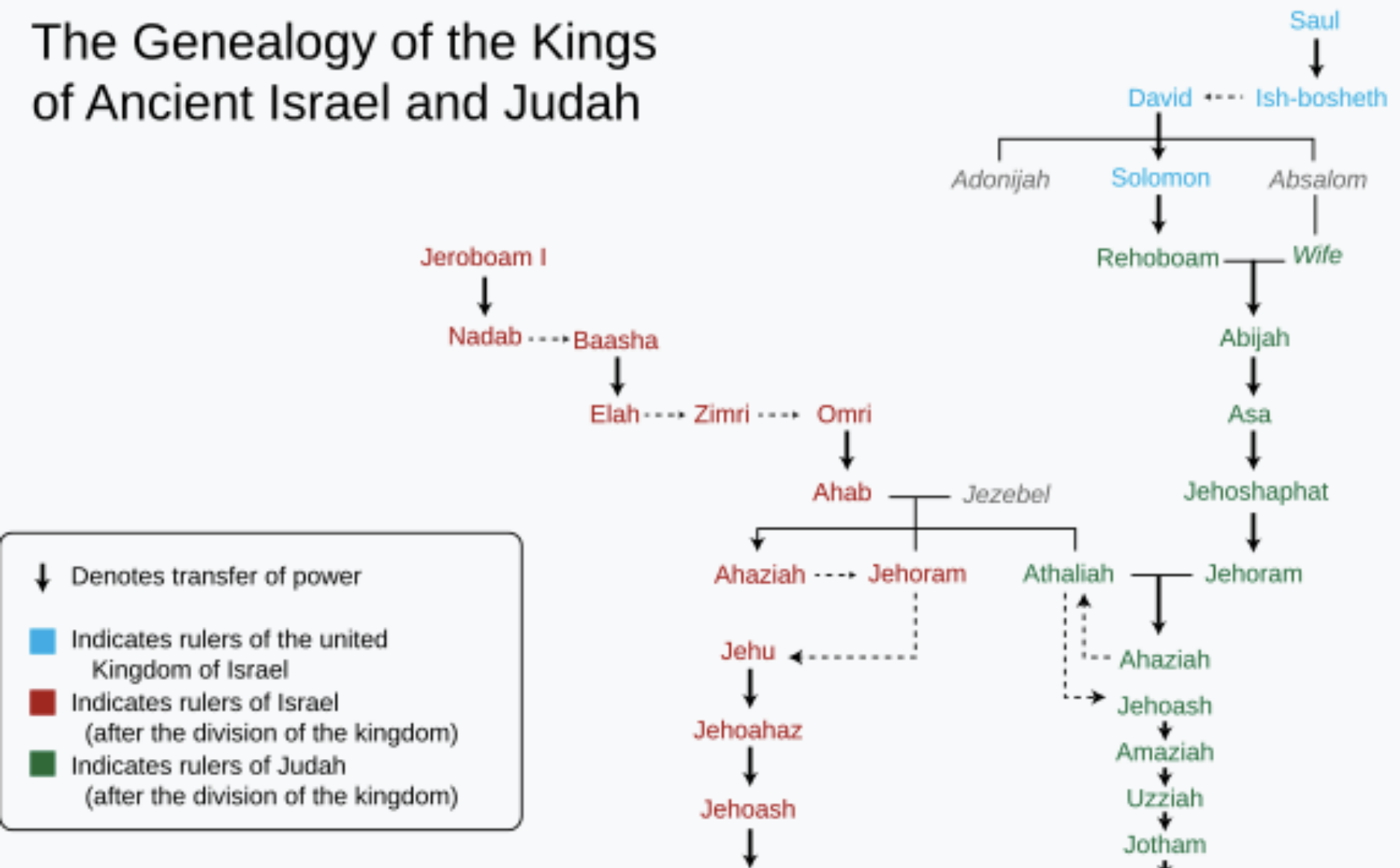


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