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**The Revival Through Joash**  
**2Chron. 23:1-21**

The reign of Joash marks the third of five revival and overs two chapters. 2Chron. 23:1-24:27

1. Joash the son of Ahaziah had been rescued by the daughter of king Jehoram, who was the wife of Jehoiada, Jehoshabeath, putting him and his nurse in a bedroom as, Athaliah slaughtered all her grandchildren of the royal seed. 2Chron. 22:1, 10-12
2. Jehoshabeath was not only the wife of Jehoiada the priest, but the sister of king Ahaziah. 2Chron. 22:11
3. Joash is the third king of Judah to experience revival bringing about reforms, the two previous ones were Asa and Jehoshaphat, two are left Hezekiah and Josiah. 2Chron. 14-16; 17-20; 23-24; 29-32; 34-35

The times of revival with reforms took place under five good kings, recorded in 36 chapters. 2Chron. 14-35

1. The reform of Asa. 2Chron. 14-16
  2. The reform of Jehoshaphat. 2Chron. 17-20
  3. The reform of Joash. 2Chron. 23-24
  4. The reform of Hezekiah. 2Chron. 29-32
  5. The reform of Josiah. 2Chron. 34-35
- \* Keep in mind that the key to each reform and renewal of revival was repentance and returning to obey the Word of God. 2Chron. 15:8, 9; 17:3, 4; 23:16-21; 24:1-6; 29:3-36; 30:1, 15, 16; 34:18-21

Remember the book of Second Chronicles gives us God's perspective of history past with emphasis on the line of David, the line of Judah, the kingdom remained divided till the destruction of Jerusalem. 2Chron. 1-36

We want to look at the concealment of young Joash till he could be placed on the throne of David, which unfolds in three movements. 2Chron. 23:1-21

- I. The plan to hide young Joash. vs. 1-7
  - II. The plan to secure the throne for young Joash. vs 8-15
  - III. The plan accomplished to enthrone young Joash. vs. 16-21
- I. **The plan to hide young Joash. vs. 1-7**  
\* The parallel passage. 2Kings 11:4-8
    - A. The preparations for the important task. vs. 1-2
      1. The leading person to protect Joash and depose Athaliah, "In the seventh year Jehoiada strengthened himself." vs. 1a
        - a. The king being only seven years old needs a someone to protect, Jehoiada the high priest guide and direct the throne of David till Joash was of age to rule.
        - b. The word strengthened "chazaq", means he encouraged himself to be courageous.
      2. The five names of the captains, "and made a covenant with the captains of hundreds: Azariah the son of Jeroham, Ishmael the son

of Jehohanan, Azariah the son of Obed, Maaseiah the son of Adaiah, and Elishaphat the son of Zichri.” vs. 1b-g

- a. The covenant was to secure the throne of David through the rightful heir, Joash.
  - b. The captains named are Cherethites.  
2Kings 11:2, 4; 1Chron. 18:17
3. The gathering of qualified and trusted men, “And they went throughout Judah and gathered the Levites from all the cities of Judah, and the chief fathers of Israel, and they came to Jerusalem.” vs. 2
    - a. This verse is unique of 2Chronicles, not found in 2Kings 11.
    - b. The Levites are gathered without doubt in great secrecy to come to Jerusalem to the temple, in view of Athaliah.
    - c. The Levites are given given a greater emphasis in the plan to protect the king.
- B.** The proclamation for the sure success of the task. vs. 3-7
1. The united agreement to secure the throne of David, “Then all the assembly made a covenant with the king in the house of God. And he said to them, “Behold, the king’s son shall reign, as the LORD has said of the sons of David.” vs. 3
    - a. The covenant was made in the temple.

