

Good Start - HIDEOUS Finish ~ 2 Chronicles 23-24

→Scripture Reading - 2 Chron 23:1, 11, 24:1-2, 15-16

Jehoiada ACTING King ~ 2 Chronicles 23:1-21

¹ In the seventh year of Athaliah's reign, Jehoiada the priest decided to act. He summoned his courage and made a pact with five army commanders: Azariah son of Jeroham, Ishmael son of Jehohanan, Azariah son of Obed, Maaseiah son of Adaiah, and Elishaphat son of Zicri. ² These men traveled secretly throughout Judah and summoned the Levites and clan leaders in all the towns to come to Jerusalem. ³ They all gathered at the Temple of God, where they made a solemn pact with Joash, the young king. Jehoiada said to them, "Here is the king's son! The time has come for him to reign! The LORD has Promised that a descendant of David will be our king.

2 Samuel 7:16 (NIV) Your house and your kingdom will endure FOREVER before ME; your Throne will be Established FOREVER.

¹¹ Then Jehoiada and his sons brought out Joash, the king's son, placed the Crown on his head, and presented him with a copy of God's laws. They anointed him and proclaimed him king, and everyone shouted, "Long live the king!"

¹⁶ Then Jehoiada made a COVENANT between himself and the king and the people that they would BE the LORD's people. ¹⁷ And all the people went over to the temple of Baal and tore it down. They demolished the altars and smashed the idols, and they killed Mattan the priest of Baal in front of the altars. ¹⁸ Jehoiada now put the priests and Levites in charge of the Temple of the LORD, following all the directions given by David. He also commanded them to present burnt offerings to the LORD, as prescribed by the Law of Moses, and to sing and rejoice as David had instructed. ¹⁹ He also stationed gatekeepers at the gates of the LORD's Temple to keep out those who for any reason were ceremonially unclean. ²⁰ Then the commanders, nobles, rulers, and ALL the people of the land escorted the king from the Temple of the LORD. They went through the upper gate and into the palace, and they seated the king on the royal throne. ²¹ So ALL the people of the land rejoiced, and the city was peaceful because Athaliah had been killed.

IMPLICATION

³ ...Jehoiada said to them, "Here is the king's son! The time has come for him to reign! The LORD has PROMISED that a Descendant of David WILL be our king.

Luke 1:67-70 (NLT) Then his father, Zechariah, was FILLED with the Holy Spirit and gave this prophecy: ⁶⁸ "Praise the Lord, the God of Israel, because He has visited and Redeemed His people. ⁶⁹ He has sent us a mighty Savior from the royal line of His servant David, ⁷⁰ just as He promised through His holy prophets long ago...

General Promise - promise for ALL believers in Every age

1 John 1:9 (NIV) If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins...

Specific Promise- promise made to Specific Individuals on Specific Occasions

Luke 2:35 (NIV) ...And a sword will pierce your own soul too."

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- are often **CONDITIONAL**
- are given to us to help us **Submit to His will** and to **Trust Him**
Heb. 13:5 (NIV) Keep your lives free from the LOVE of money and be CONTENT with what you have, because God has said, "NEVER will I leave you; NEVER will I forsake you."
- **WILL BE** Fulfilled in our lives even if we don't know WHEN, WHERE, or HOW
Philip. 1:6 (NLT) And I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns.

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Rom. 5:12 (NLT) When Adam sinned, sin entered the world. Adam's sin brought death, so death spread to everyone, for everyone sinned.

Rom 8:1 (NIV) Therefore, there is now **NO Condemnation** for those who are **IN** Christ Jesus...

No condemnation now hangs over the head of those who are **IN** Christ Jesus (JBP)

Rom. 6:23 (ESV) For the **wages of sin** is DEATH, **-but-** the **free gift** of God is ETERNAL LIFE **IN** Christ Jesus our Lord.

God PROMISES His Presence and His Help

John 16:33 (ESV) I have said these things to you, that **in ME** you may **have peace**. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world."

Lamentations 3:21–23 (NLT) **Yet I still dare to hope** when I remember this: ²² The FAITHFUL love of the LORD **never ends!** His MERCIES **never cease**. ²³ Great is His faithfulness; **His mercies begin afresh each morning**.

TRAGIC End to Joash's Reign ~ 2 Chronicles 24:1-27

¹ Joash was seven years old when he became king, and he reigned in Jerusalem forty years. His mother was Zibiah from Beersheba. ² Joash did what was pleasing in the LORD's sight throughout the lifetime of Jehoiada the priest.

³ Jehoiada chose two wives for Joash, and he had sons and daughters. ⁴ At one point Joash decided to REPAIR and RESTORE the Temple of the LORD. ⁵ He summoned the priests and Levites and gave them these instructions: "Go to all the towns of Judah and collect the required annual offerings, so that we can repair the Temple of your God. Do not delay!" But the Levites did not act immediately. ⁶ So the king called for Jehoiada the high priest and asked him, "Why haven't you demanded that the Levites go out and collect the Temple taxes..."

⁷ Over the years the followers of wicked Athaliah had BROKEN INTO the Temple of God, and they had used all the dedicated things from the Temple of the LORD to worship the images of Baal. ⁸ So now the king ordered a chest to be made and set outside the gate leading to the Temple of the LORD. ⁹ Then a proclamation was sent throughout Judah and Jerusalem, telling the people to bring to the LORD the tax that Moses, the servant of God, had required of the Israelites in the wilderness. ¹⁰ This pleased all the leaders and the people, and they gladly brought their money and filled the chest with it.

¹³ ...They Restored the Temple of God according to its original design and strengthened it.

¹⁵ Jehoiada lived to a very old age, finally dying at 130. ¹⁶ He was buried among the kings in the City of David, because he had done so much GOOD in Israel for GOD and His TEMPLE. ¹⁷ But AFTER Jehoiada's death, the leaders of Judah came and bowed before King Joash and persuaded him to listen to their advice. ¹⁸ They decided to ABANDON the Temple of the LORD, ...Because of this sin, Divine anger fell on Judah and Jerusalem. ¹⁹ Yet the LORD sent prophets...

²⁰ Then the Spirit of God came upon Zechariah son of Jehoiada the priest. He stood before the people and said, "This is what God says: Why do you disobey the LORD's commands and keep yourselves from prospering? You have abandoned the LORD, and NOW He has abandoned you!"

²⁵ ...Then he was buried in the City of David, but NOT in the royal cemetery.

TAKE AWAY ??

² And Joash did what was right in the eyes of the LORD ALL the days of Jehoiada the priest. (ESV)

Joshua 24:14–15 (NIV) Now fear the LORD and serve Him with ALL faithfulness. Throw away the gods your forefathers worshiped beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. ¹⁵ But if serving the LORD seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your forefathers served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, WE will serve the LORD."

Judges 2:8, 10 (NIV) Joshua son of Nun, the servant of the LORD, died at the age of a hundred and ten... ¹⁰ After that whole generation had been gathered to their fathers, another generation grew up, who knew NEITHER the LORD nor what HE had done for Israel.

Romans 12:1–2 (NIV) ...I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—this is your spiritual act of worship. ² Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.