

Ahaziah, has gone up to ~~Sama~~ Samaria to visit Jehoram, the son of Ahab. What relation is Jehoram, the son of Ahab, to Ahaziah, the king of Judah? Mr. Ashbrook, could you tell us? That is a mathematical problem. Mr. Atkinson. No.

Because you see now... I think I'll take just a minute on that relationship. It may not be necessary but it might be. You have Ahab, the king of Israel, who married Jezebel. And you have them having a son, Ahaziah, who you remember was the one who sent to inquire as to whether he would recover of his disease and Elijah rebuked him for it ~~and~~ and he sent the captains who were killed by fire against Elijah. He died and was succeeded by his brother whom we call Jehoram or Jehoram. Both pronunciations are possible. Both forms are found in the Scripture. Then there was a sister named Athaliah. Then Jehoshaphat the king of Judah had a son whose name was Jehoram. So Jehoram, ~~the king of Judah,~~ ~~was the cousin of Ahaziah~~ married Athaliah and that made him the brother of Ahaziah, king of Israel, and of Jehoram, king of Israel. Then Jehoram and Athaliah had a son who was named after his brother, Ahaziah. And you notice that all these names ~~and~~ begin in "Je" or end "iah" that represents Jehovah. They were not named after Baal. They were named after Jehovah. They represented in their names the old God of Israel. So you have kings of Judah, Jehoram and his son Ahaziah; kings of Israel, Ahaziah and his brother Jehoram. The two kings of Israel are brothers-in-law of Jehoram, king of Judah but are uncles of Ahaziah, king of Judah. That isn't particularly complicated if you get it in this correct form and I think that it is rather important in order to keep the events in mind at this particular point.

And at the same time - this is important - ~~the king~~ Jehoram, king of Judah and Ahaziah king of <sup>J</sup>udah are both killed up in Israel at the same time. Just how that happened we won't be able to look at until next Tuesday.