

2 Chronicles 24:1-27 **Joash King of Judah – Jehoiada the Priest**

Joash Repairs the Temple (2 Kings 11:21-12:16)

1 Joash was seven years old when he became king, and he reigned forty years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Zibiah of Beersheba.

2 Joash did what was right in the sight of Yahweh (the Lord) all the days of Jehoiada the priest.

3 And Jehoiada took two wives for him, and he had sons and daughters.

4 Now it happened after this that Joash set his heart on repairing Beit Yahweh (the house of the Lord).

5 Then he gathered the priests and the Levites, and said to them, "Go out to the cities of Judah, and gather from all Israel money to repair Beit Eloheykem (the house of your God) from year to year, and see that you do it quickly."

However the Levites did not do it quickly.

6 So the king called Jehoiada the chief priest, and said to him, "Why have you not required the Levites to bring in from Judah and from Jerusalem the collection, according to the commandment of Moses the servant of Yahweh (the Lord) and of the assembly of Israel, for the tabernacle of witness?"

7 For the sons of Athaliah, that wicked woman, had broken into Beit Elohiym (the house of God), and had also presented all the dedicated things of Beit Yahweh (the house of the Lord) to the Baals.

8 Then at the king's command they made a chest, and set it outside at the gate of Beit Yahweh (the house of the Lord).

9 And they made a proclamation throughout Judah and Jerusalem to bring to Yahweh (the Lord) the collection that Moses the servant of Elohiym (God) had imposed on Israel in the wilderness.

10 Then all the leaders and all the people rejoiced, brought their contributions, and put them into the chest until all had given.

11 So it was, at that time, when the chest was brought to the king's official by the hand of the Levites, and when they saw that there was much money, that the king's scribe and the high priest's officer came and emptied the chest, and took it and returned it to its place. Thus they did day by day, and gathered money in abundance.

12 The king and Jehoiada gave it to those who did the work of the service of Beit Yahweh (the house of the Lord); and they hired masons and carpenters to repair Beit Yahweh (the house of the Lord), and also those who worked in iron and bronze to restore Beit Yahweh (the house of the Lord).

13 So the workmen labored, and the work was completed by them; they restored Beit Elohiym (the house of God) to its original condition and reinforced it.

14 When they had finished, they brought the rest of the money before the king and Jehoiada; they made from it articles for Beit Yahweh (the house of the Lord), articles for serving and offering, spoons and vessels of gold and silver. And they offered burnt offerings in Beit Yahweh (the house of the Lord) continually all the days of Jehoiada.

Apostasy of Joash

15 But Jehoiada grew old and was full of days, and he died; he was one hundred and thirty years old when he died.

16 And they buried him in the City of David among the kings, because he had done good in Israel,

both toward Elohiym (God) and His house.

17 Now after the death of Jehoiada the leaders of Judah came and bowed down to the king. And the king listened to them.

18 Therefore they left Beit Yahweh Elohey (the house of the Lord God) of their fathers, and served wooden images and idols; and wrath came upon Judah and Jerusalem because of their trespass.

19 Yet He sent prophets to them, to bring them back to Yahweh (the Lord); and they testified against them, but they would not listen.

20 Then the Ruach Elohiym (Spirit of God) came upon Zechariah the son of Jehoiada the priest, who stood above the people, and said to them, "Thus says Elohiym (God): 'Why do you transgress the commandments of Yahweh (the Lord), so that you cannot prosper? Because you have forsaken Yahweh (the Lord), He also has forsaken you.'"

21 So they conspired against him, and at the command of the king they stoned him with stones in the court of Beit Yahweh (the house of the Lord).

22 Thus Joash the king did not remember the kindness which Jehoiada his father had done to him, but killed his son; and as he died, he said, "Yahweh (the Lord) look on it, and repay!"

Death of Joash (2 Kings 12:19-21)

23 So it happened in the spring of the year that the army of Syria came up against him; and they came to Judah and Jerusalem, and destroyed all the leaders of the people from among the people, and sent all their spoil to the king of Damascus.

24 For the army of the Syrians came with a small company of men; but Yahweh (the Lord) delivered a very great army into their hand, because they had forsaken Yahweh Elohey (the Lord God) of their fathers. So they executed judgment against Joash.

25 And when they had withdrawn from him (for they left him severely wounded), his own servants conspired against him because of the blood of the sons of Jehoiada the priest, and killed him on his bed. So he died. And they buried him in the City of David, but they did not bury him in the tombs of the kings.

26 These are the ones who conspired against him: Zabad the son of Shimeath the Ammonitess, and Jehozabad the son of Shimrith the Moabitess.

27 Now concerning his sons, and the many oracles about him, and the repairing of Beit Elohiym (the house of God), indeed they are written in the annals of the book of the kings. Then Amaziah his son reigned in his place.

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Facts Revealed:

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✧ This is a sad commentary regarding Joash because he had been raised by Jehoiada the priest from infancy and received godly guidance as long as Jehoiada lived. He even set his heart on repairing Beit Yahweh giving instructions to the priests and Levites until the work was finished. [2 Chronicles 24:4-14]

✧ But Jehoiada grew old and was full of days, and he died; he was one hundred and thirty years old when he died.

And they buried him in the City of David among the kings, because he had done good in Israel, both toward Elohiym (God) and His house. [2 Chronicles 24:15-16]

✧ The people honored Jehoiada the Priest at his death because they had seen all the good he had done in Israel both toward Elohiym and to Beit Yahweh.

Apostasy of Joash [2 Chronicles 24:17-22]

✧ Now after the death of Jehoiada the leaders of Judah came and bowed down to the king. And the king listened to them. [2 Chronicles 24:17]

✧ Joash demonstrated he lacked strength of character because he did not continue in godliness, but was swayed by the evil will of the leaders of Judah and allowed them to return to idolatry, deliberately leaving Beit Yahweh even though Yahweh was faithful to send them prophets calling them to repentance.

✧ Zechariah son of Jehoiada the Priest moved by the Spirit of God, warned them that the path they had chosen cannot prosper, Because you have forsaken Yahweh, He has forsaken you.

✧ At the command of Joash the king they stoned Zechariah in the court of Beit Yahweh.

Death of Joash (2 Kings 12:19-21) [2 Chronicles 24:23-27]

✧ The wrath of Yahweh came quickly, in the spring of the year the army of Syria came to Jerusalem and destroyed all the leaders of Judah and sent the spoil to the king of Damascus.

✧ The invading Syrian force was small but Yahweh delivered the great army of Judah into their hand executing judgment against Joash.

✧ Joash was severely wounded, and when the Syrians withdrew, his own servants killed him on his bed because of the blood of the sons of Jehoiada the priest.

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