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BIBLE ADVENTURES SCRIPT:

**A1539 ~ Ahaziah's Short Reign.**

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*Welcome to Bible Adventures. Help for today. Hope for tomorrow. Jesus is Lord of all.*

In daily English newspapers around the world, half a page towards the back of each paper is reserved for the recording of some important person's life. It's called the Obituary Column and tells the person's age at death and their achievements in life.

When King Ahab was killed in battle, as predicted by a prophet of God, his son Ahaziah was next on the throne of Israel. Ahaziah knew that Elijah had predicted an end to Ahab's family being rulers over Israel. But pride and self importance ruled Ahaziah's heart. He disbelieved and ignored God's words, pretending God was powerless to bring what He said to pass. Ahaziah was just one of many people through the history of the world to think such a thing.

The nation of Moab had been subject to King Ahab and paid tribute each year. After the death of Ahab, Moab rebelled against Israel but Ahaziah never took his army out of there to bring them back under Israeli control. Ahaziah had been on the throne for two years when he had a terrible fall at the palace, badly injuring himself.

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Ahaziah had been raised by two prominent and very wicked parents, King Ahab and Queen Jezebel. Could he be blamed for not following in God's ways when he had been taught to do wicked things? In Proverbs, Chapter 22, it says: "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it." Many Christian parents cling to this promise for their wayward children, hoping and praying that when age brings more maturity, their children will return to the way their parents worshipped God. Sadly, though, this doesn't always happen.

Why not we ask? Each adult person, whether raised in a good home or less than an ideal one, has their own decision to make whether they will serve God or not. Ahaziah knew a lot about God's dealings with his ancestors. He was familiar with the great stories of the crossing the Red Sea on dry land and God's miracles for delivering past kings from war with their enemies. If Ahaziah had turned his heart towards God, God in His mercy would have received him. But Ahaziah refused to do so, even when he was staring death in the face.

The record of Ahaziah's life shows there's nothing to be gained from contending with God. Those who see fatal stubbornness in others learn to submit to God. In Proverbs, Chapter 28, it says: "You will never succeed in life if you try to hide your sins. Confess them and give them up; then God will show mercy to you. Always obey the Lord and you will be happy. If you are stubborn you will be ruined."

Ahaziah refused to turn from his sin so God cut his life and reign very short.

Although Ahaziah's status on earth was king, being an important person didn't give him a free pass into heaven. Some prominent professors teach that God doesn't exist. Will all their study of science and philosophy get them into heaven? No! Will high office within a church get a person into heaven? Again, no!

God in His great wisdom devised a way that even the poorest of the poor and the unschooled and sickest people could get to heaven. Entry into God's eternal rest in heaven is only by trusting and relying on the Lord Jesus for their forgiveness of sins and Lordship in their lives.

A woman home alone thought she was having a heart attack. Her Christian neighbour was away so she didn't know what to do. Unexpectedly, the neighbour's daughter came to visit just at that moment and was able to take the sick woman to hospital.

After the woman was released, she told her neighbour how alone she felt in her time of crisis. The Christian neighbour asked her if she had called out to God for help. "No," the lady replied. She hadn't given it even a thought. The concept of an overruling higher power from God is not part of the thinking of many people.

In his time of crisis, Ahaziah never called out to God for help either. It wasn't that he didn't know that the Almighty could help him. But he wasn't in the habit of doing so and simply continued to refuse to admit God had authority over him, or the power to heal him if he repented and asked.

There are five main groups of religious beliefs in the world. They are: atheist, agnostic, Christian, Christ-rejecters and -neglecters, and those who haven't heard about Jesus to understand God's presence in the world.

An atheist is a person who doesn't believe God exists. Despite all the marvellous things in our world, the atheist says that nothing made everything. There is no intelligent designer who created it all. God's reply to such a person is found in the New Testament book of Hebrews, Chapter 11. It says: "No one can please God without faith, for whoever comes to God must have faith that God exists and He rewards those who seek Him."

An agnostic is a person who believes that it's impossible to know for sure whether God exists. When a university student, now a prominent Christian writer, one man argued against a belief in God. He was challenged at the time to refute the claims of the Lord Jesus Christ. The man decided that if he could prove that Christ had not been raised from death, he would have won the challenge. He spent over 1000 hours investigating Jesus' resurrection and was amazed to find so much positive historical, literary and legal evidence supporting Christ's resurrection as a fact.

When the student accepted that Jesus Christ was exactly who He claimed to be, the student faced another problem. His mind said, "Christianity is true," but his will said, "Don't admit it." After a while, the student decided to give himself to the Lord Jesus and over time, his life changed. He could then tell his lecturer that he had mental peace in Jesus, his temper was no longer a problem to him and his old hatreds gradually turned to love.

The Christ-rejecters know well the Scriptures about Jesus. They've heard at some point but they refuse to have Christ supreme in their lives. Some of these rejecters are often prayed for by godly parents, who cling to the hope that one day, they'll turn to Him later in life.

King Ahaziah rejected God and kept looking to Baal. When injured, he sent messengers to a city called Ekron in the nation of the Philistines on the Mediterranean Sea, asking the gods of Baal if he would get better. He rejected God and God rejected him.

The Christ-neglectful people also know about Jesus but as explained by the Lord in the parable of the sower in Matthew's Gospel, Chapter 13, they let the worries of this life and the love of riches choke out any deep commitment to the Lord.

Will you let a fear or need crowd out the place that should be reserved for God alone in your life? Don't be a Christ-rejecter, or even a Christ-neglecter or you will ultimately wander from your faith in Christ to focus mostly on earthly things.

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