

## The contagiousness of sin

2 Kings 8:7-29

### I. HAZAEL MURDERED BENHADAD TO BECOME KING OF ARAM (2 KINGS 8:7-15).

- A. Elisha went to see sick King Ben-hadad of Aram (8:7-8).
- B. Elisha grieved that Hazael would be Aram's next king, because he would tyrannize Israel (8:9-13).
- C. Hazael smothered Ben-hadad to become king (8:14-15).

✓ **Craving power goes from one sinful ruler to the next.**

### II. JORAM OF JUDAH MARRIED EVIL AHAB'S DAUGHTER (2 KINGS 8:16-24).

- A. Joram was king of Judah, but imitated the evil kings of Israel, because he married Ahab's daughter (8:16-18).

✓ **Sinners influence others to sin.**

- B. God spared Judah as a nation, in spite of Joram, to keep His covenant with godly King David (8:19).
- C. Edom and Libnah revolted from King Joram (8:20-24).

### III. AHAZIAH OF JUDAH ALIGNED WITH EVIL JORAM OF ISRAEL (2 KINGS 8:25-29).

- A. King Ahaziah king of Judah imitated the evil of his mother and all of Ahab's family (8:25-27).

✓ **We choose if the godly or ungodly will influence us.**

- B. Ahaziah aligned in battle with his uncle, evil Joram of Israel, where Joram was wounded (8:28-29).