

## **JOASH, SEVENTH KING OF JUDAH**

### **2 Kings 11:17 – 12:21, 2 Chronicles 23:16 – 24:27**

With the wicked reigns of Jehoram, Ahaziah and Athaliah the usurper at an end, the kingdom of Judah had opportunity once more to serve the living and true God. Read to see how the king and the people availed themselves of this opportunity.

**A. The Early Reign of Joash:** Read 2 Kings 11:17 –12:3, 2 Chronicles 23:16 – 24:3

1. Notice that Jehoiada the priest ruled for Joash at first. What did he cause the people and the king to promise at the very beginning of Joash's reign? 2 Kings 11:17

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2. Therefore, what did they do to the altars, images and priest of Baal? 2 Kings 11:18

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3. How did the people of the land feel about this change in government? 2 Kings 11:20

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4. Who was king in Israel when Joash began to reign? 2 Kings 12:1a

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5. How long did Joash reign? 2 Kings 12:1b

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6. What kind of king was he at first? 2 Kings 12:2a

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7. Notice one bad thing the people continued to do: 2 Kings 12:3

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**B. Joash and the Temple:** Read 2 Chronicles 24:4-16, 2 Kings 12:4-

1. What two things had wicked Athaliah's sons done? 2 Chronicles 24:7

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b. \_\_\_\_\_

2. Therefore, what did Joash want to do? 2 Chronicles 24:4

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3. What did he tell the priests and Levites to do, to make this possible? 2 Chronicles 24:5

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4. What was the priests' first reaction to this command? 2 Chronicles 24:5b, 6

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5. Therefore, what did the king do next? 2 Chronicles 24:8-9

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6. What was the result of this? 2 Chronicles 24:10-11

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7. What three kinds of workers did they hire with this money? 2 Chronicles 24:12

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8. When all this was finished, what did they do with the rest of the money?  
2 Chronicles 24:14b

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9. How long did they continue the worship of the Lord in the temple? 2  
Chronicles 24:14b

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**C. The Later Reign of Joash:** Read 2 Chronicles 24:17-27, 2 Kings 12:17-21

1. What did they do after this? 2 Chronicles 24:18a

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2. Who influenced the king to permit this? 2 Chronicles 24:17

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3. What did this bring upon Judah? 2 Chronicles 24:18b

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4. Whom did God send to try to help them? 2 Chronicles 24:19

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5. What did they do to Jehoiada's son when he brought God's message to them? 2  
Chronicles 24:21

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6. Therefore, what did God let a few Syrians do to them? 2 Chronicles 24:24,23

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7. What did Joash give them to keep them from capturing Jerusalem? 2 Kings 12:18

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8. What happened to Joash after this? 2 Chronicles 24:25

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**QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT;**

1. Why did Joash so quickly turn away from God? Exodus 23:2, Ephesians 5:11

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2. Am I easily influenced by my friends? Or have I learned to depend upon God alone for  
guidance, and to stay true to Him regardless of what others say?

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