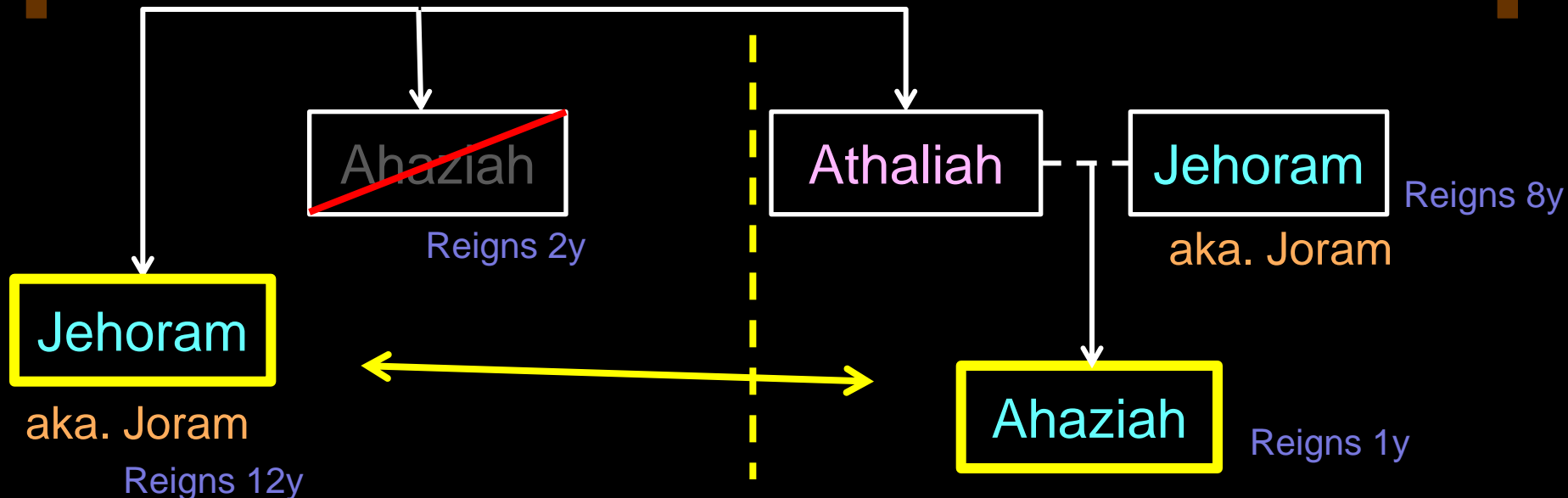
<sup>28</sup> And he went with Joram the son of Ahab to the war against Hazael king of Syria in Ramoth-gilead; and the Syrians wounded Joram.

