

The Tragic Life of Joash

2 Chronicles 24



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2 Chronicles 22:10–11 (ESV)

10 Now when Athaliah the mother of Ahaziah saw that her son was dead, she arose and destroyed all the royal family of the house of Judah. **11** But Jehoshabeath, the daughter of the king, took Joash the son of Ahaziah and stole him away from among the king's sons who were about to be put to death, and she put him and his nurse in a bedroom. Thus Jehoshabeath, the daughter of King Jehoram and wife of Jehoiada the priest, because she was a sister of Ahaziah, hid him from Athaliah, so that she did not put him to death.



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2 Chronicles 22:12 (ESV)

12 And he remained with them six years, hidden in the house of God, while Athaliah reigned over the land.



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2 Chronicles 23:1–11 (ESV)

1 But in the seventh year Jehoiada took courage and entered into a covenant with the commanders of hundreds ... **2** And they went about through Judah and gathered the Levites from all the cities of Judah, and the heads of fathers' houses of Israel, and they came to Jerusalem. **3** And all the assembly made a covenant with the king in the house of God. And Jehoiada said to them, "Behold, the king's son! Let him reign, as the LORD spoke concerning the sons of David. ... **11** Then they brought out the king's son and put the crown on him and gave him the testimony. And they proclaimed him king, and Jehoiada and his sons anointed him, and they said, "Long live the king."



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2 Chronicles 23:16–18 (ESV)

16 And Jehoiada made a covenant between himself and all the people and the king that they should be the LORD's people. **17** Then all the people went to the house of Baal and tore it down; his altars and his images they broke in pieces, and they killed Mattan the priest of Baal before the altars. **18** And Jehoiada posted watchmen for the house of the LORD under the direction of the Levitical priests and the Levites whom David had organized to be in charge of the house of the LORD, to offer burnt offerings to the LORD, as it is written in the Law of Moses, with rejoicing and with singing, according to the order of David.



2 Chronicles 24:1–3 (ESV)

1 Joash was seven years old when he began to reign, and he reigned forty years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Zibiah of Beersheba. **2** And Joash did what was right in the eyes of the LORD all the days of Jehoiada the priest. **3** Jehoiada got for him two wives, and he had sons and daughters.



2 Chronicles 24:4–7 (ESV)

4 After this Joash decided to restore the house of the LORD.
5 And 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 the house of your God from year to year, and see that you act quickly.” But the Levites did not act quickly. **6** So the king summoned Jehoiada the chief and said to him, “Why have you not required the Levites to bring in from Judah and Jerusalem the tax levied by Moses, the servant of the LORD, and the congregation of Israel for the tent of testimony?” **7** For the sons of Athaliah, that wicked woman, had broken into the house of God, and had also used all the dedicated things of the house of the LORD for the Baals.



2 Chronicles 24:8–12 (ESV)

8 So the king commanded, and they made a chest and set it outside the gate of the house of the LORD. **9** And proclamation was made throughout Judah and Jerusalem to bring in for the LORD the tax that Moses the servant of God laid on Israel in the wilderness. **10** And all the princes and all the people rejoiced and brought their tax and dropped it into the chest until they had finished.



2 Chronicles 24:8–12 (ESV)

11 And whenever the chest was brought to the king's officers by the Levites, when they saw that there was much money in it, the king's secretary and the officer of the chief priest would come and empty the chest and take it and return it to its place. Thus they did day after day, and collected money in abundance. **12**

And the king and Jehoiada gave it to those who had charge of the work of the house of the LORD, and they hired masons and carpenters to restore the house of the LORD, and also workers in iron and bronze to repair the house of the LORD.



2 Chronicles 24:13–14 (ESV)

13 So those who were engaged in the work labored, and the repairing went forward in their hands, and they restored the house of God to its proper condition and strengthened it. **14** And when they had finished, they brought the rest of the money before the king and Jehoiada, and with it were made utensils for the house of the LORD, both for the service and for the burnt offerings, and dishes for incense and vessels of gold and silver. And they offered burnt offerings in the house of the LORD regularly all the days of Jehoiada.



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2 Chronicles 24:15–16 (ESV)

15 But Jehoiada grew old and full of days, and died. He was 130 years old at his death. **16** And they buried him in the city of David among the kings, because he had done good in Israel, and toward God and his house.



2 Chronicles 24:17–19 (ESV)

17 Now after the death of Jehoiada the princes of Judah came and paid homage to the king. Then the king listened to them. **18** And they abandoned the house of the LORD, the God of their fathers, and served the Asherim and the idols. And wrath came upon Judah and Jerusalem for this guilt of theirs. **19** Yet he sent prophets among them to bring them back to the LORD. These testified against them, but they would not pay attention.



2 Chronicles 24:20–22 (ESV)

20 Then the Spirit of God clothed Zechariah the son of Jehoiada the priest, and he stood above the people, and said to them, “Thus says God, ‘Why do you break the commandments of the LORD, so that you cannot prosper? Because you have forsaken the LORD, he has forsaken you.’ ” **21** But they conspired against him, and by command of the king they stoned him with stones in the court of the house of the LORD. **22** Thus Joash the king did not remember the kindness that Jehoiada, Zechariah’s father, had shown him, but killed his son. And when he was dying, he said, “May the LORD see and avenge!”



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2 Chronicles 24:23–24 (ESV)

23 At the end of the year the army of the Syrians came up against Joash. They came to Judah and Jerusalem and destroyed all the princes of the people from among the people and sent all their spoil to the king of Damascus. **24** Though the army of the Syrians had come with few men, the LORD delivered into their hand a very great army, because Judah had forsaken the LORD, the God of their fathers. Thus they executed judgment on Joash.



2 Kings 12:17–18 (ESV)

17 At that time Hazael king of Syria went up and fought against Gath and took it. But when Hazael set his face to go up against Jerusalem, **18** Jehoash king of Judah took all the sacred gifts that Jehoshaphat and Jehoram and Ahaziah his fathers, the kings of Judah, had dedicated, and his own sacred gifts, and all the gold that was found in the treasuries of the house of the LORD and of the king's house, and sent these to Hazael king of Syria. Then Hazael went away from Jerusalem.





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2 Chronicles 24:25 (ESV)

25 When they had departed from him, leaving him severely wounded, his servants conspired against him because of the blood of the son 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.



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Acts 7:59–60 (ESV)

59 And as they were stoning Stephen, he called out, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” **60** And falling to his knees he cried out with a loud voice, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” And when he had said this, he fell asleep.



Luke 23:33–34 (ESV)

33 And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified him, and the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. **34** And Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.” And they cast lots to divide his garments.



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