- b. The covenant was a united agreement to obey the covenant God gave to David that his heir was to be on the throne.
  - c. This verse also is not found in 2Kings 11.
2. The particulars of the plan to protect young Joash. vs. 4-5
    - a. One third of the priest’s starting their course would guard the doors, “This is what you shall do: One-third of you entering on the Sabbath, of the priests and the Levites, shall be keeping watch over the doors.” vs. 4
      - \* The priests are now mentioned with the Levites who came at their scheduled service ordered by David, being security at the door of the temple.  
1Chron 24:4, 20
    - b. Two thirds would keep guard at two different locations, “one-third shall be at the king’s house; and one-third at the Gate of the Foundation. All the people shall be in the courts of the house of the LORD.” vs. 5
      - \* The two locations, the house of the king and the gate of the Foundation were secured within the courts of the Temple. 2Chron. 22:12; 2Kings 11:6
  3. The limited access to the temple, “But let no one come into the house of the LORD except the priests and those of the Levites who serve. They may go in, for they are

holy; but all the people shall keep the watch of the LORD.” vs. 6

- a. Only the priest and Levies serving were to have access to the temple, being holy or sanctified.
  - b. But every person was duty bound as a deligent watchman over the young king.
4. Any other person to aproach the king would be put to death, “And the Levites shall surround the king on all sides, every man with his weapons in his hand; and whoever comes into the house, let him be put to death. You are to be with the king when he comes in and when he goes out.” vs. 7
- a. A constant presence of armed Levites were to surround the king when he came in and out of the temple area.
  - b. Unauthrized individuals were to have their lives taken.

### Illustration

Jehoiada was a man of character like Nehemiah, who did not covet or desire anything for himself, as those merchandizing the people of God for their own benefit, “Moreover, from the time that I was appointed to be their **governor** in the land of Judah, from the twentieth year until the thirty-second year of King Artaxerxes, twelve years, neither I nor my brothers ate the **governor**’s provisions. But the former governors who were before me laid burdens on the people, and took from them bread and wine, besides

forty shekels of silver. Yes, even their servants bore rule over the people, but I did not do so, because of the fear of God.” Neh. 5:14-15

\* Power corrupts and absolute power corrupts absolutely!

### Application

1. When we are called by God to do something for Him we must seek out men and women of godly character like Jehoiada.

- a. Often men men declare they are called by God to the work they are doing, but the people they partnership with are not godly or scriptural.
- b. Some times men have their own interests in mind and do not care who they take advantage of or how they accomplish their goal.
- c. The test of a man or woman of God called to the work of God is that they are faithful to served others without becoming controlling coveteous and corrupted by the power they have. 1Tim. 3: Tit. 1

\* Peter puts it this way, “The **elders** who are among you I exhort, I who am a fellow elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that will be revealed: Shepherd the flock of God which is among you, serving as overseers, not by compulsion but willingly, not for dishonest gain but eagerly; nor as being lords over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock; and when the Chief Shepherd

appears, you will receive the crown of glory that does not fade away.” 1Pet. 5:1-4

2. The work of God will always be based on the word of God and faithfulness to Him alone.
  - a. Proclaiming only the person and name of Jesus, as the reigning King on the throne of David, not the Pastor, church or movement.
  - b. Committing ourselves to the protection of the truth taught in the Bible without compromise. Even to the point of death.
  - c. Trusting in Jesus for the strength, courage and wisdom for critical and daring opportune times.
    - \* “And Mordecai told them to answer Esther: “Do not think in your heart that you will escape in the king’s palace any more than all the other Jews. For if you remain completely silent at this **time**, relief and deliverance will arise for the Jews from another place, but you and your father’s house will perish. Yet who knows whether you have come to the kingdom for **such a time** as this?” Est. 4:13-14

*The plan to hide young Joash was daring!*

## II. The plan to secure the throne for young Joash. vs 8-15

- A. The plan to secure the throne of David was executed. vs. 8-11
  - \* The parallel passage. 2Kings 11:9-12