2 Kings 8:28



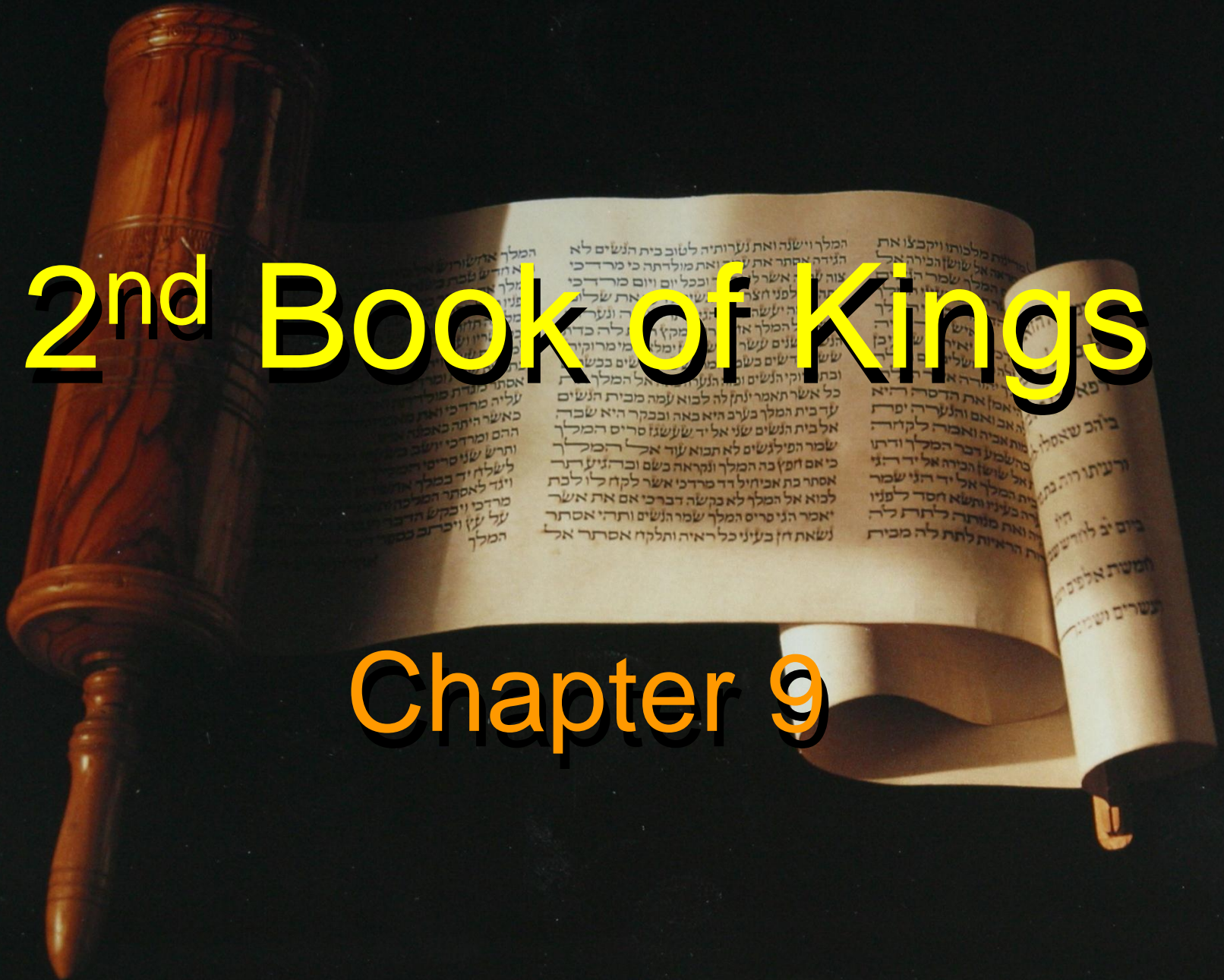
<sup>29</sup> And king Joram went back to be healed in Jezreel of the wounds which the Syrians had given him at Ramah, when he fought against Hazael king of Syria. And Ahaziah the son of Jehoram king of Judah went down to see Joram the son of Ahab in Jezreel, because he was sick.

2 Kings 8:29



# 2<sup>nd</sup> Book of Kings

## Chapter 9





**1** And Elisha the prophet called one of the children of the prophets, and said unto him, Gird up thy loins, and take this box of oil in thine hand, and go to Ramoth-gilead:

**2** And when thou comest thither, look out there Jehu the son of Jehoshaphat the son of Nimshi, and go in, and make him arise up from among his brethren, and carry him to an inner chamber;

**3** Then take the box of oil, and pour it on his head, and say, Thus saith the LORD, I have anointed thee king over Israel. Then open the door, and flee, and tarry not.



4 So the young man, even the young man the prophet, went to Ramoth-gilead.

5 And when he came, behold, the captains of the host were sitting; and he said, I have an errand to thee, O captain. And Jehu said, Unto which of all us? And he said, To thee, O captain.

**2 Kings 9:4-5**

*6 And he arose, and went into the house; and he poured the oil on his head, and said unto him, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, I have anointed thee king over the people of the LORD, even over Israel.*

*7 And thou shalt smite the house of Ahab thy master, that I may avenge the blood of my servants the prophets, and the blood of all the servants of the LORD, at the hand of Jezebel.*

**2 Kings 9:6-7**

**8** For the whole house of Ahab shall perish: and I will cut off from Ahab him that pisseth against the wall, and him that is shut up and left in Israel:

**9** And I will make the house of Ahab like the house of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, and like the house of Baasha the son of Ahijah:

**10** And the dogs shall eat Jezebel in the portion of Jezreel, and there shall be none to bury her. And he opened the door, and fled.

**11** Then Jehu came forth to the servants of his lord: and one said unto him, Is all well? wherefore came this mad fellow to thee? And he said unto them, Ye know the man, and his communication.