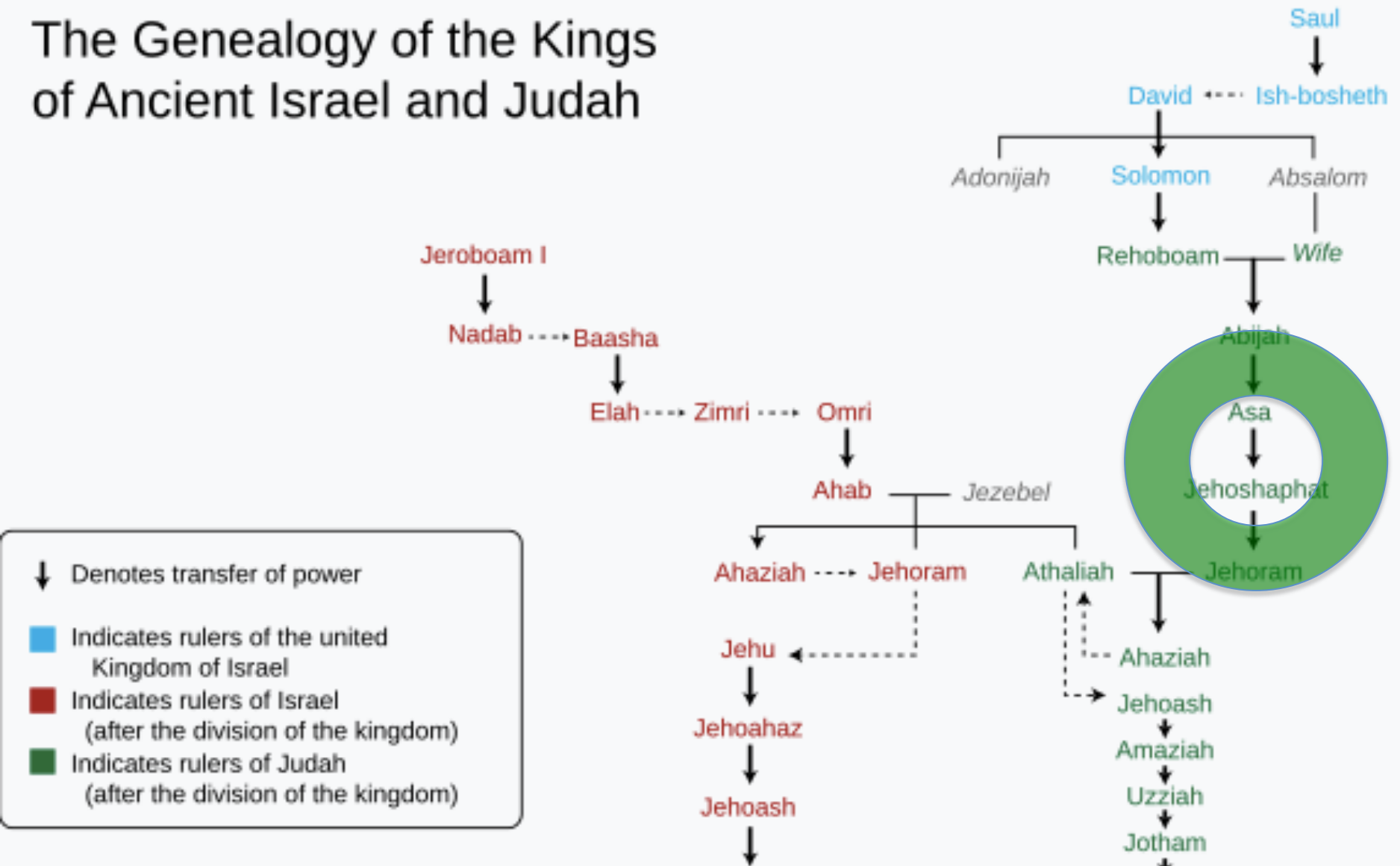
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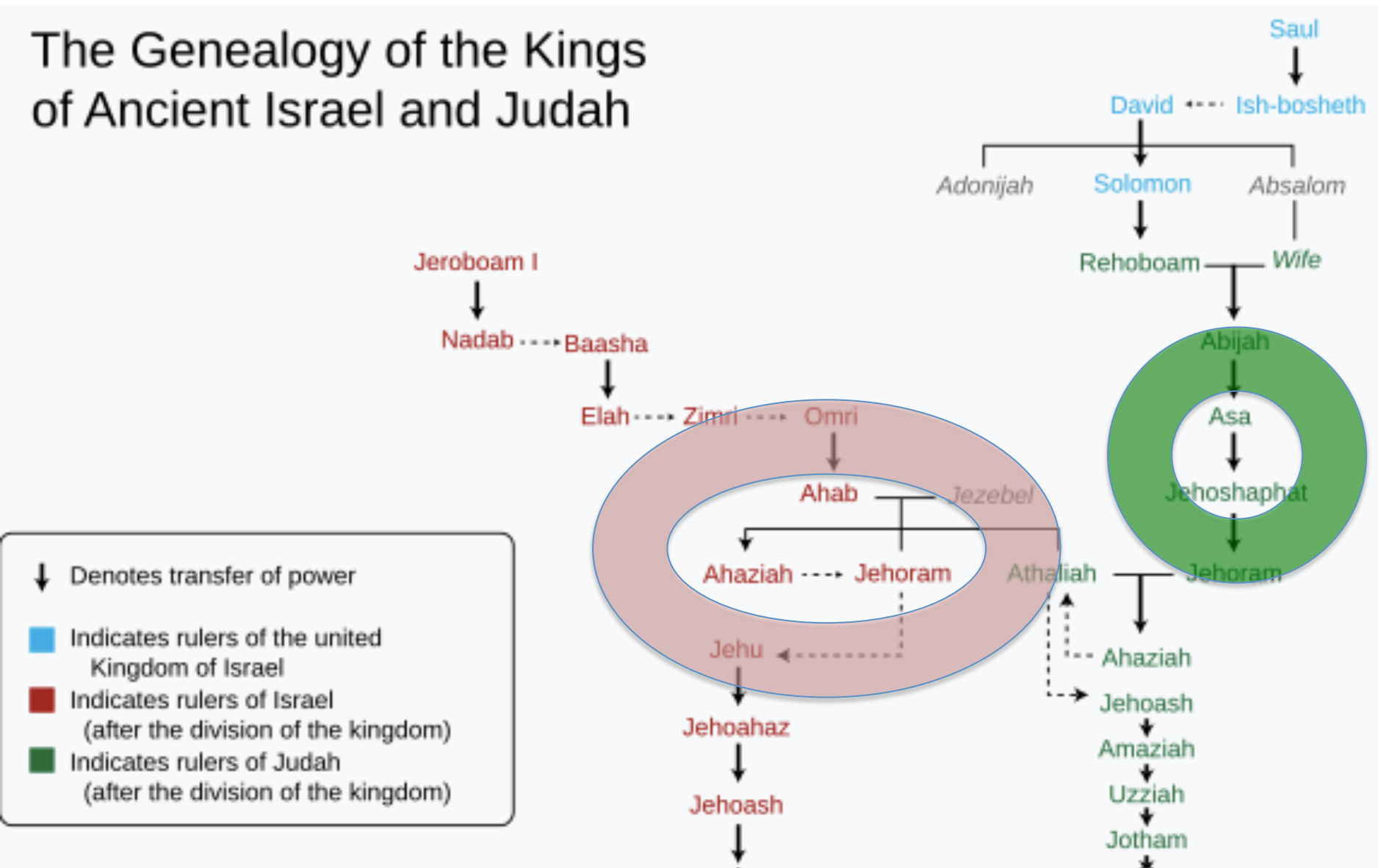
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Judah Around the Time of Jehoshaphat

