

seize absolute control and she did.

Now we have this interruption here to the call of Elisha which is this brief account of the reign of Jehoram. And Jehoram then is succeeded by his son.

(Question) The Scripture as far as I recall ~~xxx~~ does not mention a reigning in any case except two that occur to me at the moment. One of those was when David actually made Solomon king before he died. So Solomon was king while David was still living. Then when ~~xxxx~~ Aziah was smitten with leprosy he lived ~~xxxx~~ as a leper and his son Jotham reigned. Here we have two instances of two kings reigning at the same time. We have no other evidence in the Scripture of kings of Israel or Judah. We have a suggestion of two kings of Babylon but it is just a suggestion. In Israel and Judah we have no clear statement of a man and his son at the same time, but we know that it was customary in other lands at the time.

(Question) That is the reason that many people talk of this as a strong possibility. Those instances I gave. (Question) Well, the situation is that you have two kings becoming king at the same time--Rehoboam and Jereboam. Then you will have two kings becoming king at the same time like when Jehu kills the king of Israel and the king of Judah. When you have an instance like that when two kings become king at the same time and where two kings die at the same time you know that the period between is just exactly the same. Then when you take ^{the} a number of years that these kings reigned and you find ~~that~~ if you find that it comes to two or three more than the other, it is very easy to say that they aren't exactly years, they are extra months, and that is easily accounted for. Well, if it comes to eight or ten or ~~twenty~~ twenty years difference, you know that there must be something else to the contrary. In that case it would seem to be a certainty that one of two things happened. Either that in one kingdom there were two men who reigned *end of so.*