1. The faithful of the Levites, “So the Levites and all Judah did according to all that Jehoiada the priest commanded. And each man took his men who were to be on duty on the Sabbath, with those who were going off duty on the Sabbath; for Jehoiada the priest had not dismissed the divisions.” vs. 8
  - a. The Levites and all of Judah were united and obedient to Hehoiada’s command.
  - b. Both the priest on duty and off duty were not dismissed, Jehoiada had suspended their dismissal to go home after their lot.
2. The equipping of the captains to protect Joash, “And Jehoiada the priest gave to the captains of hundreds the spears and the large and small shields which had belonged to King David, that were in the temple of God.” vs. 9
  - a. Athaliah was a very dangerous and wicked woman that would kill anyone loyal to Joash.
  - b. David had stored weapons in the temple brought back from the spoils of war from the servants of Hadadezer. 2Sam. 8:7
3. The placing of the men in their strategic locations, “Then he set all the people, every man with his weapon in his hand, from the right side of the temple to the left side of the temple, along by the altar and by the temple, all around the king.” vs. 10

- a. Johoiada again knew the evil of Athaliah and her wicked influenc on the throne.
  - b. Johiada took no chances, securing the entire areas for six years.
4. The enthronement of Joash as king, “And they brought out the king’s son, put the crown on him, gave him the Testimony, and made him king. Then Jehoiada and his sons anointed him, and said, “Long live the king!” vs. 11
- a. The perfect time arrived to crown Joash.
  - b. The enthronement was executed by Jehoiadah and his sons without envy anointing and proclaiming Joash King. Deut. 17:18-19
- B.** The plan to overthrew Athaliah from the throne of David resulted in being executed. vs. 12-15  
\* The parallel passage. 2Kings 11:13-16
1. The festivities in the temple drew Athaliah curiosity, “Now when Athaliah heard the noise of the people running and praising the king, she came to the people in the temple of the LORD.” vs. 12
- a. Athaliah sought to see why people were running and giving praise, what happy festivity was going on?
  - b. She knew the people were not happy over her rulinng over Judah.
2. The shock of Athaliah seeing Joash. vs. 13

- a. Her eyes caught the king enthroned, “When she looked, there was the king standing by his pillar at the entrance; and the leaders and the trumpeters were by the king.” vs. 13a-c  
\* Jachin and Boaz. 1Kings 7:21
  - b. Her eyes witnessed a celebration of joy, “All the people of the land were rejoicing and blowing trumpets, also the singers with musical instruments, and those who led in praise.” vs 13d-f
  - c. Her reaction revealed her evil heart, “So Athaliah tore her clothes and said, “Treason! Treason!”” vs. 13g-i
3. The command and execution of Athaliah, “And Jehoiada the priest brought out the captains of hundreds who were set over the army, and said to them, “Take her outside under guard, and slay with the sword whoever follows her.” For the priest had said, “Do not kill her in the house of the LORD. So they seized her; and she went by way of the entrance of the Horse Gate into the king’s house, and they killed her there.” vs. 14-15
- a. Honoring the sanctity of the temple!
  - b. Athaliah was the Granddaughter of Ethbaal king of the Sidonians, daughter of Ahab and Jezebel. 1Kings 16:31
  - c. Jezebel her mother trampled by horses, the dogs ate her, leaving only her head,

feet and palms of her hands, Athaliah kill with the sword. 1Kings 21:23; 2Kings 9:30-36

### **Illustration**

“Then King David said to **Ornan**, “No, but I will surely buy it for the full price, for I will not take what is yours for the LORD, nor offer burnt offerings with that which costs me nothing.” 1Chron. 21:24

### **Application**

**1.** If you are going to be committed to live and serve the Lord Jesus, it is going to cost you in life.

- a. Being consistent to study the word of God.
- b. Being consistent to obey the word of God.
- c. Being consistent to be the church by gathering yourself with the people of God.
- d. Being consistent to be last, not first.
- e. Being consistent to remind yourself you serve the Lord, not man.
- f. Being consistent to not envy or exalt yourself over those not consistent in all these things.

