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Dear Associates and Friends,

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“[Israel and Judah: 29. The Reign of King Jehu of Israel](#)” is this month’s article. Deadly wickedness is again the major theme of this month’s episode. First, a conspiracy against wickedness occurs as faithfulness to God and the Davidic line of kings is miraculously preserved. The rescued king later turns against those who saved him, with good turning wicked — again with deadly consequences. YHWH observes and acts to judge the good and the evil, with His mercy always being available.

In the Old Testament books of Kings and Chronicles, salvation only comes from God. It is a physical salvation, not a spiritual one. Yet Peter made it clear that God alone is the source of salvation. You cannot save yourself, nor can other children of Adam save you unless God allows it to be so.

**“Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.”**

• **Acts 4:12**

When we come to the New Testament, only God through Christ can save, with Jesus Christ as our Savior.

### ***Cast of Characters (In Order of Appearance):***

At the end of the last episode, Athaliah learned her son King Ahaziah of Judah, who ruled just one year, was murdered, assassinated by King Jehu of Israel along with many of Ahaziah’s relatives. In Jerusalem, Athaliah seizes the throne and consolidates her power. We begin with the aftermath in Jerusalem of Ahaziah’s rise to power. Then we learn of another king of Judah, who also was known by two names: Jehoash/Joash.

**Athaliah**, queen of Judah, daughter of Ahab and Jezebel, married King Joram of Judah. Her son Ahaziah became king but was murdered. Athaliah seized power as Queen of Judah without a king. She murdered all grandsons of Davidic lineage — except one. You do not want her as your grandmother.

**Jehosheba**, daughter of King Joram of Judah, sister of King Ahaziah, stepdaughter of Queen Athaliah, is protective of her young nephew Joash. She hides him from the murderous grandmother and queen. She is the protective aunt you can trust.

**An unnamed wet nurse**, faithful beyond words, she dedicates herself to the infant Joash.

**Jehoash/Joash**, a young king saved by his aunt to rule Judah. He begins well and then turns evil.

**Jehoiada**, husband of Jehosheba, hid and protected the child Joash in the House of YHWH, the Temple. He risks everything to remain faithful to YHWH. The old uncle who is always faithful.

**Maddan, Priest of Baal**, will lose his temple to the pagan god Baal in Jerusalem ... and his life.

**Hazael**, king of Syria (anointed by the prophet Elijah) oppresses Israel and Judah. His attacks seize Israel’s territory and oppress the people of Israel. He also attacks Judah and Jerusalem. Hazael is mentioned in Assyrian records.

**Jehoahaz**, king of Israel, reigns 17 years, does evil, lives under oppression by Syria in the north. Of course, as a king of Israel, he is always evil and promoting idolatry.

**Joash**, king of Israel (different from Joash of Judah), reigns 16 years. His kingdom receives relief from

YHWH from Syrian attacks and oppression. God gives Joash three victories that relieves Syrian tyranny. He is evil, as are all kings of the northern kingdom of Israel. When God makes a people “stiff-necked” they stay stiff-necked (Exodus 32:9, 33:3, 5, 34:9; Deuteronomy 9:6, 13, 10:16; 2 Chronicles 30:8; Acts 7:51).

**Elisha the prophet**, on his deathbed, YHWH allows him to give one last gift to God’s (and Elisha’s) people Israel.

### ***Online: The Secrets of Golgotha Now on the ASK Website***

We are happy to announce that the 1996 second edition of Dr. Martin’s book [\*Secrets of Golgotha: the Lost History of Jesus’ Crucifixion\*](#) is now online in PDF format. This important book has been gaining more and more notice worldwide, especially because it is introductory to Dr. Martin’s book [\*The Temples That Jerusalem Forgot\*](#), which is also now online.

The texts of all the ASK books are searchable within each chapter, and can be printed by those who cannot purchase the published book due to unreliable mail delivery in certain countries. Now everyone can read these important books for free.

### ***Video from a March 2018 Speaking Event***

I spoke at the “Israel: The Prophetic Unfolding” Conference on March 4, 2018 sponsored by [\*Song for Israel\*](#) in southern California. I was the second of three speakers. A video of my presentation is online. The video is a bit dark because of video and lighting difficulties, but the slides can be seen clearly, my narrative is understandable, and the audience appreciated the message. I gave a 29 minute presentation of “[The True Temple Mount: The Jewish Temples above the Gihon Spring, Part 1](#)” with the shorter “[The True Temple Mount, Part 2](#)” lasting 8 minutes.

### ***Thank You***

In this month’s article, the evil nature of Israelite royalty seems to be getting worse. At least in the southern kingdom comprising the tribes of Judah, Benjamin, and Levi there were good kings occasionally. In the northern kingdom of Israel, there were no good kings at all, although some had tinges of conscience occasionally. Only when God’s accumulating punishments (which are delineated in Deuteronomy and repeated in the prophetic books) become unbearable do the two Israelite kingdoms cry out to God.<sup>1</sup> Both will suffer God’s ultimate wrath with the result that both kingdoms are dismantled, and both populations are exiled, first Israel in the north, and then Judah in the south over 100 years later.

In this article, some 50+ years transpire but we are given hardly any detail, only what the writers of Kings and Chronicles think is important. Certainly much happened that is not recorded. That will change. The saga of the two Israelite kingdoms will continue, but the pace will slow as input from the prophetic books (Isaiah, Ezekiel, Jeremiah and the twelve Minor Prophets) tell us more of God’s thoughts on His errant chosen people.

We enjoy bringing you these side-by-side histories. It fills out the record more than just reading Kings or Chronicles separately. Each history focuses on different aspects of events, much as the four Gospels each focus on different aspects of Christ’s ministry.

We need your continued backing in all manner of ways, and we appreciate how through you God has faithfully provided that support since Dr. Ernest Martin began ASK in 1985. We want to continue to bless the *ekklesia* of Christ with excellent biblical information. Thank you all.

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<sup>1</sup> Dr. Martin’s “[Introduction to Isaiah](#)” points out the increasingly intense punishment pattern that was told to the people of Israel in the time of Moses. The Israelites had this information with them constantly and God’s judgments fit this pattern regularly, and the prophets told the people what was coming. Stiffnecked indeed.