

2 Kings 11

Swift Judgment on Evil

- **Cleaning House:** Judgment on Idolatry
 1. **North:** Ahab's 70 sons killed/remnant wiped out as prophesied
 2. **South:** King Ahaziah and 42 Brothers killed

2 Kings 10:36 ... Jehu reigned over Israel [North] **twenty-eight years.** [and died]

Focus on Southern Kingdom of Judah

I. Athaliah Reigns in Judah

1 When Athaliah the mother of Ahaziah saw that her son [Ahaziah] was dead, she arose and destroyed all the royal heirs.

- **Athaliah:**
 1. Mother of deceased King Ahaziah of South
 2. Daughter of Ahab/Jezebel in North

Jehoshaphat King of South gave his son Jehoram to Ahab/Jezebel's daughter...**Athaliah took the evil of Jezebel down with her to the Southern Kingdom**

- Jehoshaphat's little compromise had disastrous consequences down the road
 1. Athaliah's son Ahaziah and his 42 of his brothers killed by Jehu
 2. Athaliah now tries to destroy any other heirs to the throne

Kills her own grandchildren/great-grandchildren?

Attempting to wipe out the line of David that would lead to the Messiah

- Take-Home: Compromising today will lead to disastrous consequences tomorrow
 1. **That little fling:** Pregnancy, divorce, wrecked kids, shame

Proverbs 23:27 Can a man take fire to his bosom, and his clothes not be burned? **28** Can one walk on hot coals, and his feet not be seared?

2. **That little look:** Loss of dignity, marriage, kids respect. Feeling dirty all time

Proverbs 6:25 Do not lust after [a harlot's] beauty in your heart, Nor let her allure you with her eyelids.**26** For by means of a harlot A man is reduced to a **crust of bread...**

3. **That little drink:** Loss of job, family, relationship with Lord

Proverbs 23:21 For the drunkard and the glutton will come to poverty...

4. **That little anger flareup:** Loss of life, friends...tell it like it is?

Proverbs 22:24 Make no friendship with an angry man, And with a furious man do not go,

Proverbs 21:19 Better to dwell in the wilderness, Then with a contentious and angry

woman.

Proverbs 29:22 An angry man stirs up strife, And a furious man abounds in transgression.

5. That little selfish thing you had **felt you deserved at the time...**

Galatians 6:7 Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. 8 For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap **corruption**, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life.

Numbers 32:23b... be sure your sin will find you out.

- **Jehoshaphat:** Never imagined consequences of giving his son to Ahab/Jezebel's daughter

We must consider the latter consequences of our selfishness

- We learn by considering our path and where it leads...

Proverbs 14:15 The simple believes every word, But the prudent considers well his steps.

- We learn by observing paths of others and the result
 1. What to do
 2. What not to do

Proverbs 24:31 [Laziness] And there it was [his garden], all overgrown with thorns; Its surface was covered with nettles; Its stone wall was broken down. 32 **When I saw it, I considered it well; I looked on it and received instruction**

- **Instructions here?** Don't do that
- **Actions have consequences...**Jehoshaphat's little misstep...

His daughter in law Athaliah killing her own grandchildren/great-grandchildren?
Attempting to wipe out the entire line of David that would lead to the Messiah

- **Why?** Later.

2 But Jehosheba, the daughter of King Joram, sister of Ahaziah, took Joash the son of Ahaziah, and stole him away from among the king's sons who were being murdered; and they hid him and his nurse in the bedroom, from Athaliah, so that he was not killed. 3 So he was hidden with her in the house of the Lord for six years, while Athaliah reigned over the land.

- **Jehosheba:** Ahaziah's sister
 1. Sister of Jehoiada the Priest [later]
 2. Takes one of the grandsons named **Joash**
 3. Hides him and his nurse from Athaliah...in a bedroom
 4. Josephus: "Where spare furniture and mattresses were stored"

Meanwhile...Grandma Athaliah reigns over Southern Kingdom of Judah for **Six Years**

SUMMARY Athaliah Reigns in Judah

II. Joash Revealed as King of Judah

4 In the seventh year **Jehoiada** sent and brought the captains of hundreds—of the bodyguards and the escorts—and brought them into the house of the Lord to him.

