

# Lessons from the Divided Kingdom

## 1 & 2 Kings

Title:

A portrait of the Lord's Vengeance

Scripture:

2 Kings 8:24–9:37 (2 Chr 22)

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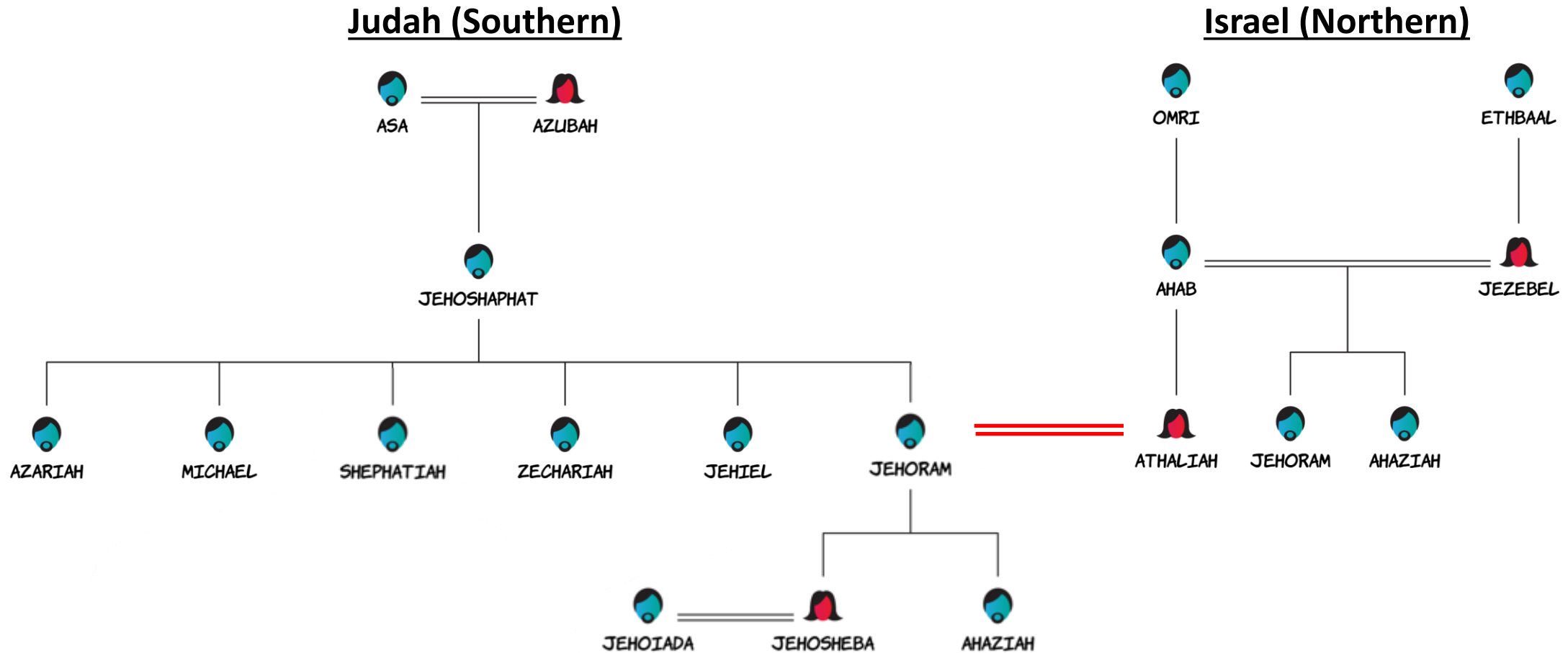
## ■ Introduction

- In chapter 8 we saw God's Redeeming Heart – His desire to save
- Holy Spirit now shows us another part of the character of God – His vengeance
- Both are necessary to understand who God is, and how we relate to Him

Theme: God has promised to avenge the wicked acts carried out by those who oppose Him, and He will fulfill that promise in full, but He also offers hope to those on whom He has set His love.