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Jehoshaphat Succeeds Asa

His son Jehoshaphat then became king in his place, and he proved himself strong over Israel. He placed troops in all the fortified cities of Judah, and placed garrisons in the land of Judah and in the cities of Ephraim which his father Asa had captured.

2Ch 17:1-2 (NASB 2020)

His Good Reign

And the LORD was with Jehoshaphat because he followed the example of his father David's earlier days and did not seek the Baals, but sought the God of his father, followed His commandments, and did not act as Israel did. So the LORD established the kingdom in his control, and all Judah gave tribute to Jehoshaphat, and he had great riches and honor. He took great pride in the ways of the LORD, and again removed the high places and the Asherim from Judah.

2Ch 17:3-6 (NASB 2020)

Then in the third year of his reign he sent his officials, Ben-hail, Obadiah, Zechariah, Nethanel, and Micaiah, to teach in the cities of Judah; and with them the Levites, Shemaiah, Nethaniah, Zebadiah, Asahel, Shemiramoth, Jehonathan, Adonijah, Tobijah, and Tobadonijah, the Levites; and with them the priests Elishama and Jehoram. They taught in Judah, having the Book of the Law of the LORD with them; and they went throughout the cities of Judah and taught among the people.

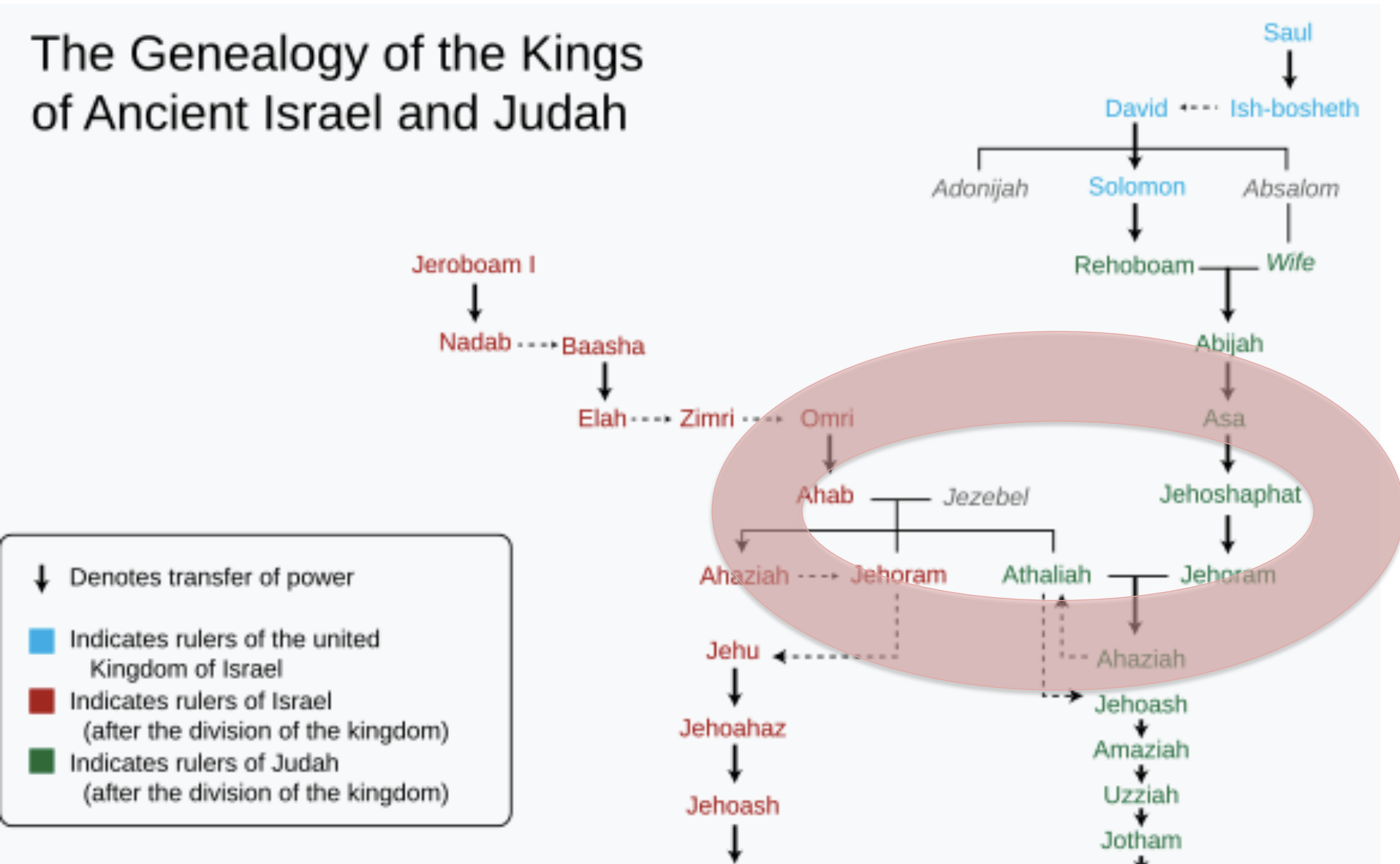
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Now the dread of the LORD was on all the kingdoms of the lands which were around Judah, so that they did not make war against Jehoshaphat. Some of the Philistines brought gifts and silver as tribute to Jehoshaphat; the Arabians also brought him flocks, 7,700 rams and 7,700 male goats. So Jehoshaphat grew greater and greater, and he built fortresses and storage cities in Judah. He had large supplies in the cities of Judah, and warriors, valiant mighty men, in Jerusalem.

2Ch 17:10-13 (NASB 2020)

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2 Chronicles 18:1-4

Now Jehoshaphat had great riches and honor; and he allied himself by marriage to Ahab. Some years later he went down to visit Ahab at Samaria, and Ahab slaughtered many sheep and oxen for him and the people who were with him. And he incited him to go up against Ramoth-gilead. Ahab king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat king of Judah, “Will you go with me against Ramoth-gilead?” And he said to him, “I am as you are, and my people as your people, and we will be with you in the battle.”

2 Ch 18:1-4 (NASB 2020)

Seeking a True Prophet

“Please request the word of the LORD first.”

(2Ch 18:4)

“Is there no longer a prophet of the LORD here,
that we may inquire of him?”

(2Ch 18:6)

Rebuke and Reform

And Jehu the son of Hanani the seer went out to meet him and said to King Jehoshaphat, “Should you help the wicked and love those who hate the LORD, and by doing so bring wrath on yourself from the LORD?

