

Year 2

Week 94 Elisha and War Between Israel and Syria

Scriptures: II Kings 6:13-33, II Kings 7

Key Verse: II Kings 6:16 “Do not fear, for those who are with us are more than those are with them.”

Key Points:

1. The king of Syria planned to ambush the Israelites. Elisha was warned by God to tell the king of Israel (Joram, the son of Ahab) to avoid the place where the Syrians would attack. The king sent scouts who were able to verify what Elisha had told him. The king of Syria suspected some of his men of spying for Israel, but the servants correctly blamed Elisha for the plan's failure.

2. The Syrians then tried to capture Elisha in the city of Dothan. God sent an army of horses and chariots of fire to protect him. Although Elisha knew of the presence of God's army, his servant was afraid when he saw the Syrians. Elisha asked that his servant's eyes be opened so that he was able to see the power of God.

3. Then Elisha prayed that God would blind the Syrians, and He did. Elisha led the Syrian army to Samaria. Elisha prayed to the Lord to restore their sight and they realized they were inside Samaria. The king of Israel asked if he should kill them, but Elisha instructed him to prepare a feast. After they ate and drank, they returned to Syria and the raids ended.

4. Later, the Syrians again tried to capture Israel by surrounding the city. Food was so scarce that two mothers agreed to kill and eat their babies. One mother went through with the plan, but the second one refused to kill her son.

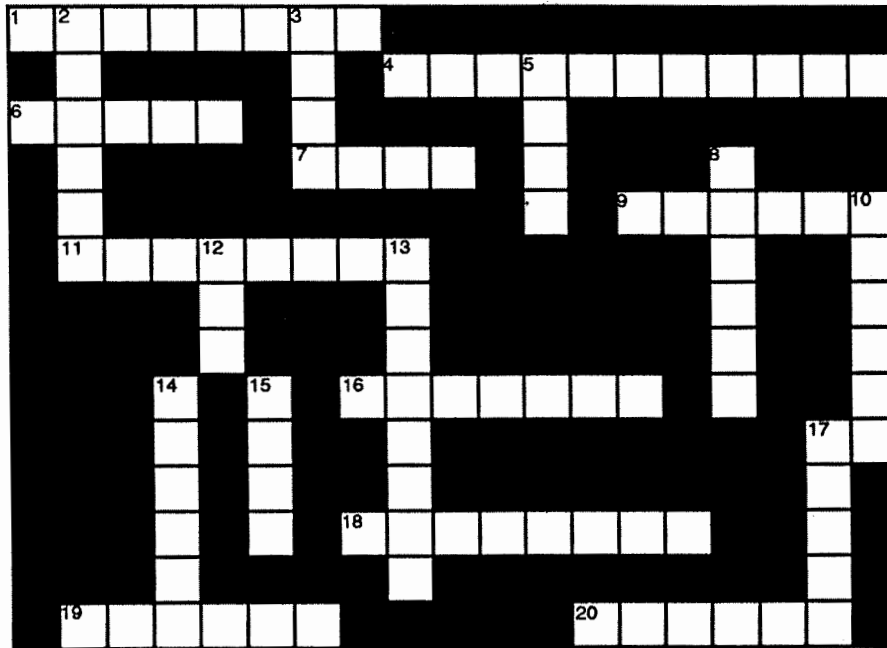
5. The king mourned when he heard how desperate his people were. He was angry with Elisha, but Elisha predicted that relief would come the next day. One officer expressed doubts, and Elisha predicted that he would see it happen with his eyes, but he would not eat any of it.

6. Four lepers who sat at the city gate decided to find the Syrian army and surrender. Meanwhile, God had caused the Syrians to hear the noise of a great army and they had all run away. The lepers found the camp deserted, but intact. They returned to the city and sent messages to the king. The king sent men to investigate. They found the camp was full of provisions, and the Israelites had food again. The king's officer did not get to eat any of it because he was trampled and killed in the gate.

Kings and Prophets

After King Solomon's death, the nation of Israel was divided into two kingdoms—Judah and Israel. Many of the kings who ruled the two kingdoms were very wicked. During this time, God spoke to His people through prophets.

