

¹وَمَلَكَ سُكَّانُ أُورُشَلِيمَ أَحْزَبًا ابْنَهُ الْأَصْغَرَ عَوَصًا عَنْهُ،
لأنَّ جَمِيعَ الْأَوَّلِينَ قَتَلَهُمُ الْعَرَاةُ الَّذِينَ جَاءُوا مَعَ الْعَرَبِ
إِلَى الْمَحَلَّةِ. فَمَلَكَ أَحْزَبًا بْنُ يَهُورَامَ مَلِكَ يَهُودَا.² كَانَ
أَحْزَبًا ابْنُ ابْنَيْنِ وَأَرْبَعِينَ سَنَةً حِينَ مَلَكَ، وَمَلَكَ سَنَةً
وَاحِدَةً فِي أُورُشَلِيمَ، وَاسْمُ أُمِّهِ عَثْلِيَا ابْنَةُ عُمْرِی. وَهُوَ
أَيْضًا سَلَكَ فِي طُرُقِ بَيْتِ أَخَابَ لِأَنَّ أُمَّهُ كَانَتْ تُشِيرُ
عَلَيْهِ بِفِعْلِ الشَّرِّ. ⁴فَعَمِلَ الشَّرَّ فِي عَيْنِي الرَّبِّ مِثْلَ بَيْتِ
أَخَابَ لِأَنَّهُمْ كَانُوا لَهُ مُشِيرِينَ بَعْدَ وَفَاةِ أَبِيهِ
لِإِدَاتِهِ. ⁵فَسَلَكَ يَمْشُورَتَهُمْ وَدَهَبَ مَعَ يُوْرَامَ بْنِ أَخَابَ
مَلِكَ إِسْرَائِيلَ لِمُحَارَبَةِ حَزَائِيلَ مَلِكَ أَرَامَ فِي رَامُوت
جِلْعَادَ. وَصَرَبَ الْأَرَامِيُّونَ يُوْرَامَ ⁶فَرَجَعَ لِيَتْرَأَ فِي بَرْعِيلَ
يَسَبِّبُ الصَّرَبَاتِ الَّتِي صَرَبُوهُ بِهَا فِي الرَّامَةِ عِنْدَ
مُحَارَبَتِهِ حَزَائِيلَ مَلِكَ أَرَامَ. وَتَرَلَّ أَحْزَبًا بْنُ يَهُورَامَ مَلِكَ
يَهُودَا لِيَتُورَ يُوْرَامَ بْنِ أَخَابَ فِي بَرْعِيلَ لِأَنَّهُ كَانَ
مَرِيضًا. ⁷فَمِنْ قِتْلِ اللَّهِ كَانَ هَلَاكُ أَحْزَبًا بِمَجِيئِهِ إِلَى
يُوْرَامَ. فَإِنَّهُ حِينَ جَاءَ خَرَجَ مَعَ يُوْرَامَ إِلَى يَاهُوَ بْنِ
نِمْشِي الَّذِي مَسَحَهُ الرَّبُّ لِقَطْعِ بَيْتِ أَخَابَ. ⁸وَإِذْ كَانَ
يَاهُوَ يَقْضِي عَلَى بَيْتِ أَخَابَ وَجَدَ رُؤْسَاءَ يَهُودَا وَبَنِي
إِخْوَةِ أَحْزَبَا الَّذِينَ كَانُوا يَخْدُمُونَ أَحْزَبًا فَقَتَلَهُمْ. ⁹وَطَلَبَ
أَحْزَبًا فَأَمْسَكُوهُ وَهُوَ مُحْتَبِئٌ فِي السَّامِرَةِ، وَأَتَوْا بِهِ إِلَى
يَاهُوَ وَقَتَلُوهُ وَدَقُّوهُ، لِأَنَّهُمْ قَالُوا إِنَّهُ ابْنُ يَهُوشَافَاطَ
الَّذِي طَلَبَ الرَّبُّ بِكُلِّ قَلْبِهِ. فَلَمْ يَكُنْ لِبَيْتِ أَحْزَبَا مَنْ
يَقْوَى عَلَى الْمَمْلَكَةِ. ¹⁰وَلَمَّا رَأَتْ عَثْلِيَا أُمُّ أَحْزَبَا أَنَّ ابْنَهَا
قَدْ مَاتَ، قَامَتْ وَأَبَادَتْ جَمِيعَ النَّسْلِ الْمَلِكِيِّ مِنْ بَيْتِ
يَهُودَا. ¹¹أَمَّا يَهُوشَبَعُ ابْنُ الْمَلِكِ فَأَحْدَثَ يَهُوَأَسَ بْنَ
أَحْزَبَا وَسَرَقَنَّهُ مِنْ وَسْطِ بَنِي الْمَلِكِ الَّذِينَ قُتِلُوا،
وَجَعَلْنَاهُ هُوَ وَمُرْصَعَتُهُ فِي مَحْدَعِ السَّرِيرِ، وَجَبَّأْنَاهُ
يَهُوشَبَعُ ابْنُ الْمَلِكِ يَهُورَامَ أَمْرَاهُ يَهُوَبَادَاعَ الْكَاهِنَ.
لِأَنَّهَا كَانَتْ أُخْتُ أَحْزَبَا مِنْ وَجْهِ عَثْلِيَا فَلَمْ تَقْتُلْهُ. ¹²وَكَانَ
مَعَهُمْ فِي بَيْتِ اللَّهِ مُحْتَبِئًا سِتُّ سِنِينَ وَعَثْلِيَا مَالِكَةٌ
عَلَى الْأَرْضِ.

