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Dear Associates and Friends,

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The March 2024 ASK article is "[King David's Tomb, 2. Best Discoveries?](#)" It describes the most significant discoveries that might be found in the tomb complex of King David and his descendants. Also read the March 1, 2024 Commentary, "[A Second Site for Burial](#)" for new information on the evil Kings of Judah.

Multiple Tombs of David

One of David's descendants that will not be found in David's Tomb is Jehoram, son of the good King Jehoshaphat of Judah. Jehoram was one of the most disgusting evil kings of the dynasty descended from King David. YHWH sent to Jehoram a horrific judgment of doom that was written by the prophet Elijah, a prophet to the 10 tribes of the northern kingdom of Israel. The document (we would call it a letter) might read something like this very loose paraphrase ...

"Jehoram, You have committed great sins and evils against your people and against your God. YHWH has judged you and sentenced you to die a horrible death. Yours truly, Elijah, a prophet of YHWH."

Imagine receiving a message from God (read 2 Chronicles 21:12–15) from the foremost prophet of his day. It must have been frightening to receive. I paraphrased it somewhat, but the biblical text is written in legal language. The sins and crimes of Jehoram against God, and against God's people Judah, are extremely gruesome as described in 2 Chronicles 21:1–7.

Now, I want to focus on the burial of Jehoram. It gives an interesting perspective how and where the burial of an evil king was done. He was not buried in the tomb complex of his ancestor King David. God made Jehoram suffer ...

"... Yahweh struck him in his bowels with an illness for which there was no healing. It continued for day after day, and as the time went forth, after the end of two years [!] of days, his bowels came forth because of his illness; and he died in evil travail.

But his people made NO FUNERAL-FIRE for him like the funeral-fires of his fathers. He was thirty-two years old when he became king, and he reigned eight years in Jerusalem. He departed as not desirable [no one regretted his death], and they entombed him in the city of David, though NOT in the TOMBS OF THE KINGS."

• ***2 Chronicles 21:19–20 Concordant Literal Version***

Years before this letter was sent, Elijah the prophet stepped onto a fiery chariot pulled by fiery horses, and was taken into "heaven" (always plural in Hebrew) and he was taken somewhere on earth. We know Elijah was on earth because Elijah wrote this message to Jehoram after his chariot experience (2 Chronicles 21:11–17). In other words, Elijah was not in heaven when he wrote the "letter of doom" to Jehoram.

As I explain in this month's article, of course King David had the best location. I believe David's burial chamber that was closest to the south side of the wall of the Temple, as close as possible, aligned with the Holy of Holies on a north/south line with his body, at God's symbolic right-hand side (see Psalm 110).

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Thank you to those who help us continue this service to the *ekklesia of God*. May God bless you all. Please read the March 1, 2024 Commentary “[A Second Site of Burial](#).”

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