

Lesson 18 2 Kings 11 - 13:9 Davidic Line Preserved

This lesson begins with Athaliah, the mother of Ahaziah. She was the wife of the eighth King of Judah and reigned as queen from ~841-835 BC. Athaliah was the daughter of King Ahab and Jezebel of Israel and granddaughter of Omri. She was married to King Jehoram (AKA Joram) of Judah in order to strengthen the alliance between the two countries. After Jehoram died, her son Ahaziah, her youngest and only surviving son, became king. Ahaziah reigned only one year when he was killed in the military coup of Jehu. This is where 2 Kings 11 begins.

1. Read 2 Kings 11:1-3 and footnotes. Share any helpful footnotes.

Read 2 Chronicles 22:11 here:

But Jehosheba, a daughter of the king, took Joash, Ahaziah's son, and spirited him away from among the king's sons who were about to be slain, and put him and his nurse in a bedroom. In this way Jehosheba, the daughter of King Jehoram, a sister of Ahaziah **and wife of Jehoiada the priest**, concealed the child from Athaliah, so that she did not put him to death.

a. How does Athaliah react to the death of her son?

b. Who is Jehosheba, and what is she doing in these verses?

(See 2 Chronicles 22 above in *addition* to 2 Kings 11)

2. Read 2 Kings 11:4-12 and footnotes share any helpful footnotes.

a. The priest Jehoiada reveals that the king's son is alive.

What steps does he take to secure his safety in 11:4?

b. What additional steps does he take in 11:5-8?

c. What "gifts" does Jehoiada give the captains of the guards?

d. How is the king's son declared king? (describe the ceremony)

3. Read 2 Kings 11:13-20 and footnotes. Share your footnotes.

a. How does Athaliah, the new king's grandmother, react to the news that the true heir to the king is alive and has been anointed king of Judah?

b. What happens to Athaliah?

c. What steps do the priest, Jehoiada, and the people take in the following verses?

2 Kings 11:17

2 Kings 11:18

2 Kings 11:19-20

d. Finally the name of the king is revealed. What is his name?

4. Read 2 Kings 12:1-5. Share any footnotes.

- a. What do we learn about Joash, the king, in these verses?**
- b. Compare translations for 12:4-5 in your group.**
- c. What is the king asking the Temple priests to do? (2 Kings 12:1-5)**

5. Read 2 Kings 12:6-12.

- a. How many years passed before the king noticed that the priests were not repairing the Temple?**
- b. In verses 12:9-11, what remedy did the king come up with to ensure that the Temple would indeed receive the required repairs?**

6. Read 2 Kings 12:13-20 and footnotes.

- a. What portion of the collections were given for the personal use of the priests?**
- b. King Hazael of Aram is at war again. How did King Joash of Judah prevent Jerusalem from being attacked? (See 12:18)**
- c. How did King Joash die? Compare translations of 12:20-21.**

7. Read 2 Kings 13:1-9 and footnotes. Share any footnotes.

(This chapter begins halfway through the reign of King Joash of Judah, whose death was reported in the previous chapter, 2 Kings 12.)

- a. Who is king of Israel at this point in time?**
- b. Is he a good king or a bad king?**
- c. Who does the LORD use to punish Israel?**
- d. In 13:4-5, the King of Israel prays to the LORD for mercy. How does the LORD respond?**
- e. What evidence is presented that the people of Israel *did not* repent of their sins? (See 2 Kings 13:6)**
- f. What was the condition of Israel's army at the time of King Jehoahaz of Israel's death?**
- g. Who succeeded Jehoahaz on the throne?**