¹And the inhabitants of Jerusalem made Ahaziah his youngest son king in his stead: for the band of men that came with the Arabians to the camp had slain all the eldest. So Ahaziah the son of Jehoram king of Judah reigned.² Forty and two years old was Ahaziah when he began to reign, and he reigned one year in Jerusalem. His mother's name also was Athaliah the daughter of Omri.³ He also walked in the ways of the house of Ahab: for his mother was his counsellor to do wickedly.⁴ Wherefore he did evil in the sight of the LORD like the house of Ahab: for they were his counsellors after the death of his father to his destruction.⁵ He walked also after their counsel, and went with Jehoram the son of Ahab king of Israel to war against Hazael king of Syria at Ramothgilead: and the Syrians smote Joram.⁶ And he returned to be healed in Jezreel because of the wounds which were given him at Ramah, when he fought with Hazael king of Syria. And Azariah the son of Jehoram king of Judah went down to see Jehoram the son of Ahab at Jezreel, because he was sick.⁷ And the destruction of Ahaziah was of God by coming to Joram: for when he was come, he went out with Jehoram against Jehu the son of Nimshi, whom the LORD had anointed to cut off the house of Ahab.⁸ And it came to pass, that, when Jehu was executing judgment upon the house of Ahab, and found the princes of Judah, and the sons of the brethren of Ahaziah, that ministered to Ahaziah, he slew them.⁹ And he sought Ahaziah: and they caught him, (for he was hid in Samaria,) and brought him to Jehu:

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and when they had slain him, they buried him: Because, said they, he is the son of Jehoshaphat, who sought the LORD with all his heart. So the house of Ahaziah had no power to keep still the kingdom.¹⁰ But when Athaliah the mother of Ahaziah saw that her son was dead, she arose and destroyed all the seed royal of the house of Judah.¹¹ But Jehoshabeath, the daughter of the king, took Joash the son of Ahaziah, and stole him from among the king's sons that were slain, and put him and his nurse in a bedchamber. So Jehoshabeath, the daughter of king Jehoram, the wife of Jehoiada the priest, (for she was the sister of Ahaziah,) hid him from Athaliah, so that she slew him not.¹² And he was with them hid in the house of God six years: and Athaliah reigned over the land.