- **Jehoiada the Priest bring key people to Temple**

1. Military guys
2. Escorts: Runners
3. Body guards

4b... And [Jehoiada] made a covenant with them and took an oath from them in the house of the Lord, and **showed them the king's son.**

Surprise! We have a king!

- Swear allegiance to new king before God

5 Then [Jehoiada the Priest] commanded them, saying, "This is what you shall do: One-third of you who come on duty on the Sabbath shall be **keeping watch over the king's house**, 6 one-third shall be at the gate of Sur, and one-third at the gate behind the escorts. You shall keep the watch of the house, lest it be broken down. 7 The two contingents of you who go off duty on the Sabbath shall keep the watch of the house of the Lord for the king. 8 But you shall surround the king on all sides, every man with his weapons in his hand; and whoever comes within range, let him be put to death. You are to be with the king as he goes out and as he comes in."

- **Jehoiada's protection:**

1. Surround the King
2. Anyone who comes near...kill
3. Joash goes nowhere without protection
4. **2 Chron 23:** Calls all Levites... God Guys called. Bringing God into picture
5. **Common people also participate...**

2 Chronicles 23: 5b...All the people shall be in the courts of the house of the Lord. 6 But let no one come into the house of the Lord except the priests and (H)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. 7 And the Levites shall surround the king on all sides

- **Coup on Sabbath:** Guards change shifts now able to have 2 groups in Temple

9 So the captains of the hundreds did according to all that Jehoiada the priest commanded. Each of them took his men who were to be on duty on the Sabbath, with those who were going off duty on the Sabbath, and came to Jehoiada the priest.

- **Jehoiada the Priest calling shots:** Allowing God to lead

Joshua 3

- Moses hands mantle to Joshua
- People ready to cross Jordan
- Priests bore the ark on shoulders
- Joshua commands priest to go into water first

Joshua 3:15b...and the feet of the priests who bore the ark **dipped in the edge** of the water (for the Jordan overflows all its banks during the whole time of harvest), 16 that the waters which came down from upstream stood still, and rose in a heap... So the waters that went down into...the Salt Sea failed, and were cut off; and the people crossed over opposite Jericho. 17 Then the priests who bore the ark of the covenant of the Lord **stood firm on dry ground** in the midst of the Jordan; and all Israel crossed over on dry ground, until all the people had crossed completely over the Jordan.

- **Priests led the way...and stand firm**

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| 1. Not strongest | Soldiers |
| 2. Not most talented | Runners |
| 3. Not most intimidating | Body guards |

- Those that **stand firm** on Word lead way...pushing bulldozer of Political Correctness
- NOTE: Sometimes musicians would lead people into battle with Praise

Here, Priest receiving instruction from God leads the way...prepares the people

10 And the priest gave the captains of hundreds the spears and shields which *had belonged* to King David, that were **in the temple of the Lord.**

- **Preparing for inevitable: Suit up!**

1. New Leaders must be able to deal with conflict
2. New Leaders need are immediately tested...

2 Samuel 5:17 Now when the Philistines **heard that they had anointed David king** over Israel, all the Philistines **went up to search for David.** And David heard of it and went down to the stronghold.

- When God is beginning a work, the enemy begins to move
- Devil seeks to **immediately devour** what God begins

Though Gates of Hades will not prevail against us...we still must prepare for battle

11 Then the escorts stood, every man with his weapons in his hand, all around the king, from the right side of the temple to the left side of the temple, by the altar and the house.

- Surround the King

12 And [Jehoiada the priest] **brought out the king's son,** put the crown on

him, and gave him the Testimony...

