

# II Chronicles 21-23 – 11 December 2025

## “The Bold Defeat Of Sin”

### Introduction

\*Today we see Judah’s 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> kings & also a queen

\*Judah’s 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> kings Asa & Jehoshaphat were known as good kings

\*Today we take a subtle slide into sin’s takeover of the Kingdom of Judah

\*But also within these 3 chapters we’ll see the bold actions that are needed to eradicate sin’s influence

**Today, we look at 3 steps in the process of sin’s coming and going**

**#1 – Jehoram: The Infiltration of sin by the selfish one (Chap 21)**

Read Vs 21:1-3

1. Jehoram will be absolutely wicked

- a. We can't depend on our family for righteousness, we each have a choice to make
- 2. Notice he was chosen by human expectation rather than by divine selection
  - a. God often chooses the unexpected, younger or weak things to confound the wise
  - b. Read Rom 9:10-12 – Seek God's will not just expectation

Read Vs 4-6

- 1. The great sins of Ahab & Jezebel from the north have officially infiltrated the nation of Judah
  - a. His wife was Athaliah, daughter of Jezebel
  - b. Josephus says it was her the pushed Jehoram to murder his brothers at his ascension
- 2. Many orgs, families & churches have fallen b/c of marrying unbelievers & idolaters
- 3. The marriage made sense politically, maybe economically, but it was fatal spiritually to so many people

## Read Vs 7

1. This doesn't speak of David's greatness, but of God's great unwavering faithfulness
2. Even in the face of the great evil of man, God will keep His promises
  - a. Some blame Israel today of demonic evils
  - b. Nothing can thwart God's plan to bring them back to His land and save them in the end

## Read Vs 8-11

1. Jehoram & his evil wife Athaliah made Judah commit spiritual adultery
2. Why is Judah's loss to Edom in battle even mentioned?
  - a. Jehoshaphat outnumbered 3 nations to 1 gained divine victory by being aligned w/ God
  - b. Yet here Jehoram loses & small Edom becomes a big problem
  - c. Our obedience to God blesses us way more than we even can see or imagine

3. Even Libnah, a Judaic city revolted
  - a. Libnah was 1 of 48 Levitical cities
  - b. Maybe they revolted to serve Yahweh

Read Vs 12-15

1. When you get a letter from the prophet, it's a bad day
  - a. When it's from Elijah, you'd better repent in dust and ashes
2. Defeat, disease, despair & even death are the natural results of living outside of God's will

Read Vs 16-20

1. Now this son Jehoahaz, we'll read his name from now on as the nickname Ahaziah
  - a. Like Anthony is shortened to Tony or Jonathan is shortened to Nathan
2. For the man who, by the flesh, set out to protect his reign by killing his brothers, he ends by losing all his sons, but 1 by God's grace
  - a. *He that seeks to save his life, shall lose it, but he that loses his life for God's sake, shall find it*

## #2 – Athaliah: The Infestation of sin by the sinful one (Chap 22)

Read Vs 22:1-4

1. He listened to the wicked people around him
  - a. This is what brings the downfall
2. It's not that he listened to a woman; but that he listened to a wicked woman
  - a. He chose to listen to mother's idolatrous side of the family, instead of siding w/ the godly

Read Vs 5-9

1. As Ahaziah is helping his uncle, King Jehoram of Israel, only 1 year into his reign, he will be ended
2. Jehu is God's instrument to bring justice to Ahab's family up in Israel
  - a. Ahaziah from Judah just gets mixed up in the judgment b/c of mixing with the wrong crowd
  - b. Jehu will end up being Israel's next king

3. Notice in vs 8 that Ahaziah's kinsmen or extended family are all slain
  - a. He already lost the rest of his family earlier

Read Vs 10-12

1. Athaliah, the Queen Mum steals the throne for 6 years while everyone thinks there's no sons
2. What courage & faith in God in Jehoshabeath!
  - a. Want to hide from evildoers, go to church!
  - b. She watched her brothers all get killed by her King father Jehoram
  - c. Now she takes her nephew, the only seed of the king left, and hides him for 6 years
  - d. What a duo this faithful priest Jehoiada and wife Jehoshabeath!

### **#3 – Jehoiada: The Incineration of sin by the selfless one (Chap 23)**

Read Vs 23:1-7

1. After 6 years of preparing the public return to God's way, Jehoiada strengthens himself for action
  - a. This is complete rebellion against the rulers

- b. This is done to follow God's clear direction  
(vs 3)
- 2. There's much preparation from the man to the people to the weapons they readied for defense
  - a. Notice he planned this during the weekly sabbath shift-change of the priests & Levites
  - b. Twice the amount of them there at the time

Read Vs 8-11

- 1. Many a man would revolt to make himself king, even within Jewish history, but this is to make "God's Choice" the king
- 2. This is life & death commitment to returning the nation to God's good path
- 3. Let's start by rebelling against the sin in our life, & in the realms of authority that we already have

Read Vs 12-13

- 1. Treason is an *unlawful* alliance
- 2. Many false accusations will try God's people

- a. It's treason against her, not against God
- b. Ahab said of Elijah, 'you're the one troubling Israel', yet it wasn't Elijah but Ahab
3. To rebel against ungodliness is good – we need rebels

Read Vs 14-15

1. She's a proven mass murderer, this was just

Read Vs 16-17

1. This public covenant was real b/c it was words AND corresponding actions
2. Is there someone in our life that we need to call back into covenant with God?
  - a. What about ourselves? Do we need to make public changes?

Read Vs 18-21

1. So Jehoiada becomes the Caretaker Ruler
2. Notice he only used his rule to do things that he already knew that God wanted – keep it simple



3. Prosperity and holiness should be very simple & understandable

## Conclusion

So, are there signs of sin's subtle takeover showing up in your life?

1. **Has there been an infiltration of sin by selfish ones...for selfish or lustful reasons?**
  - a. Sin often comes in as “harmless fun on the side”
  - b. Sin often comes in, not by us, but by our closest associates
2. **Has there been an infestation of sin by sinful ones?**
  - a. Once sin gain areas of control, it begins to take more and more
  - b. Sin will never settle for a small role in life
3. **If so, there needs to be an incineration of sin by selfless ones**
  - a. Are you ready to go God's way no matter the cost?