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Repentance Means “Turning to God”

1 Kings 11:4–21

What does “repent” mean?

- v. feel or express sincere regret or remorse.
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Webster’s Eleventh Collegiate Dictionary states

- 1. to turn from sin and dedicate oneself to the amendment of one’s life**

- 2. a to feel regret or contrition**
b to change one’s mind

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- 2. to feel sorrow, regret, or contrition for —**

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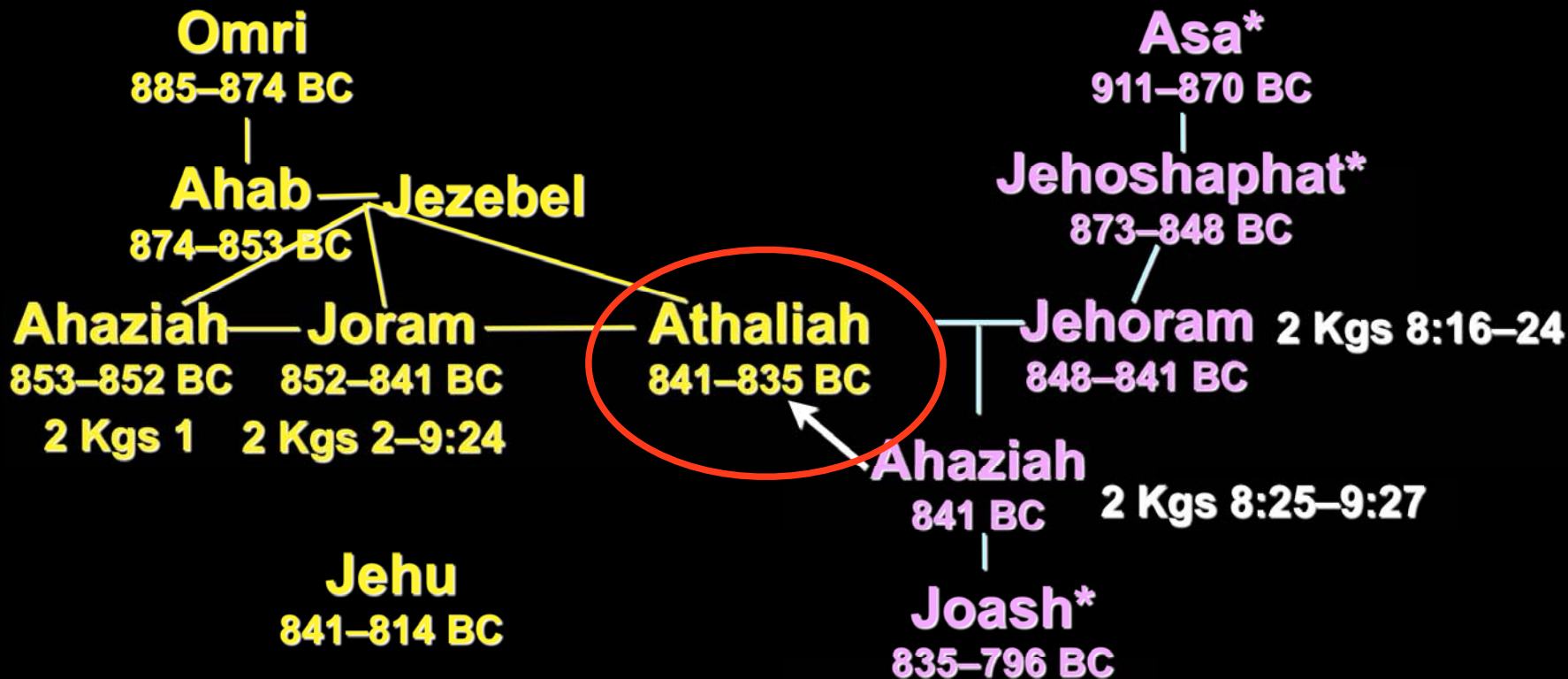
Collins English Dictionary

repent

vb to feel remorse (for); be contrite (about); show penitence (for): he repents of his extravagance; he repented his words [C13: from Old French repentir from re- + pentir to be contrite, from Latin paenitēre to repent]

repentance n 1 remorse or contrition for one's past actions or sins. 2 an act or the process of being repentant; penitence.

9th Century BC Kings of Israel and Judah



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שׁוּבָה *shuv* qal perf 2ms; “to return”

The Bible is rich in idioms describing man's responsibility in the process of repentance. Such phrases would include the following: "incline your heart unto the Lord your God" (Josh. 24:23); "circumcise yourselves to the Lord" (Jer. 4:4); "wash your heart from wickedness" (4:14); "break up your fallow ground" (Hos. 10:12) and so forth. All these expressions of man's penitential activity, however, are subsumed and summarized by this one verb שׁוּב. For better than any other verb it combines in itself the two requisites of repentance: to turn from evil and to turn to the good.

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Deut. 17:18, “Also it shall be, when he sits on the throne of his kingdom, that he shall write for himself a copy of this law in a book, from the one before the priests, the Levites.

Deut. 17:19, “And it shall be with him, and he shall read it all the days of his life, that he may learn to fear the LORD his God and be careful to observe all the words of this law and these statutes,

Deut. 17:20, “that his heart may not be lifted above his brethren, that he may not turn aside from the commandment to the right hand or to the left, and that he may prolong his days in his kingdom, he and his children in the midst of Israel.”

Neh. 1:8, “Remember, I pray, the word that You commanded Your servant Moses, saying, ‘If you are unfaithful, I will scatter you among the nations;

Neh. 1:9, “ ‘but if you **return to Me, and keep My commandments and do them, though some of you were cast out to the farthest part of the heavens, yet I will gather them from there, and bring them to the place which I have chosen as a dwelling for My name.’ ”**

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Rev. 2:5, “Remember therefore from where you have fallen; **repent** and do the first works, or else I will come to you quickly and remove your lampstand from its place—unless you **repent**.”

Rev. 2:16, “**Repent**, or else I will come to you quickly and will fight against them with the sword of My mouth.”

Rev. 2:21, “And I gave her time to **repent** of her sexual immorality, and she did not **repent**.”

Rev. 2:22, “Indeed I will cast her into a sickbed, and those who commit adultery with her into great tribulation, unless they **repent** of their deeds.”

Rev. 3:3, “Remember therefore how you have received and heard; hold fast and **repent**. Therefore if you will not watch, I will come upon you as a thief, and you will not know what hour I will come upon you.”

Rev. 3:19, “As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten. Therefore be zealous and **repent**.”