

## 2 CHRONICLES CHAPTER 22

<sup>1</sup> And the inhabitants of Jerusalem made Jehoahaz his youngest son king in his place, for the band of robbers that came against them, even the Arabians and the Alimazonians, had slain all the elder ones. So Jehoahaz son of Jehoram king of Judah reigned. <sup>2</sup> Jehoahaz began to reign when he was twenty years old, and he reigned one year in Jerusalem; and his mother's name was Athaliah, the granddaughter of Omri. <sup>3</sup> And he walked in the way of the house of Ahab; for his mother was his counselor to do evil. <sup>4</sup> And he did that which was evil in the sight of the Lord as the house of Ahab *had done*; for they were his counselors after the death of his father, to his destruction. <sup>5</sup> And he walked in their counsels, and he went with Jehoram son of Ahab king of Israel to war against Hazael king of Syria to Ramoth Gilead. And the archers struck Joram. <sup>6</sup> And Joram returned to Jezreel to be healed of the wounds in which the Syrians struck him with in Ramoth, when he fought against Hazael king of Syria. And Ahaziah son of Jehoram, king of Judah, went down to see Jehoram the son of Ahab at Jezreel because he was sick.

<sup>7</sup> And destruction from God came upon Ahaziah in *his* coming to Jehoram; for when he had come, Jehoram went out with him against Jehu the son of Nimshi, the anointed of the Lord against the house of Ahab. <sup>8</sup> And it came to pass, when Jehu was taking vengeance on the house of Ahab, that he found the princes of Judah and the brothers of Ahaziah, ministering to Ahaziah, and he killed them. <sup>9</sup> And he gave orders to search for Ahaziah. And they took him while he was healing his wounds in Samaria, and they brought him to Jehu, and he killed him. And they buried him, for they said, "He is the son of Jehoshaphat, who sought the Lord with all his heart." So there was none in the house of Ahaziah to secure their power in the kingdom.

<sup>10</sup> And Athaliah the mother of Ahaziah saw that her son was dead, and she arose and destroyed all the royal heirs in the house of Judah. <sup>11</sup> But Jehoshabeath, the daughter of the king, took Joash the son of Ahaziah and rescued him secretly out of the midst of the sons of the king that were put to death, and she placed him and his nurse in a bedchamber. So Jehoshabeath daughter of King Jehoram, sister of Ahaziah, wife of Jehoida the priest, hid him, and she *even* hid him from Athaliah, and she did not slay him. <sup>12</sup> And he was hidden with them in the house of God for six years; and Athaliah reigned over the land.