**12** And they said, It is false; tell us now. And he said, Thus and thus spake he to me, saying, Thus saith the LORD, I have anointed thee king over Israel.

**2 Kings 9:11-12**

**13** Then they hasted, and took every man his garment, and put it under him on the top of the stairs, and blew with trumpets, saying, Jehu is king.

**14** So Jehu the son of Jehoshaphat the son of Nimshi conspired against Joram. (Now Joram had kept Ramoth-gilead, he and all Israel, because of Hazael king of Syria.

**2 Kings 9:13-14**



**15** But king Joram was returned to be healed in Jezreel of the wounds which the Syrians had given him, when he fought with Hazael king of Syria.) And Jehu said, If it be your minds, then let none go forth nor escape out of the city to go to tell it in Jezreel.

**16** So Jehu rode in a chariot, and went to Jezreel; for Joram lay there. And Ahaziah king of Judah was come down to see Joram.

**2 Kings 9:15-16**

**17** And there stood a watchman on the tower in Jezreel, and he spied the company of Jehu as he came, and said, I see a company. And Joram said, Take an horseman, and send to meet them, and let him say, Is it peace?

**18** So there went one on horseback to meet him, and said, Thus saith the king, Is it peace? And Jehu said, What hast thou to do with peace? turn thee behind me. And the watchman told, saying, The messenger came to them, but he cometh not again.

**2 Kings 9:17-18**

**19** Then he sent out a second on horseback, which came to them, and said, Thus saith the king, Is it peace? And Jehu answered, What hast thou to do with peace? turn thee behind me.

**20** And the watchman told, saying, He came even unto them, and cometh not again: and the driving is like the driving of Jehu the son of Nimshi; for he driveth furiously.

**2 Kings 9:19-20**

**21** And Joram said, Make ready. And his chariot was made ready. And Joram king of Israel and Ahaziah king of Judah went out, each in his chariot, and they went out against Jehu, and met him in the portion of Naboth the Jezreelite.

**22** And it came to pass, when Joram saw Jehu, that he said, Is it peace, Jehu? And he answered, What peace, so long as the whoredoms of thy mother Jezebel and her witchcrafts are so many?

<sup>23</sup> And Joram turned his hands, and fled, and said to Ahaziah, There is treachery, O Ahaziah.

<sup>24</sup> And Jehu drew a bow with his full strength, and smote Jehoram between his arms, and the arrow went out at his heart, and he sunk down in his chariot.

<sup>25</sup> Then said Jehu to Bidkar his captain, Take up, and cast him in the portion of the field of Naboth the Jezreelite: for remember how that, when I and thou rode together after Ahab his father, the LORD laid this burden upon him;



**26** Surely I have seen yesterday the blood of Naboth, and the blood of his sons, saith the LORD; and I will requite thee in this [place], saith the LORD. Now therefore take and cast him into the plat of ground, according to the word of the LORD.

**27** But when Ahaziah the king of Judah saw this, he fled by the way of the garden house. And Jehu followed after him, and said, Smite him also in the chariot. And they did so at the going up to Gur, which is by Ibleam. And he fled to Megiddo, and died there.

**2 Kings 9:26-27**



<sup>28</sup> And his servants carried him in a chariot to Jerusalem, and buried him in his sepulchre with his fathers in the city of David.

<sup>29</sup> And in the eleventh year of Joram the son of Ahab began Ahaziah to reign over Judah.