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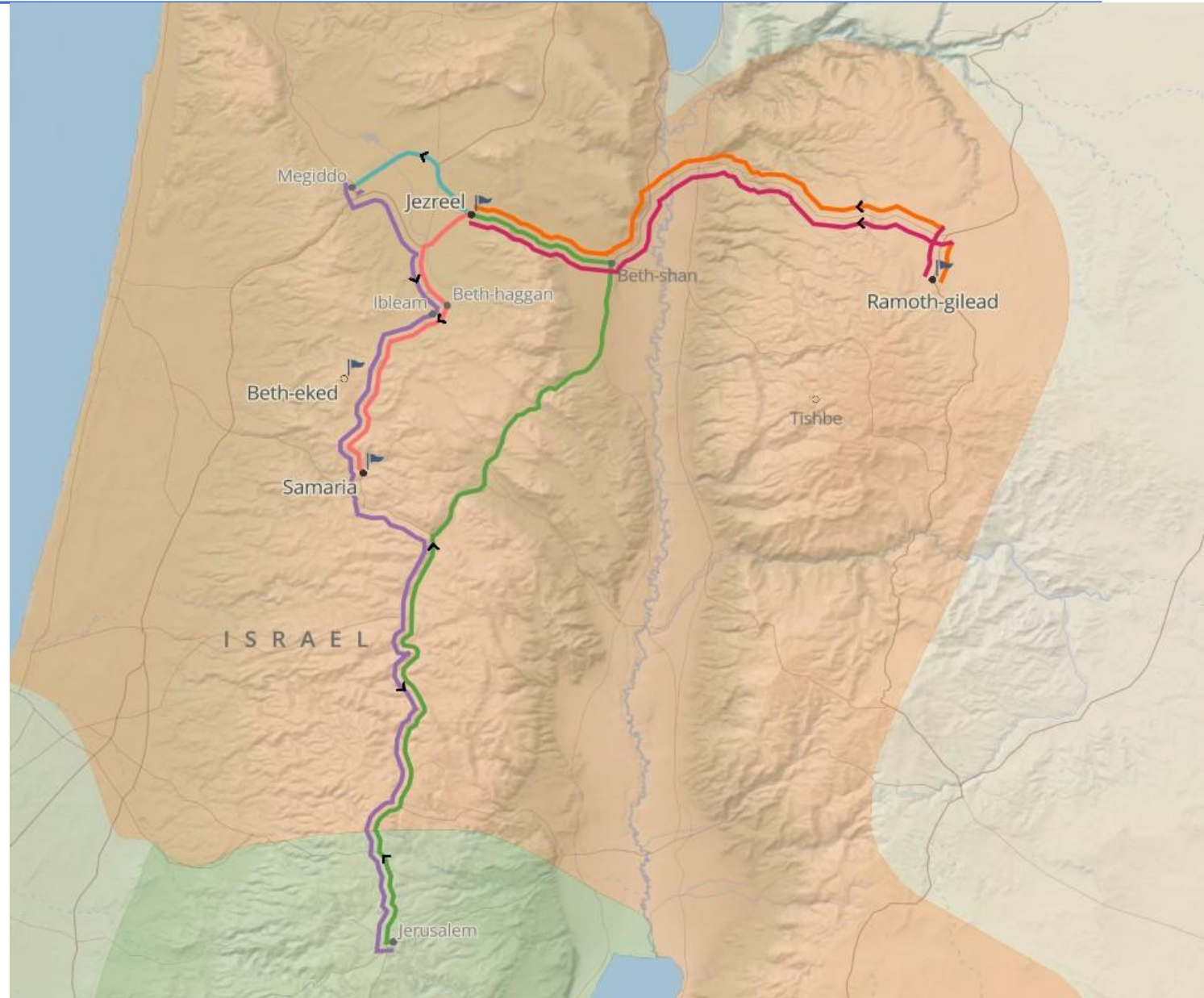
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- B. The two Kings gather – for judgement (vv. 28-29)



## II. Instrument of the Lord's Vengeance (9:1-6,11-13)

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A. The Anointing of Jehu (vv. 1-6)

B. The Enthusiastic Response (vv. 11-13)



# III. Reason for the Lord's Vengeance (9:7-10)

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- A. The Vengeance of the Lord for His people (v. 7)
- B. The Vengeance of the Lord for His Glory (vv. 8-9)
- C. Proof that it is the Lord's vengeance

	<u>Sentenced by God</u>	<u>Fulfilled</u>
➤ Jeroboam	1 Kings 14:10	1 Kings 15:29
➤ Baasha	1 Kings 16:3-4	1 Kings 16:11
➤ Ahab	1 Kings 21:22, 22:17	1 Kings 22:37-38
➤ Jezebel	1 Kings 21:23	2 Kings 9:35-36



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## D. God's word concerning His vengeance on the wicked

If I sharpen My flashing sword, and My hand takes hold on justice, I will render vengeance on My adversaries, and I will repay those who hate Me.  
Deut 32:41

A jealous and avenging God is the Lord; The Lord is avenging and wrathful. The Lord takes vengeance on His adversaries, And He reserves wrath for His enemies.  
Nahum 1:2

For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men who suppress the truth in unrighteousness.  
Rom 1:18

Then I heard a loud voice from the temple, saying to the seven angels, "Go and pour out on the earth the seven bowls of the wrath of God."  
Rev 16:1