Coronation of King Joash of Judah

- **Surprise** 6-Year-old boy brought out to amazement of all
 1. Crown placed on his head
 2. **Given Testimony:** Deut. 17
 - Not to multiply horses
 - Not to go back to Egypt
 - Not to multiply wives
 - Not to multiply silver/gold *for himself*

- **King is given the Testimony:** Witness that God is in this...

Deuteronomy 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. 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, 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."

- Jehoiada give Joash his charge from God: Beginning of long relationship

12b... they **made him king and anointed him**, and they clapped their hands and said, "Long live the king!"

Awesome Time in Judah

- **Time for a change**
 1. Evil Athaliah, Joash's grandmother has been reigning 6 years
 2. Judah desperately desiring godly Leadership

- **Made Joash King**
 1. Anointed him with oil
 2. Clapped their hands
 3. Long Live the King! Top of their lungs

SUMMARY Joash Revealed as King of Judah

III. Death of Athaliah

13 Now when Athaliah heard the noise of the escorts and the people, she came to the people in the **temple of the Lord.**

- **Athaliah:** Hears uproar, Storms into the temple of Lord

2 Chronicles 23:12 [She] heard the noise of the people running and praising the king, she came to the people in the temple of the Lord.

14 When she looked, there was the king standing by a pillar according to custom; and the leaders and the trumpeters were by the king. All the people of the land were rejoicing and blowing trumpets.

- **King standing in place where kings stand...**

1. All people rejoicing
2. Trumpets Playing

14b... So Athaliah tore her clothes and cried out, "Treason! Treason!"

- **Tore clothes:** Jewish symbol of great distress
- **Treason! Treason!** He is illegitimate!

Really? How did you come to power? Killed all grandchildren; true heirs to Throne.
In God's Providence you missed one...True King

15 And Jehoiada the priest commanded the captains of the hundreds, the officers of 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 let her be killed in the house of the Lord." 16 So they seized her; and she went by **way of the horses' entrance** into the king's house, and there she was killed.

- Evil removed and replaced...

One reason Athaliah was able to reign for six years was that no one knew any alternative. Many people live under the reign of Satan because they don't really know there is a legitimate king ready to take reign in their life. [Guzik]

- Killed her in the chariot garage of the king's house
- Quick work of an Evil Woman

God desires justice to be administered by a government quickly as a deterrent

Capital punishment in the state of Washington was abolished on October 11, 2018 when the state Supreme Court ruled it was unconstitutional as applied.

- No deterrent to evil...

Ecclesiastes 8:11 Because the sentence against an evil work is not executed speedily, therefore the heart of the sons of men is **fully set in them to do evil.**

- God desires quick work with regard to executing judgment evil...
- Saul spared Agag the murderer. Samuel showed Saul what was to be done...

1 Samuel 15:31 So Samuel turned back after Saul, and Saul worshiped the Lord. 32 Then Samuel said, "Bring Agag king of the Amalekites here to me." So Agag came to him cautiously. And Agag said, "Surely the bitterness of death is past." 33 But Samuel said, "As your sword has made women childless, so shall your mother be childless among women." **And Samuel hacked Agag in pieces before the Lord in Gilgal.**

- Penalty for rebellious teenagers in OT: Death by stoning

Deuteronomy 21:18 "If a man has a stubborn and rebellious son who will not obey the voice of his father or the voice of his mother, and who, when they have chastened him, will not heed them, 19 then his father and his mother shall take hold of him and bring him out to the elders of his city, to the gate of his city. 20 And they shall say to the elders of his city, 'This son of ours is stubborn and rebellious; he will not obey our voice; he is a glutton and a drunkard.' 21 Then all the men of his city shall stone him to death with stones; so you shall put away the evil from among you, and all Israel shall hear and fear."

Law reflected Mercy not Cruelty: i.e. Not a lot of rebellion after the first stoning

- **Ten Commandments:** Do not kill? I.e. do not murder the innocent
- Capital Punishment officially instituted by God in **Genesis 9**

Genesis 9:6 "Whoever sheds man's blood, By man his blood shall be shed; For in the image of God He made man. [Period.]

