

# Matthew 1:8

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And Asa begat Josaphat; and Josaphat begat Joram; and Joram begat Ozias;

## Analysis

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The royal genealogy continues through the divided kingdom period, showing God's preservation of the messianic line despite national apostasy. These kings often failed miserably, yet God's purposes were not thwarted. This demonstrates the distinction between God's decreed will (which always comes to pass) and His preceptive will (which humans violate).

## Historical Context

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This section covers roughly 930-586 BC, the period of the divided monarchy in Israel and Judah, marked by increasing idolatry and eventual exile.

## Related Passages

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**James 2:17** — Faith and works

**Hebrews 11:1** — Definition of faith

**Genesis 1:1** — Creation of heavens and earth

**Psalm 19:1** — Heavens declare God's glory

## Study Questions

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1. How does God's preservation of the messianic line through unfaithful kings demonstrate His sovereign control over history?
2. What comfort does this provide when we observe failure in human leadership today?

## Interlinear Text

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Ἄσα δὲ ἐγένυνησεν τὸν Ἰωσαφὰτ Ἰωσαφὰτ δὲ  
Asa And begat G3588 Josaphat Josaphat And  
G760 G1161 G1080 G2498 G2498 G1161  
ἐγένυνησεν τὸν Ἰωρὰμ Ἰωρὰμ δὲ ἐγένυνησεν τὸν Ὁζίαν  
begat G3588 Joram Joram And begat G3588 Ozias  
G1080 G2496 G2496 G1161 G1080 G3604

## Additional Cross-References

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**1 Chronicles 3:11** (Parallel theme): Joram his son, Ahaziah his son, Joash his son,

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