

2 Kings 12:1-21 **Jehoash (Joash) King of Judah 40 years**

Jehoash Repairs the Temple(2 Chron 24:1-14)

1 In the seventh year of Jehu, Jehoash became king, and he reigned forty years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Zibiah of Beersheba.

2 Jehoash did what was right in the sight of the Lord all the days in which Jehoiada the priest instructed him.

3 But the high places were not taken away; the people still sacrificed and burned incense on the high places.

4 And Jehoash said to the priests, "All the money of the dedicated gifts that are brought into the house of the Lord — each man's census money, each man's assessment money — and all the money that a man purposes in his heart to bring into the house of the Lord, **5** let the priests take it themselves, each from his constituency; and let them repair the damages of the temple, wherever any dilapidation is found."

6 Now it was so, by the twenty-third year of King Jehoash, that the priests had not repaired the damages of the temple. **7** So King Jehoash called Jehoiada the priest and the other priests, and said to them, "Why have you not repaired the damages of the temple? Now therefore, do not take more money from your constituency, but deliver it for repairing the damages of the temple." **8** And the priests agreed that they would neither receive more money from the people, nor repair the damages of the temple.

9 Then Jehoiada the priest took a chest, bored a hole in its lid, and set it beside the altar, on the right side as one comes into the house of the Lord; and the priests who kept the door put there all the money brought into the house of the Lord. **10** So it was, whenever they saw that there was much money in the chest, that the king's scribe and the high priest came up and put it in bags, and counted the money that was found in the house of the Lord.

11 Then they gave the money, which had been apportioned, into the hands of those who did the work, who had the oversight of the house of the Lord; and they paid it out to the carpenters and builders who worked on the house of the Lord, **12** and to masons and stonecutters, and for buying timber and hewn stone, to repair the damage of the house of the Lord, and for all that was paid out to repair the temple.

13 However there were not made for the house of the Lord basins of silver, trimmers, sprinkling-bowls, trumpets, any articles of gold or articles of silver, from the money brought into the house of the Lord. **14** But they gave that to the workmen, and they repaired the house of the Lord with it.

15 Moreover they did not require an account from the men into whose hand they delivered the money to be paid to workmen, for they dealt faithfully.

16 The money from the trespass offerings and the money from the sin offerings was not brought into the house of the Lord. It belonged to the priests.

Hazael Threatens Jerusalem

17 Hazael king of Syria went up and fought against Gath, and took it; then Hazael set his face to go up to Jerusalem.

18 And Jehoash king of Judah took all the sacred things that his fathers, Jehoshaphat and Jehoram and Ahaziah, kings of Judah, had dedicated, and his own sacred things, and all the gold found in the treasuries of the house of the Lord and in the king's house, and sent them to Hazael king of Syria. Then he went away from Jerusalem.

Death of Joash(2 Chron 24:23-27)

19 Now the rest of the acts of Joash, and all that he did, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?

20 And his servants arose and formed a conspiracy, and killed Joash in the house of the Millo, which goes down to Silla. 21 For Jozachar the son of Shimeath and Jehozabad the son of Shomer, his servants, struck him. So he died, and they buried him with his fathers in the City of David. Then Amaziah his son reigned in his place.

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Facts Revealed:

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- 2 **Jehoash did what was right in the sight of the Lord all the days in which Jehoiada the priest instructed him.**
- 3 But the high places were not taken away; the people still sacrificed and burned incense on the high places. [2 Kings 12:1-3]
 - ✧ As an infant Jehoash had been rescued from death by Jehosheba the wife of Jehoiada the Priest. [2 Kings 11:1-3, 2 Chronicles 22:11]
 - ✧ Jehoash was raised in the House of Yahweh by the family of the Priest and made king of Judah at age 7 by Jehoiada the Priest who had raised him and instructed him in Godliness. [2 Kings 11:4-12, 2 Chronicles 23:1-11]
 - ✧ It is surprising that the high places were not taken away and true worship of Yahweh reestablished while the Priest had such authority in the kingdom since worship on the high places was a pagan practice in idol worship and condemned by Yahweh. [Leviticus 26:30, Numbers 33:50-54, Deuteronomy 12:2, 33:29]
- ✧ When Jehoash was grown to manhood Jehoiada the priest took two wives for him and he had sons and daughters. [2 Chronicles 24:3] Afterward Jehoash set his heart to repair the House of Yahweh. [2 Chronicles 24:4]
 - ✧ The House of Yahweh was in disrepair because 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. [2 Chronicles 24:7]
 - ✧ And Jehoash said to the priests, "All the money of the dedicated gifts that are brought into the house of the Lord — each man's census money, each man's assessment money — and all the money that a man purposes in his heart to bring into the house of the Lord, let the priests take it themselves, each from his constituency; and let them repair the damages of the temple, wherever any dilapidation is found." [2 Kings 12:4-5, 2 Chronicles 24:5]
 - ✧ In the 23rd year of his reign, when Jehoash was 30 years of age, the priests had failed to repair the dilapidation of the Temple, so he called Jehoiada the Priest, and said: "Why have you not repaired the damages of the temple? Now therefore, do not take more money from your constituency, but deliver it for repairing the damages of the temple." And the priests agreed that they would neither receive more money from the people, nor repair the damages of the temple. [2 Kings 12:6-8]

- ✧ Jehoiada took a chest, bored a hole in its lid and set it on the right side of the altar where the priests put all the money brought into the House of Yahweh. [2 Kings 12:9, 2 Chronicles 24:8-11]
- ✧ The king's scribe and the High Priest kept account of the money and put it into bags. [2 Kings 12:10]
- ✧ The money was given to faithful men who had oversight over the workmen who did the work of repair, and they paid the carpenters, builders, masons, stonecutters, and for supplies to repair the Temple. [2 Kings 12:11-12, 14-15]
- ✧ The money was used for repairs to the Temple, not for articles of gold and silver. [2 Kings 12:13-14]
- ✧ It is interesting to see that the workmen were more honorable with money than the priests.
- ✧ The money from the trespass offerings and the money from the sin offerings was not brought into the house of the Lord. It belonged to the priests. [2 Kings 12:16]
- ✧ The priests had their own source of money from the tithes and offerings of the Lord, as Yahweh had said to Aaron, "You shall have no inheritance in their land, nor shall you have any portion among them; **I am your portion and your inheritance** among the children of Israel." [Numbers 18:8-20]

Hazael Threatens Jerusalem [2 Kings 12:17-18]

- ✧ When Hazael king of Syria took Gath and turned toward Jerusalem, Jehoash king of Judah turned to bribery instead of trusting in Yahweh, so he gave Hazael all the gold and sacred things dedicated by his father Ahaziah, his grand-father Jehoram, and his great grand-father Jehoshaphat, and himself as well as all the gold found in the treasuries of the Temple and the palace, so Hazael was satisfied and went away from Jerusalem. [2 Kings 12:17-18]
- ✧ Trusting in our own resources is expensive, when Yahweh is able and ready to act on our behalf as seen by the faith of Hezekiah. [2 Kings 19:14-20]
- ✧ After the death of Jehoiada the Priest at age 130, Jehoash king of Judah listened to the people and forsook Yahweh God of their fathers and turned to idolatry until wrath came upon Judah and Jerusalem. Yahweh sent them prophets to turn them back, but they would not listen. [2 Chronicles 24:15-22]

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