# IV. Fulfillment of the Lord's Vengeance (9:14-37)

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- A. The Lord's vengeance on Joram (vv. 14-26)
- B. The Lord's vengeance on Ahaziah (vv. 27-29)
- C. The Lord's vengeance on Jezebel (vv. 30-37)





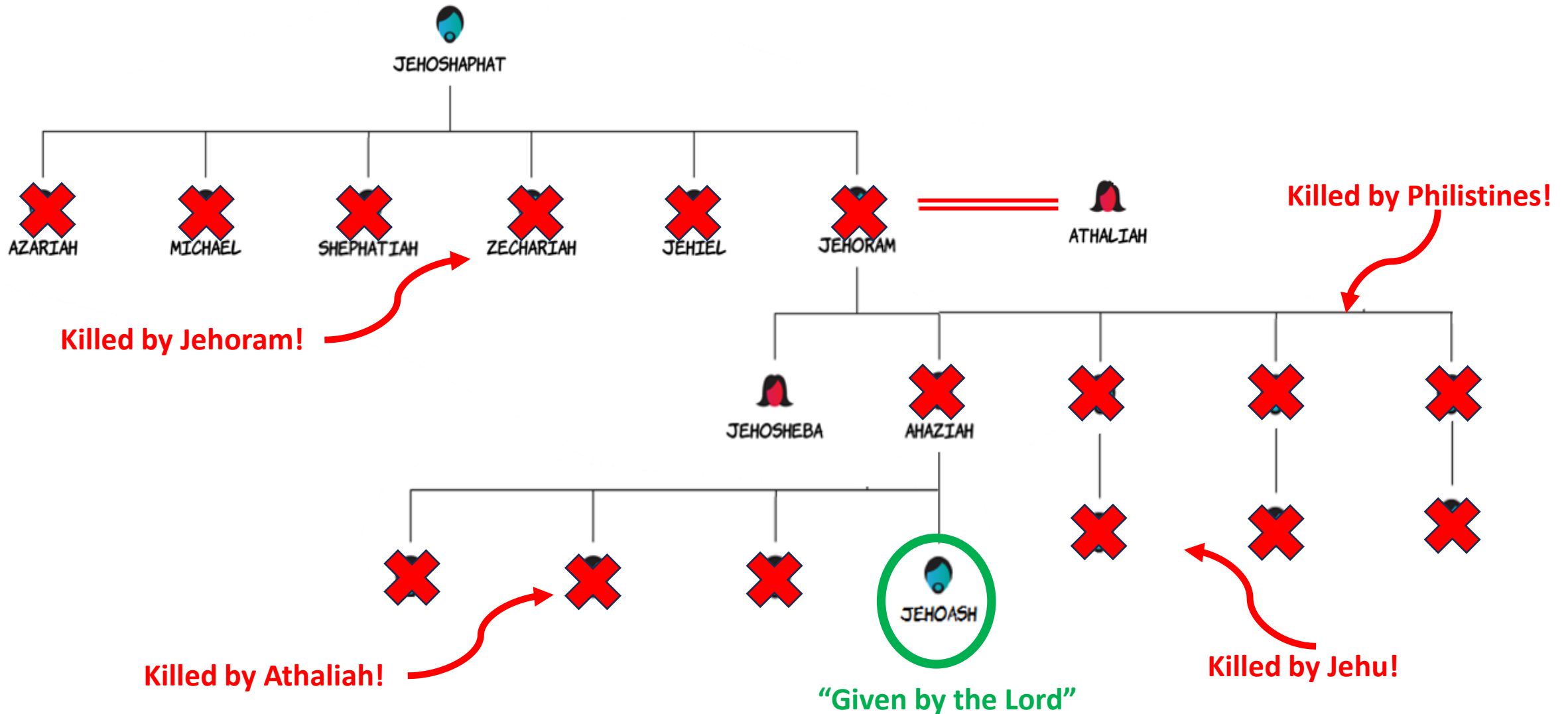
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## Application:

- We are Jezebel and Joram and Ahaziah, before God's grace. Eph 2:1-3
  - Their sentence ought to have been our sentence!
- We need to understand the grim reality of God's vengeance for 2 reasons:
  - So we can fully appreciate the beautiful reality of God's grace! Luke 7:47
  - So we can fully appreciate our Savior's STAGGERING SACRIFICE in our place! Matt 27:50-52

# V. Hope Amid the Lord's Vengeance (2 Chr 22:8-12)



A. God preserves the Davidic line!

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## Application:

- There is always hope in the message of God's vengeance against sin!
- We deserve the grim vengeance of God, and Jezebel's sentence
  - He has told us in advance what our end will be if we deny Him
  - He will carry out that end in full
- But there is hope – through the Savior that came from the line of David!
  - That Savior, Jesus, suffered God's terrible vengeance for us so we could be children of God!