



“The King’s Mother”



2 Kings 8:25-29



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In the twelfth year of Joram the son of Ahab, king of Israel, Ahaziah the son of Jehoram, king of Judah, began to reign. Ahaziah was twenty-two years old when he became king, and he reigned one year in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Athaliah the granddaughter of Omri, king of Israel. And **he** walked in the way of the house of Ahab, and did evil in the sight of the Lord, like the house of Ahab, for he was the son-in-law of the house of Ahab



Ahaziah, a bad king,

**But what would we else would
we expect of a son of Athaliah and
grandson of Jezebel ???**

We often our blame present sin, evil, choices,
and behavior on the past –
Who is your excuse?

**What if you had a mother like Athaliah
and a grandmother like Jezebel?**



Another ruler

“All that I am or ever hope to be, owe to my angel Mother”

**To bring up a child in the way he should go,
travel that way yourself once in a
while. ~Josh Billings**

**Don't worry that children never listen to you;
worry that they are always watching
you. ~Robert Fulghum**

1. The King's Legacy (v.27)



“Did evil in the sight of the LORD”

Evil is bad, wicked, wrong things that displease God; that brings hurt, sorrow, misery, and pain to others.

It's the natural character of all fallen people manifesting it's self in all sorts of sinful, selfish ways.

Evil



Genesis 6:5 - continually

Genesis 13:13 – were evil

Psalms 34:13 – your tongue from evil

Psalms 51:4 – against You I have done this evil

Proverbs 8:13 – fear of the Lord is to hate evil

Ecclesiastes 8:11,12 – evil increases

Romans 1:24-32 – given over to do evil

Galatians 5:19, 20 – the works of the flesh

Matthew 15:18-20

- **But evil words come from an evil heart and defile the person who says them.**
For from the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, all other sexual immorality, theft, lying, and slander. These are what defile you. **Eating with unwashed hands could never defile you and make you unacceptable to God!"**

2. The King's Linage (vs. 26,27)

His mother's name was Athaliah,

“that **wicked** woman” (2 Chronicles 24:7)

the granddaughter of Omri, king of Israel.

“Omri wrought evil in the eyes of the LORD, and did **worse than** all that were before him.” (1 Kings 16:2)

& he walked in the way of the house of Ahab,

Ahab did evil in the sight of the LORD **above** **all** that were before him.” (1 Kings 16:30)

Ahab

- (1 Kings 16:33) “ And Ahab made a grove; and Ahab *did more to provoke* the LORD God of Israel to anger than all the kings of Israel that were before him”
- (1 Kings 21:20) “And Ahab said to Elijah, Hast thou found me, O mine enemy ? And he answered , I have found thee: because *thou hast sold thyself to work evil* in the sight of the LORD. Behold, I will bring evil upon thee, and will take away thy posterity”



The EVIL of Ahab



Commandment 1 - Broke it

Commandment 2 - Shattered it

1 Kings 21 (Naboth)

Commandment 10 - Guilty

Commandment 9 - with his wife

Commandment 6 - result of #10

3. The King's Lad (11:3)

“Joash”

Joash was seven years old when he began to reign , and he reigned forty years in Jerusalem. His mother's name also was Zibiah of Beersheba. **And Joash did that which was right in the sight of the LORD** all the days of Jehoiada the priest.

(2 Chron. 24:1,2)



The Difference

(2 Kings 11:17)



“Made a **covenant** (agreement, alliance, pledge) with the Lord, the king, and the people that they would be the Lord's people”

Joshua 24:15, 25 “choose & covenant”

Bad blood flowed in both veins.....

One **followed** the past & did evil,
the other **forsook** the past & did good.

Will You



**Blame your past &
continue in sin**

Or

**break with the past &
Covenant with the Saviour?**

**A Bad Mother doesn't make
my choice! I choose Jesus!**