- Execute Athaliah...

17 Then Jehoiada made a covenant between the Lord, the king, and the people, that they should be the Lord's people, and also between the king and the people.

- **Jehoiada the Priest:** Makes 3-way covenant; agreement; Lord/King/People
 1. **Israel:** You are the Lord's people first
 2. **Jehoiada:** You are to represent the Lord to the people but...
 3. Don't forget...**They are the Lord's People first**

**Spiritual Leaders...Don't forget that the people you lead belong to God.
Don't mess with the Bride.**

18 And all the people of the land **went to the temple of Baal**, and tore it down. They thoroughly broke in pieces its altars and images, and killed Mattan the priest of Baal before the altars. And the priest appointed officers over the house of the Lord.

2 Chronicles 24:7 For the sons of Athaliah, that wicked woman, had broken into the house of God, and had also presented all the dedicated things of the house of the Lord to the Baals.

Temple of Baal destroyed By Jehu in the Northern Kingdom
Why is there even a Temple of Baal in Jerusalem?
Why is there a Shrine to Satan in the Illinois Statehouse

Satanic Sculpture Installed At Illinois Statehouse, Just In Time For The Holidays
December 4, 2018 In the Illinois Capitol rotunda this month, several traditions are being celebrated. There's a Nativity scene for Christmas, a menorah for Hanukkah, and then something a little different: an arm holding an apple, with a snake coiled around it. It's a gift from the Chicago branch of The Satanic Temple. Called "Snaketivity," the work also has a sign that reads "Knowledge Is The Greatest Gift." Nearby stands a sign in which the state

offers a civics lesson — and explains it didn't have much of a choice: "The State of Illinois is required by the First Amendment of the United States Constitution to allow temporary, public displays in the state capitol so long as these displays are not paid for by taxpayer dollars. Because the first floor of the Capitol Rotunda is a public place, state officials cannot legally censor the content of speech or displays. The United States Supreme Court has held that public officials may legally impose reasonable time, place and manner restrictions regarding displays and speeches, but no regulation can be based on the content of the speech."

- **Jehoiada the Priest's influence in view:** Good Leader
 1. People *voluntarily* storm temple of Baal; false-religions, cults, occult
 2. Kill Baal's top guy...quickly. No conversation. No quarter with evil.
 3. **Bust it up completely:** Altars, pornographic images, Pillars of Baal

Changing Hearts and Minds...not Laws

- **For us:** Busting up means removing false-foundation with the **Word**
- **For us:** Busting up also means building up those who were deceived

Install Godly leadership back into Temple...Take out bad/Replace with good

19 Then [Jehoiada] took the captains of hundreds, the bodyguards, the escorts, and all the people of the land; and they **brought the king down** from the house of the Lord, and **went by way of the gate** of the escorts to the **king's house**. Then **he sat on the throne of the kings**.

- The King is where he belongs: Exemplified/Magnified when Jesus reigns on earth...

Luke 1:32 He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give Him the **throne of His father David**.

- **Millennial Kingdom: Jesus reigns from Jerusalem**
 1. Great/Glorious time for humanity
 2. When a godly king ruled people rejoice

Proverbs 29:2 When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice; But when a wicked man rules, the people groan.

20 So all the **people of the land rejoiced**; and the **city was quiet**, for they had slain Athaliah with the sword in the king's house.

2 Chronicles 23:18 [Read] Also Jehoiada [the priest] 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, 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. 19 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.

- **Athaliah's death led to good things**

1. People rejoiced/City was quiet
2. Jehoiada: New thing going on in Jerusalem...
 - Appointed godly men over Temple of Lord
 - Reinstated Burnt Offerings to the Lord
 - Selected Gatekeepers to guard House of the Lord

...20 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; and they went through the Upper Gate to the king's house, and **set the king on the throne of the kingdom.**

21 Jehoash [Joash] was **seven years old** when he became king. [Reigned 40 Years]