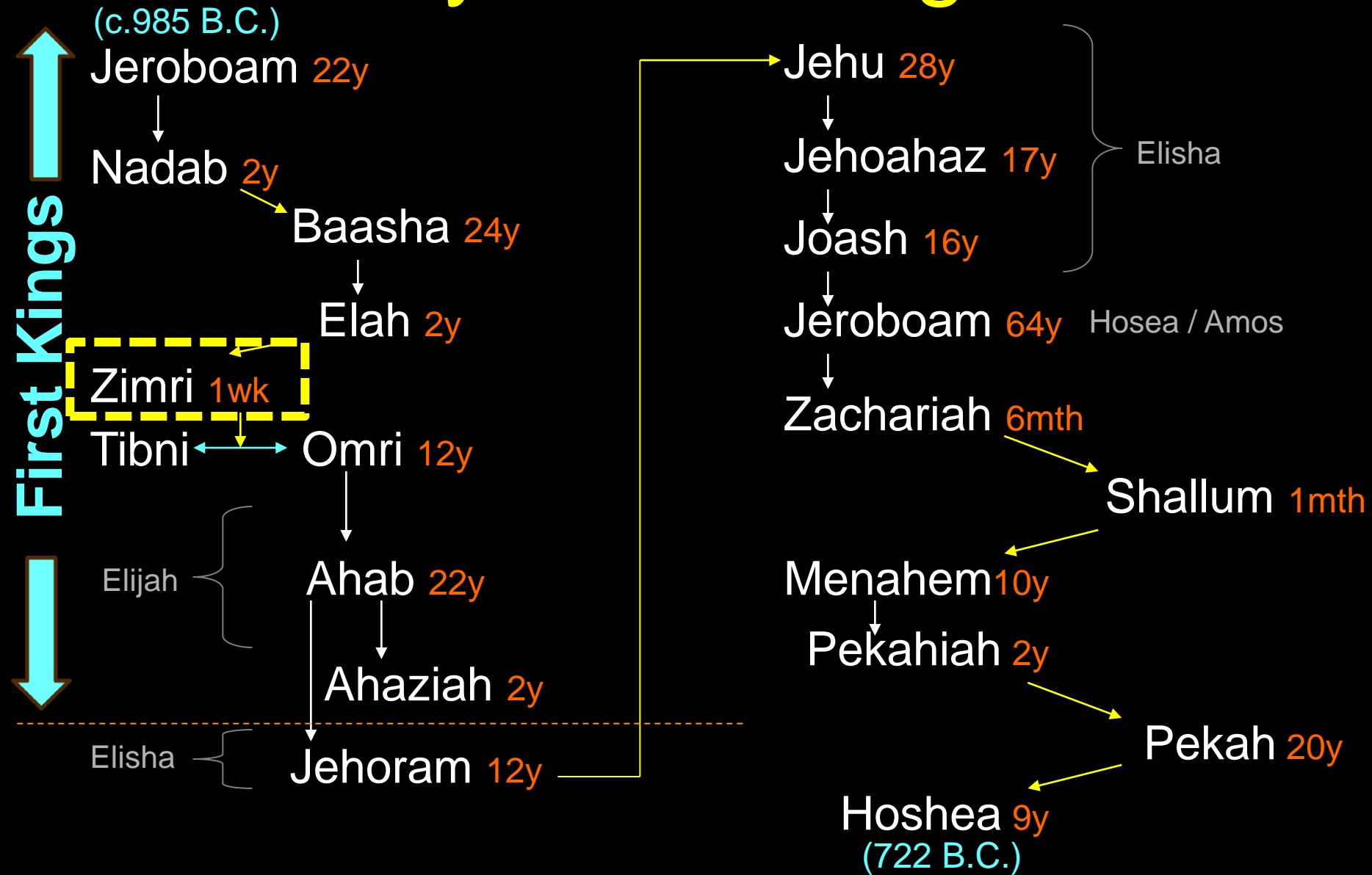
<sup>30</sup> And when Jehu was come to Jezreel, Jezebel heard of it; and she painted her face, and tired her head, and looked out at a window.

**2 Kings 9:28-30**

<sup>31</sup> And as Jehu entered in at the gate, she said, Had Zimri peace, who slew his master?

**2 Kings 9:31**

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*32 And he lifted up his face to the window, and said, Who is on my side? who? And there looked out to him two or three eunuchs.*

*33 And he said, Throw her down. So they threw her down: and some of her blood was sprinkled on the wall, and on the horses: and he trode her under foot.*

**2 Kings 9:32-33**

*34 And when he was come in, he did eat and drink, and said, Go, see now this cursed woman, and bury her: for she is a king's daughter.*

*35 And they went to bury her: but they found no more of her than the skull, and the feet, and the palms of her hands.*

**2 Kings 9:34-35**



*36 Wherefore they came again, and told him. And he said, This is the word of the LORD, which he spake by his servant Elijah the Tishbite, saying, In the portion of Jezreel shall dogs eat the flesh of Jezebel:*

*37 And the carcase of Jezebel shall be as dung upon the face of the field in the portion of Jezreel; so that they shall not say, This is Jezebel.*

**2 Kings 9:36-37**

- “And of Jezebel also spake the LORD, saying, The dogs shall eat Jezebel by the wall of Jezreel” 1 Kings 21:23*



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