

THE SEVEN EYES OF THE LORD
DIVINE JUDGMENTS IN ISRAEL AND JUDAH
2 KINGS 8:7 - 11:20, 2 CHRONICLES CHAPTERS 20-23

The extended passage beginning with 2 Kings 8:7, is a series of divine judgments, a search-and-destroy mission to be carried out against God's enemies, primarily against the house of Ahab.

(1) AN ENEMY HEATHEN MONARCH, 2 Kings 8:7-15: Ben Hadad, who after an entire life of hating Israel and scheming against God's people, is murdered on his sickbed by his servant Hazael (2 Kings 6:13,14).

(2) A KING OF JUDAH CORRUPTED BY THE HOUSE OF AHAB, 2 Kings 8:24: Jehoram or Joram, the son of good king Jehoshaphat who foolishly made with Ahab an alliance sealed by the marriage of their children. Jehoram's name means "exaltation of the Lord," but he is corrupted through marriage to Athaliah, daughter of Ahab and Jezebel.

THE ANOINTING OF GOD'S AVENGER, 2 Kings ch. 9:1-13: Jehu, who is commissioned to carry out a divinely ordered, systematic destruction of the house of Ahab, so that God might preserve a righteous remnant for His future purposes with His people. Items 3-8 on this list will be carried out by this avenging sword in God's hand.

(3) A PRESUMPTUOUS KING OF ISRAEL, 2 Kings 9:24: Joram, son of Ahab, who was NOT of the house of David, the rightful royal house of Israel, but of the house of Omri, an army commander who had usurped the throne – therefore, God is under no covenantal obligation as He was over the lineage of the kings of Judah which He protected for David's sake, until Messiah would come.

THE AVENGING OF NABOTH'S BLOOD which is required for Ahab's plot against Naboth for his vineyard (1 Kings 21:1-16). The offense is condemned by Elijah (1 Kings 21:17-24), and the prophecy is fulfilled by Jehu (2 Kings 9:24-26).

(4) ANOTHER CORRUPTED KING OF JUDAH, 2 Kings 9:27: Ahaziah, son of Jehoram king of Judah and Athaliah, daughter of Ahab, see (2) above, whose sins show the multigenerational effect of the religious & moral corruption of Ahab & Jezebel.

(5) A NEFARIOUS QUEEN MOTHER, 2 Kings 9:33: Jezebel, the gentile wife of Ahab, a pagan woman whose hatred for the people of Jehovah will bring disgrace upon Ahab's kingdom.

(6) A DISGRACED DYNASTY, 2 Kings 10:7-11: The house of Ahab, which has shaken its fist in the face of God so brazenly that God, true to His prophetic word, will bring that entire house to ruin.

(7) THE REMAINS OF A CORRUPTED ROYAL FAMILY OF THE HOUSE OF JUDAH, 2 Kings 10:14: the brothers of Ahaziah, see (4) above.

(8) THE BAAL PRIESTS AND WORSHIPERS IN ISRAEL, 2 Kings 10:28: idol-worshipping apostates who will be drawn out from among Jehovah's faithful, and slain — a religious housecleaning in Judah.

(9) A USURPER ON THE THRONE OF JUDAH, 2 Kings 11:20: the wicked queen-mother Athaliah, daughter of Ahab — see (2) above.