\* Jesus said, “So likewise you, when you have done all those things which you are commanded, say, ‘We are **unprofitable** servants. We have done what was our duty to do.’” Lk. 17:10

**2.** Remember how we lived for ourselves when we did not know Jesus.

- a. We partied all night, at time till the morning, wasting away our money and health on alcohol, drugs and sexual promiscuity.
- b. We got into our hobbies and spent all our time working on our cars, camping, going offroading on the week-end or to the Colorado River.
- c. We understand that there is nothing wrong with any of these things now that we are Christians, but our priorities have changed, we used to live for ourselves, now we live for Christ.

\* Jesus said, “For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. The lamp of the body is the eye. If therefore your eye is good, your whole body will be full of light. But if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in you is darkness, how great is that darkness! No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.” Matt. 6:21-24

***The plan to secure the throne for young Joash was demanding!***

### **III. The plan accomplished to enthrone young Joash. vs. 16-21**

\* The parallel passage. 2Kings 11:17-20

**A.** The worship of Baal was removed. vs. 16-17

1. The recommittment to the covenant God Yahweh, “Then Jehoiada made a covenant between himself, the people, and the king, that they should be the LORD’S people.” vs. 16
  - a. The name of Jehoiada “Y@howyada”, mean Yahweh knows.
    - 1) He is a man of character, knowing God knew his heart, as High Priest.
    - 2) He is a strong leader, the person God chose to secure the throng of David without a divided heart.
    - 3) His name is mentioned eight times in this chapter.
  - b. The word covenant indicated an alliance or pledge between those responsible and accountable to keep the agreement, in this case Jehoiada, the people and king.
    - 1) The word covenant “b@riyth” means to cut or cutting.
    - 2) The usual practice was the cutting of an animal into two and the parties would walk between the two pieces binding themselves to the covenant. Gen. 15:10; Jer. 34:18
2. The renewed covenant demanded the removal of the idol temple. vs. 17
  - a. The people destroyed the temple of Baal, “And all the people went to the temple of Baal, and tore it down.” vs. 17a

- b. The people destroyed the worship altar, “They broke in pieces its altars and images.” vs. 17b
  - c. The people destroyed the priest of Baal, “and killed Mattan the priest of Baal before the altars.” vs. 17c  
\* The duty of all Jews. Deut. 13:5-10
- B.** The worship of Yahweh was revived. vs. 18-19
1. The temple was returned to its proper order. vs. 18
    - a. Faithful Jehoiadah re-established the order of David, “Also Jehoiada appointed the oversight of the house of the LORD to the hand of the priests, the Levites, whom David had assigned in the house of the LORD.” vs. 18a-c  
\* The people of God experience revival, their love and worship of God revived! 1Chron. 15-16; 23-27
    - b. Loyal Jehoiadah re-establish sacrifices after the order of David, “to offer the burnt offerings of the LORD, as it is written in the Law of Moses, with rejoicing and with singing, as it was established by David.” vs. 18d-g
      - 1) The people of God dedicated their lives to God again by the revival to the word of God.

- 2) The joy and singing to the LORD were from their hearts, after the manner ordered by David.
2. The oversight of holiness of the temple was put in place, “And he set the gatekeepers at the gates of the house of the LORD, so that no one who was in any way unclean should enter.” vs. 19
- a. Vigilant watchers were revived to guard against the wrath of God.
  - b. A revived awareness of the holiness of God was understood.
- C. The revived worship of Yahweh led to the enthronement of Joash. vs. 20-21
1. The placing of Joash on the throne officially. vs. 20
- a. The entire nation of Judah was involved, “Then he took the captains of hundreds, the nobles, the governors of the people, and all the people of the land, and brought the king down from the house of the LORD.” vs. 20a-e
  - b. The route the people took, “and they went through the Upper Gate to the king’s house, and set the king on the throne of the kingdom.” vs. 20f-g
2. The celebration and summary statement, “So all the people of the land rejoiced; and the city was quiet, for they had slain Athaliah with the sword.” vs. 21