But there is some good in you, for you have removed the Asheroth from the land and you have set your heart to seek God.”

2Ch 19:2,3 (NASB 2020)

Jehoshaphat's Prayer

“LORD, God of our fathers, are You not God in the heavens? And are You not ruler over all the kingdoms of the nations? Power and might are in Your hand so that no one can stand against You. ...

have built You a sanctuary in it for Your name, saying, ‘If disaster comes upon us, the sword, or judgment, or plague, or famine, we will stand before this house and before You (for Your name is in this house), and cry out to You in our distress, and You will hear and save us.’ ...

Our God, will You not judge them? For we are powerless before this great multitude that is coming against us; nor do we know what to do, but our eyes are on You.”

2Ch 20:8-14 (NASB 2020)

Jehoshaphat's Prayer - Elements

an acknowledgement that:

- the LORD is the sovereign God in the heavens,
- God has the ability and willingness to save them,
- God is the one who judges, and they're seeking His protection, and
- they are powerless and are looking to Him for help

Jehaziel Responds

“Listen, all you of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and King Jehoshaphat: **This is what the LORD says to you: ‘Do not fear or be dismayed because of this great multitude, for the battle is not yours but God’s. Tomorrow, go down against them. Behold, they will come up by the ascent of Ziz, and you will find them at the end of the valley in front of the wilderness of Jeruel. You need not fight in this battle; take your position, stand and watch the salvation of the LORD in your behalf, Judah and Jerusalem.’ Do not fear or be dismayed; tomorrow, go out to face them, for the LORD is with you.”**

2Ch 20:15-16 (NASB 2020)

Trust in the LORD

Jehoshaphat stood and said, “Listen to me, Judah and inhabitants of Jerusalem: **Put your trust in the LORD your God and you will endure. Put your trust in His prophets, and succeed.”** When he had consulted with the people, **he appointed those who sang to the LORD and those who praised Him in holy attire, as they went out before the army and said, “Give thanks to the LORD, for His faithfulness is everlasting.”** When they began singing and praising, **the LORD set ambushes against the sons of Ammon, Moab, and Mount Seir,** who had come against Judah; so they were struck down.

2Ch 20:20b-22 (NASB 2020)

Alliance with Ahaziah

After this Jehoshaphat king of Judah allied himself with Ahaziah king of Israel. He acted wickedly in so doing. So he allied himself with him to make ships to go to Tarshish, and they made the ships in Ezion-geber. Then Eliezer the son of Dodavahu of Mareshah prophesied against Jehoshaphat, saying, “Because you have allied yourself with Ahaziah, the LORD has destroyed your works.” So the ships were wrecked and could not go to Tarshish.

2Ch 20:35-37 (NASB 2020)

A Third Battle – Seeking Guidance

“But Jehoshaphat said, “Is there no prophet of the LORD here, that we may inquire of the LORD by him?” And one of the king of Israel’s servants answered and said, “Elisha the son of Shaphat is here, who used to pour water on the hands of Elijah.” And Jehoshaphat said, “The word of the LORD is with him.” So the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat and the king of Edom went down to him.”

2Ki 3:11-12 (NASB 2020)

Summing up Jehoshaphat's Life

He walked in the way of his father Asa and did not deviate from it, doing right in the sight of the LORD. The high places, however, were not removed; the people had not yet directed their hearts to the God of their fathers.

2Ch 20:32-33 (NASB 2020)

Trust in God

Follow, seek God's leading

Pray (talk and listen) to God

Be Diligent

(choose wisely)

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God, after He spoke long ago to the fathers in the prophets in many portions and in many ways, in these last days has spoken to us in His Son, whom He appointed heir of all things, through whom He also made the world.

He 1:1-2 (NASB 2020)

Trust in Jesus

For while we were still helpless, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will hardly die for a righteous person; though perhaps for the good person someone would even dare to die. But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. (Ro 5:6-8 NASB)

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**Have you put your trust in Jesus as your personal
Saviour and Lord?**

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In the Holy Spirit...

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Lord I need You, O I need You

Every hour I need You

My one defence, my righteousness

O God, how I need You

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Be careful when making alliances

No compromise on core tenants of our faith

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Take care, brothers and sisters, that there will not be in any one of you an evil, unbelieving heart that falls away from the living God. But encourage one another every day, as long as it is still called “today,” so that none of you will be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin. For we have become partakers of Christ if we keep the beginning of our commitment firm until the end, while it is said,

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He 3:12-15 (NASB 2020)

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