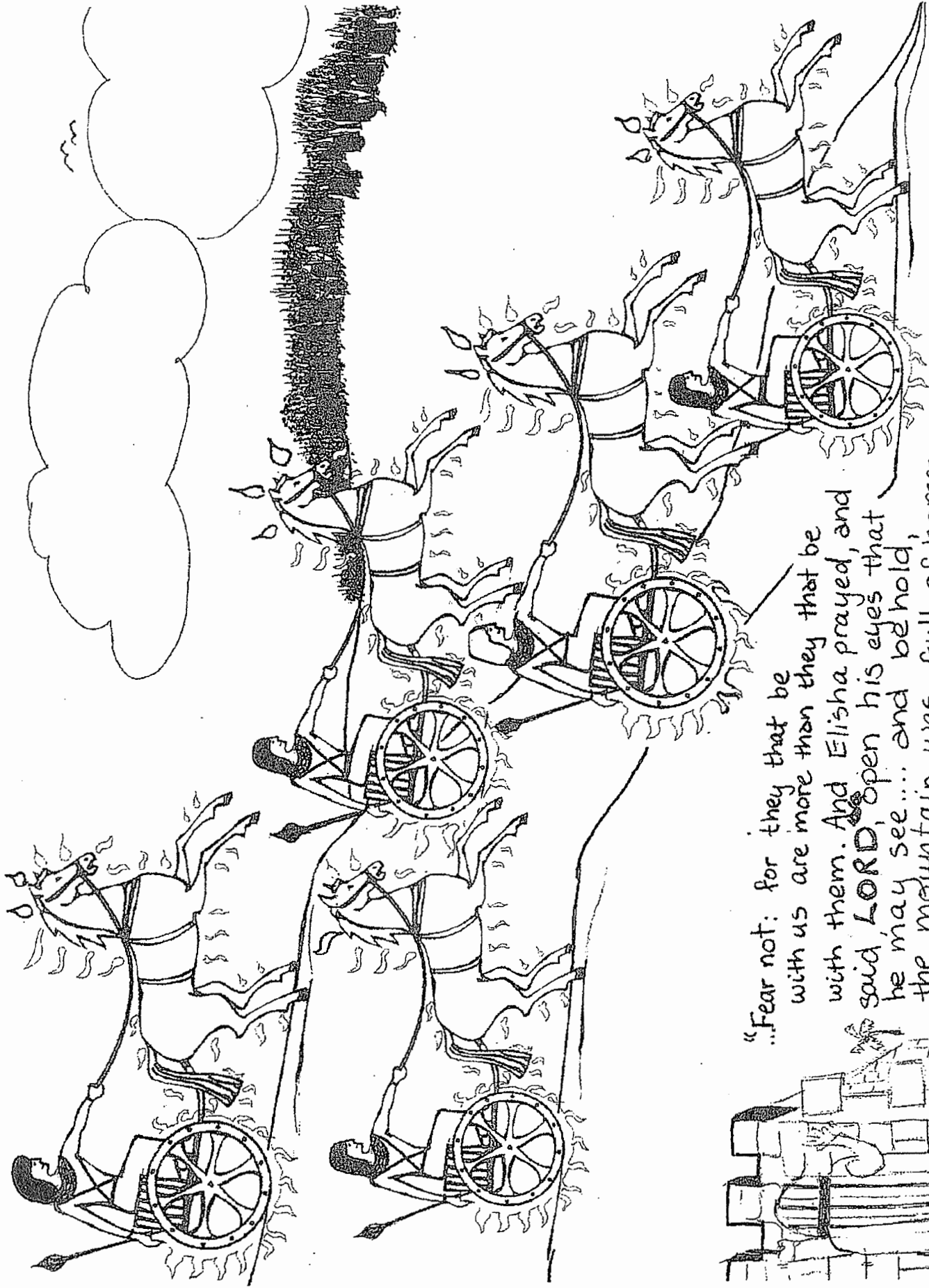
Use the clues and Bible references to find the identity of several kings and prophets and write them in the crossword puzzle.