- a. All the people rejoiced due to the permanent removal of evil, Athaliah.
  - b. All the people rejoiced by their revived and renewed commitment to God.
3. This incredible revival God brought in the days of Joash, sadly would turn to apostasy.
- a. Joash would be influenced by the leaders of Judah after the death of Jehoiada and turn to idolatry and when the son of Jehoiada, Zechariah called them out telling they could not prosper, therefore God had forsaken them because they forsook the LORD. 2Chron. 24:19-22
  - b. King Asa remember in the midst of revival also trusted in Syria instead of the Lord and was rebuked by the prophet Hanani, saying he had done foolishly since God had delivered him from the Ethiopians and Lubin, so he put him in prison, refused to repent and died a painful horrible death. 2Chron. 16:1-14
  - c. Jehoshaphat also compromised during revival and married off his son to Athaliah, the daughter of Ahab and Jezabel and joined with wicked Ahab in battle against Syria and the prophet Macaiah prophecied the defeat and. 2Chron. 18
    - 1) When Jehoshaphat returned to Jerusalem the prophet of God accused him of his sin, “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? Therefore the wrath of the LORD is upon you.” 2Chron. 19:2

- 2) But when Jehoshaphat was invaded by three nations he called on God and God gave him the victory. 2Chron. 20

### Illustration

“This is an **evil** in all that is done under the sun: that one thing happens to all. Truly the hearts of the sons of **men** are full of **evil**; madness is in their hearts while they live, and after that they go to the dead.” Eccl. 9:3

### Application

1. Everything that was and is an affront to God in our lives must be removed.

- a. The things that defiled and corrupted our minds, hearts and bodies.
- b. The things that made us slaves, alcohol, drugs, sex or even food.
- c. The destructive pursuits to obtain whatever we desired or lusted after at any expense to others or ourselves.
- d. The mindset that we do not need God, that we can do anything if we put our minds to it.
  - \* “If God puts no trust in His saints, And the heavens are not pure in His sight, How much less man, who is abominable and

filthy, Who **drinks** iniquity like water!” Job 15:15-16

2. Revival is for the people of God, not the unbeliever.
  - a. Awakening from complacency.
  - b. Awakening from compromise.
  - c. Awakening from indifference.
  - d. Awakening from living in sin.
    - 1) “Turn away my eyes from looking at worthless things, And **revive** me in Your way.” Ps. 119:37
    - 2) “Behold, I long for Your precepts; **Revive** me in Your righteousness.” Ps. 119:40
    - 3) “**Revive** me according to Your lovingkindness, So that I may keep the testimony of Your mouth.” Ps. 119:88
    - 4) “I am afflicted very much; **Revive** me, O LORD, according to Your word.” Ps 119:107
    - 5) “Hear my voice according to Your lovingkindness; O LORD, **revive** me according to Your justice.” Ps. 119:149
    - 6) “Plead my cause and redeem me; **Revive** me according to Your word.” Ps. 119:154
    - 7) “Great are Your tender mercies, O LORD; **Revive** me according to Your judgments.” Ps. 119:156
    - 8) “**Revive** me, O LORD, for Your name’s sake! For Your righteousness’ sake bring my soul out of trouble.” Ps. 143:11
    - 9) “For thus says the High and Lofty One Who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy: “I

dwell in the high and holy place, With him who has a contrite and humble spirit, To **revive** the spirit of the humble, And to **revive** the heart of the contrite ones.” Is. 57:15

**3.** The ultimate evidence of a spiritually awakened and revived people is their worship of God from their hearts.

- a.** The result of being filled with the Spirit of God is, “speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, **singing** and making melody in your heart to the Lord.” Eph. 5:19\* s
- b.** The result of being full of the Word, “Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, **singing** with grace in your hearts to the Lord.” Col. 3:16

***The plan accomplished to enthrone young Joash was exhilarating!***

The record of the concealment of young Joash till he could be placed on the throne of David unfolded in three movements.

- I.** The plan to hide young Joash was daring!
- II.** The plan to secure the throne for young Joash was demanding!
- III.** The plan accomplished to enthrone young Joash was exhilarating!