

## Lesson 17

Joash [Jehoash] Reigns Over Judah  
( 2 Kings 11:1 – 12:21; 2 Chronicles 22:10 – 24:27 )

### Questions

1. How was Joash saved from Athaliah's destruction of the royal seed (2 K. 11:1-3; 2 Chron. 22:10-12)?
2. What plan did Jehoiada the priest make to keep Joash safe (2 K. 11:4-8; 2 Chron. 23:1-7)?
3. Who was crowned king in place of Athaliah who had been reigning over Judah (2 K. 11:9-12; 2 Chron. 23:8-11)?
4. Who cried, "Treason!, treason!", and what was done with this person (2 K. 11:13-16; 2 Chron. 23:12-15)?
5. What covenant and reforms did Jehoiada make with the people of Judah (2 K. 11:17-20)?
6. How long did Jehoash reign, what kind of king was he, and how many wives did he have (2 K. 12:1-3; 2 Chron. 24:1-3)?
7. What repairs did Jehoash want to make that were not getting made and why were these repairs necessary (2 K. 12:4-8; 2 Chron. 24:4-7)?
8. What did Jehoiada and the king do to get the repairs done (2 K. 12:9-16; 2 Chron. 24:8-14)?

9. What did Jehoash do after the death of Jehoiada that was wrong (2 Chron. 24:15-19)?
10. What happened to Zechariah the son of Jehoiada and why (2 Chron. 24:20-22)?
11. How did Jehoash get Hazael king of Syria to turn away from Jerusalem and why did Hazael come against Jerusalem (2 K. 12:17-18; 2 Chron. 24:23-24)?
12. How did Jehoash die (2 K. 12:19-21; 2 Chron. 24:25-27)?

### **Digging Deeper**

1. What are the approximate dates for Joash's reign over Judah (2 K. 11:1 – 12:21)?
2. Which "minor" prophet, thought by some Bible scholars to have ministered during the reign of Joash (c. 835 B.C.), was told to blow the "trumpet in Zion" and proclaim judgment against Judah?
3. Who were the "Carites" (2 K. 11:4)?
4. What was "the testimony" (2 K. 11:12; 2 Chron. 23:11)?
5. Where in 1 Chronicles had David given the order to the priests and Levites (2 Chron. 23:18)?
6. What OT scripture speaks of the money that is being collected in 2 Kings 12:4? Where in the NT is this money being collected?

7. Where in the NT did Jesus reference the death of Zechariah (2 Chron. 24:20-22)?

### **Applications for Today**

1. Stand up for the weak. Fight for those who cannot fight for themselves. Get involved and rescue the perishing (2 Chron. 22:10-12; Prov. 24:11-12).
2. Sometimes you have to strengthen yourself to fight against all that is wrong and defend all that is right (2 Chron. 23:1; Eph. 3:16; 6:10)
3. A ruler will be successful who rules with God's law in his heart and mind (2 K. 11:12; Deut. 11:18; Psa. 119:11; Prov. 4:4; Col. 3:16).
4. There are times when it is necessary to remind ourselves that we are to be the Lord's people. There are times when we must recommit to the Lord, reform what is wrong, and follow his law (2 K. 11:17-18; 23:1-3; 2 Chron. 15:12-14; Josh. 24:15).
5. When God's law is followed, there is joy and peace (2 K. 11:20; 2 Chron. 23:21; Psa. 19:8; 119:111; Jer. 15:16).
6. When the Lord's work is not getting done, don't just ignore it, give it to someone who is able and willing to get it done (2 K. 12:4-16; Ex. 18:21; 1 Chron. 9:13; 26:8).
7. Be faithful to the Lord even when your close, spiritual influences are no longer with you (2 Chron. 24:2, 17; Phil. 2:12).
8. Don't listen to people who are going to take you away from the Lord (2 Chron. 24:15-18; 2 Chron. 22:3-4; Ezra 4:5; Prov. 12:20).
9. When you leave the Lord, he still tries to bring you back to himself (2 Chron. 24:19; Jer. 7:25-26; Acts 8:20-24; Gal. 6:1; Jas. 5:19-20).
10. Speak the truth even if it costs you your life (2 Chron. 24:20-22; Psa. 15:2; Acts 26:24; Eph. 4:15).
11. When we forsake the Lord, he forsakes us (2 Chron. 24:20; Josh. 24:20; 1 Chron. 28:9).
12. Don't forget the good people who have cared for you in life (2 Chron. 24:22; Gen. 40:23; Judges 8:34).
13. The Lord will look and require (hold accountable) all who do wrong (2 Chron. 24:22; Gen. 9:5; Psa. 10:4, 13).