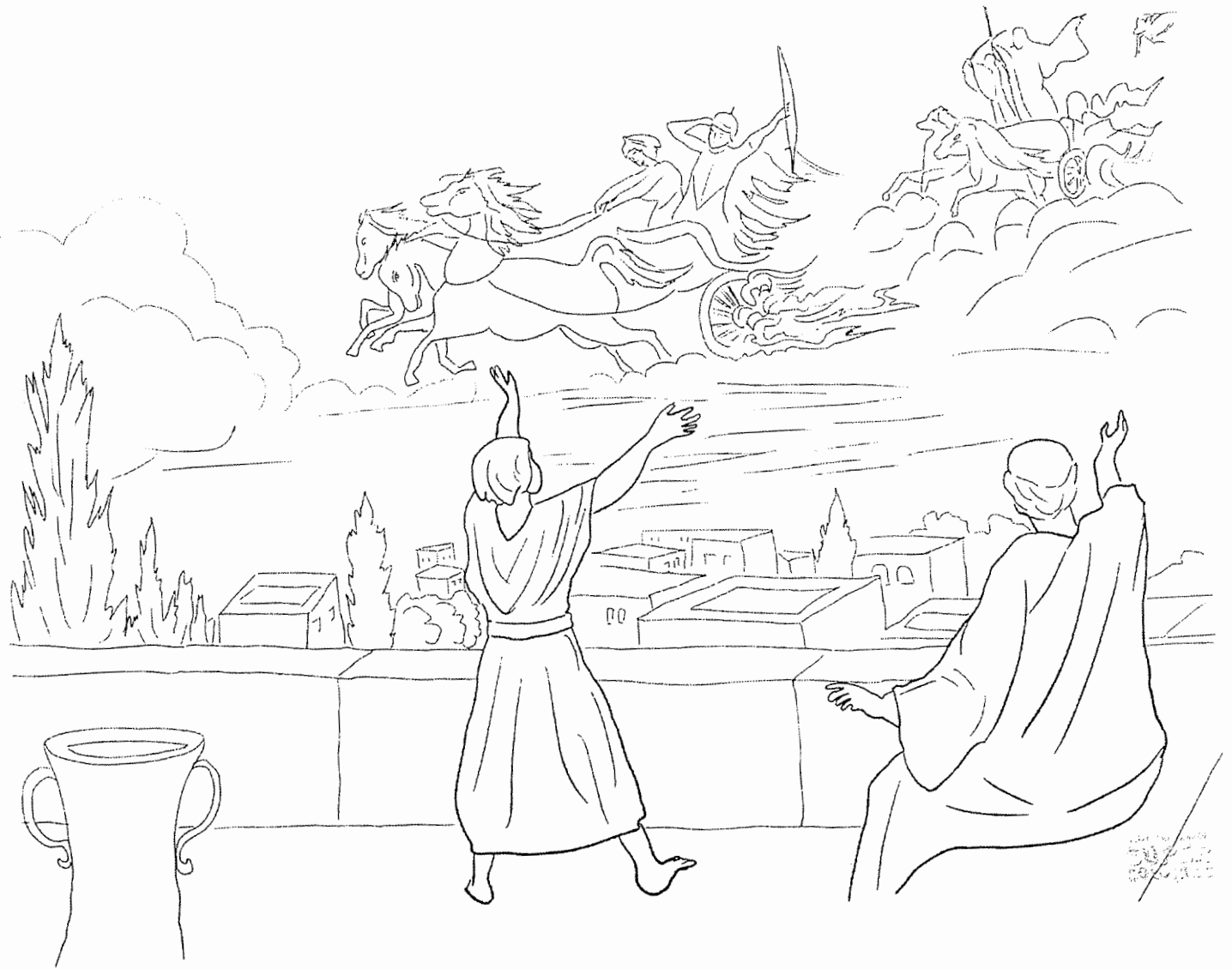
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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Solomon's son; he became king after his father died. (<i>I Kings 11:43</i>) 4. This king reigned over Judah for 25 years. His mother's name was Azubah. (<i>I Kings 22:42</i>) 6. His reign over Judah lasted only seven days. He died in a fire he set himself. (<i>I Kings 16:10-18</i>) 7. Elijah killed 450 prophets of _____. (<i>I Kings 18:40</i>) 9. His leprosy was healed when he dipped himself into the Jordan river seven times. (<i>II Kings 5:9-14</i>) 11. Ahaziah's mother. (<i>II Kings 8:26</i>) 16. Ahab's wife. She was a very wicked queen. (<i>I Kings 16:30-31</i>) 18. Hezekiah's wicked son who became king after him. (<i>II Kings 20:21</i>) 19. Elisha's servant; he became a leper because of his sin. (<i>II Kings 5:20-27</i>) 20. This good king of Judah found the book of God's law and read it to the people. (<i>II Kings 22-23</i>) | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. He took Elijah's place as God's prophet. (<i>II Kings 2:15</i>) 3. The Bible says this king did evil "above all that were before him." (<i>I Kings 16:30</i>) 5. Ahab's father. Like his son, he was an evil king. (<i>I Kings 16:25-29</i>) 8. The mountain where Elijah defeated the prophets of Baal. (<i>I Kings 18:20-40</i>) 10. Owned a vineyard that King Ahab wanted. (<i>I Kings 21:1-14</i>) 12. This king removed all the idols his fathers had made. (<i>I Kings 15:11-12</i>) 13. This good king was the son of evil King Ahaz. He spread out a threatening letter before the Lord. (<i>II Kings 16:20; 19:14</i>) 14. Taken to heaven in a chariot of fire. (<i>II Kings 2:11</i>) 15. This king stopped the worship of Baal, but allowed the people to worship golden idols. (<i>II Kings 10:28-29</i>) 17. He was hidden from wicked Queen Athaliah. He became king at age 7. (<i>II Kings 11</i>) |
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Find and Circle the Following Words:

Aram, army, blind, chariots, Dothan, Elijah, Elisha, enemy, eyes, fire, frustrated, God, heaven, horses, Israel, kings, Lord, officer, open, prayed, prophet, Proverbs, surrounded, trust, war, winners

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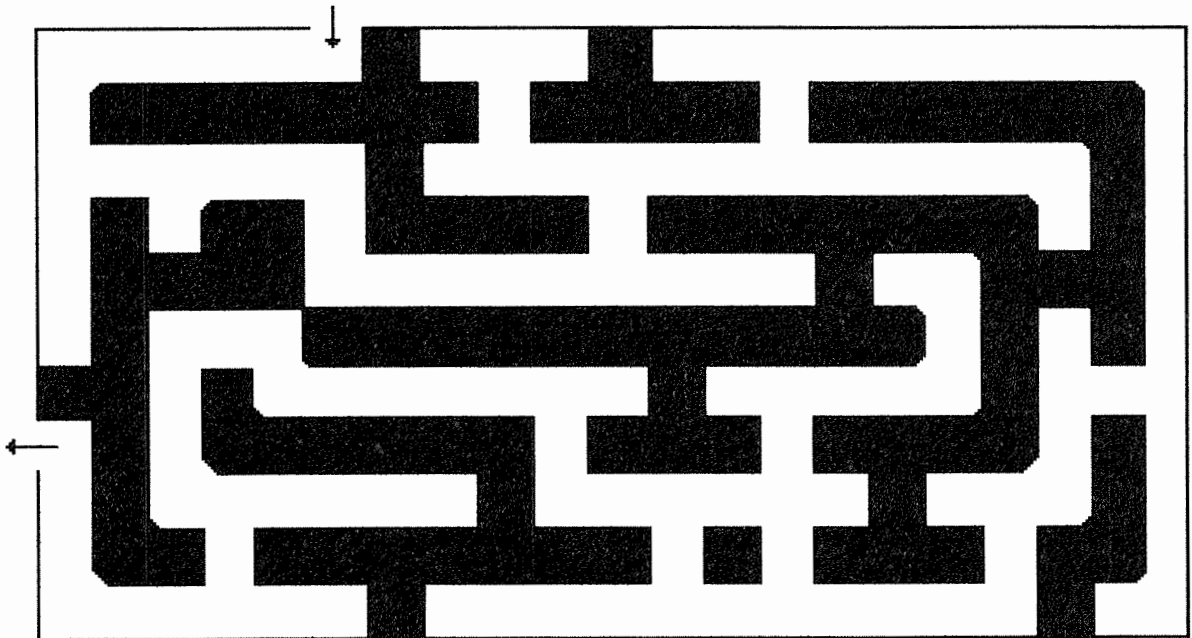
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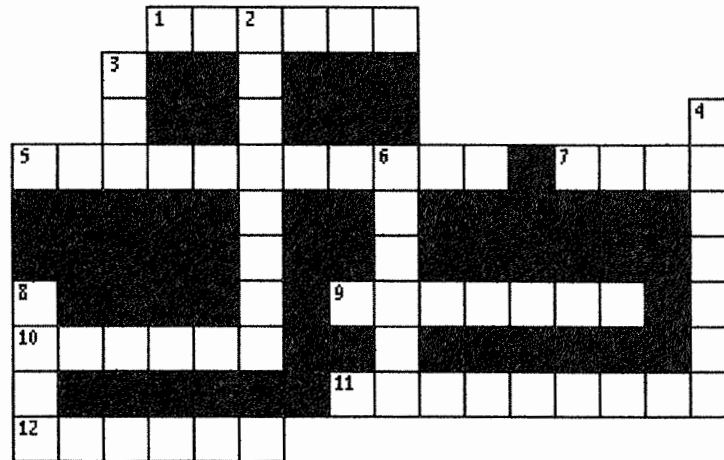
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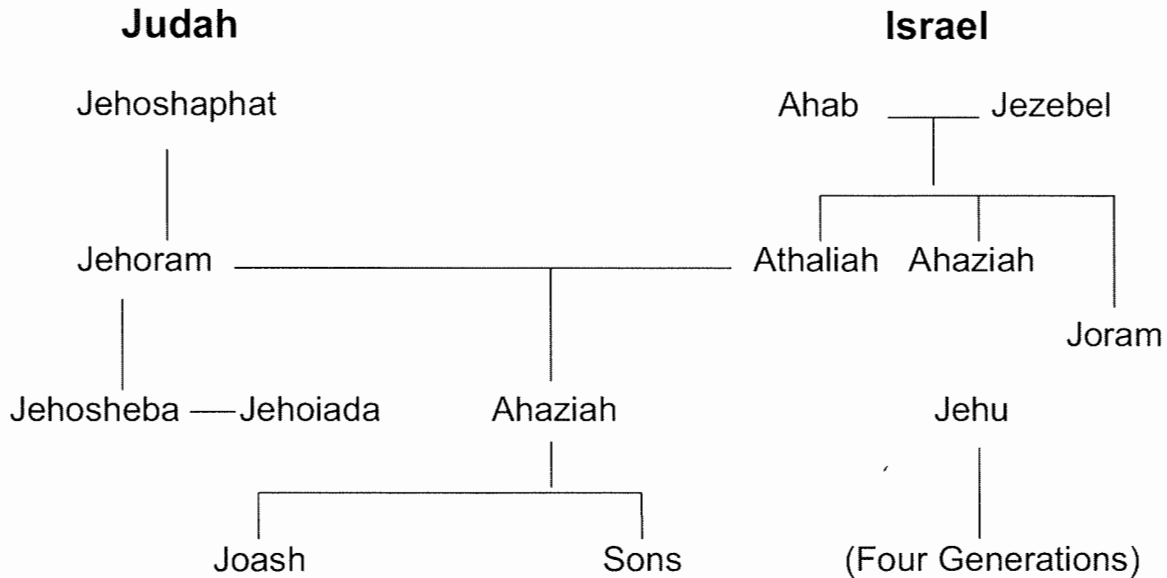
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THE KINGS OF JUDAH AND ISRAEL DURING THE MINISTRIES OF ELIJAH AND ELISHA



