

# Covid Keys & Cures in 2 Chronicles

*Please read 2 Chronicles Chapter 22*

This passage is short enough but quite dense and complex. There's a lot of names with some variants (Joram & Jehoram) belonging to the same person! We learn that there were two Jehorams: (i) Jehoshaphat's son – king of Judah (Ch 21) & (ii) Ahab's son – king of Israel! Moreover, Matthew Henry suggests that the 42 years of age attributed to Ahaziah (v2) was most likely 22 years and represents an unwitting copying error of an ancient scribe!

I've noted a few practical points however,

- (a) First, the bloodbath Jehoram prosecuted on his own brothers (21:4) was returned upon his own head by the invading armies of Arabia & Philistia (v1). God shows us by this providence that He can orchestrate providentially justice in time. Once again, we are all in grave danger of reaping what we sow! What holocaust might we have turned a blind eye to for God to visit us with depopulation via the Covid vaccines?!
- (b) Jehoram's mother Athaliah was a wicked influence on Jehoram. Let all mothers notice the possibility of them influencing their children for evil. There are happily counter examples in Scripture – Timothy (2Tim 3:15)
- (c) Ahaziah capitulated to the House of Ahab (v4). To underscore his solidarity with them he waged war with Jehoram (king of Israel; son of Ahab) as their ally against Hazael king of Syria. Jehoram was injured badly and so received a visit from Ahaziah. Was all of this 'happenstance?' No. Verse 7 tells us it was all ordered by God's providence. Ahaziah met his end by Jehu, a godly commander of chariots for the king of Israel.
- (d) Athaliah showed her true colours by murdering any/all potential heirs. But God orchestrated another remarkable providence and thereby extended mercy to Joash of the House of David/Judah. God often spares a remnant while carrying out judgement on much of His covenant-breaking Church.

## Covid Keys & Cures in 2 Chronicles – Questions from Ch 22:

- ***What do we learn about personal ambition & the exercise of power/control over others from this episode?***
- ***How important are the roles we fulfil as parents for the futures of our children?***
- ***How much control does God have over the details of our lives? Is this reflected in our prayers?***