2 Chronicles 23:1, **11** (NLT)

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...

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!"

2 Chronicles 24:1–2 (NLT)

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.

2 Chronicles 24:15–16 (NLT)

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.

Good Start – HIDEOUS Finish

1 Chronicles 23-24

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

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."

God's PROMISES...

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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.

The Greatest Promises of God

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)

Romans 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.

^{24:2} 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.