

God's Faithfulness Through a Hidden Child: The Rise of Joash

After years of darkness and spiritual compromise under Athaliah's reign, God's promise to David was still alive—quietly, secretly, but securely. Joash, the one surviving son of Ahaziah, had been hidden away for years in the temple. He was only seven years old when the time came for him to step into the destiny God had preserved for him.

The priest Jehoiada, who had protected and raised Joash, finally acted. He gathered the captains, commanders, and leaders of Judah. With boldness and wisdom, he reminded them of God's covenant: *"The Lord promised that a descendant of David would always sit on the throne. Athaliah is not of David's line—she's a usurper."*

Jehoiada laid out a plan for protection. He organized the military into three groups—some to guard the palace gates, others to be stationed in the temple, and others to protect Joash directly. Then, in a moment filled with emotion and national renewal, they crowned this young boy king. The people shouted: *"Long live the king!"* They rejoiced—not just because a new king had been crowned, but because God's covenant had been honored, and a descendant of David was back on the throne.

Personal Application:

Even when it looks like evil has won, God is still in control. For years, Athaliah ruled with cruelty and idolatry, and it seemed like God's promise to David had been wiped out. But God always keeps a remnant. Even in the darkest seasons of your life, He's preserving something—someone. You might feel hidden, forgotten, or overwhelmed, but you are not lost to God. He knows how to protect what's His and raise it up at just the right time.

When Athaliah heard the commotion, she rushed to the temple and saw Joash with the crown. In shock and fury, she screamed, *"Treason! Treason!"* But Jehoiada remained calm. He ordered the guards to escort her out of the temple and have her executed outside. Her reign of terror ended that day, and God's chosen king began his rule.

But let's not forget—Joash was only a child. Though he wore the crown, the real spiritual leadership came from Jehoiada the priest, who mentored and guided him. With Jehoiada's influence, a revival began. Baal worship was dismantled. The people tore down the idols, destroyed the altars, and executed the false priests. They returned to the temple of the Lord and renewed their covenant with God.

"Jehoiada made a covenant between himself, the people, and the king that they would be the LORD's people." – 2 Chronicles 23:16

Personal Application:

We all need godly mentors. Even kings need spiritual guidance. Joash flourished while Jehoiada was alive. In the same way, who are the Jehoiadas in your life—those godly people who help keep you anchored in the Lord? And just as important: who are you mentoring? Whose faith are you helping to shape and strengthen? God's design is generational. Faith is meant to be passed down through relationship and example.

14-Bible Reading Study Notes

2nd Chronicles Chapter 23

This chapter is also a reminder that revival starts when we renew our commitment to be the Lord's people. It's not just about tearing down what's wrong—it's about rebuilding what's right. The people didn't stop with removing Baal worship; they restored the temple, reinstated the priesthood, and brought offerings for the work of God.

Personal Application:

What part of your spiritual life needs to be rebuilt? Are there altars to false gods—compromises, distractions, sins—that need to be torn down? Is God calling you back to worship, to His Word, to a life that reflects His holiness and goodness? Revival doesn't begin with a crowd—it begins in the heart. Today, renew your covenant with God: *"Lord, I will be Yours."*