In Judah:

- *Jehoram* was married to Athaliah, daughter of Ahab and Jezebel, and reigned for eight years
- *Ahaziah*, the son of Jehoram and Athaliah, reigned for one year and was killed by Jehu of Israel
- *Athaliah*, the daughter of Ahab and Jezebel, was married to Jehoram of Judah and reigned for six years after the death of her son Ahaziah; she killed all the sons of Ahaziah except Joash; she was killed by order of Jehoiada the high priest
- *Joash* was the only son of Ahaziah to escape from Athaliah; he was hidden in the temple by Ahaziah's sister Jehosheba (probably half-sister) who was married to Jehoiada, the high priest; he began to reign when he was seven years old and reigned for forty years

In Israel:

- *Ahaziah*, son of Ahab and Jezebel, reigned two years then died
- *Joram*, son of Ahab and Jezebel, reigned after his brother Ahaziah for twelve years; he was killed by Jehu
- *Jehu*, anointed king by command of God, killed Ahaziah of Judah, Joram of Israel, Jezebel and remaining house of Ahab, then destroyed the Baal worship; he reigned in Israel for 28 years; his dynasty continued unto the fourth generation

Elijah and Elisha were prophets to Israel:

- *Elijah* ministered during the reigns of Ahab and Ahaziah
- *Elisha* ministered during the reigns of Joram, Jehu, and two of Jehu's descendants