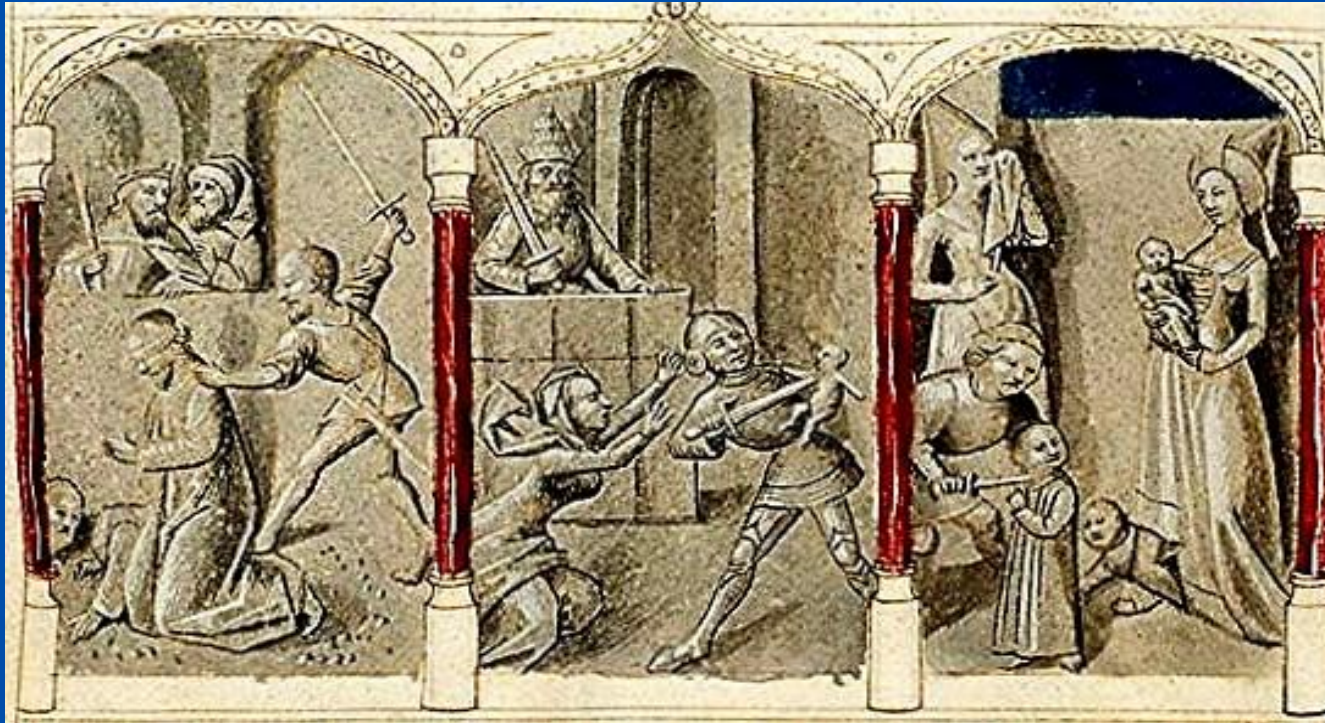


ATHALIAH TAKES THE THRONE



- 2nd Kings 12 is the story of King Joash of Judah
- He was the sole survivor of the House of David
- Athaliah's son *Achazyah* was assassinated by Jehu
- Athaliah, a Ba'al worshipper, wanted to end the Davidic dynasty
- She killed every male descendant of David and *Achav* to pave her way to the throne of Judah



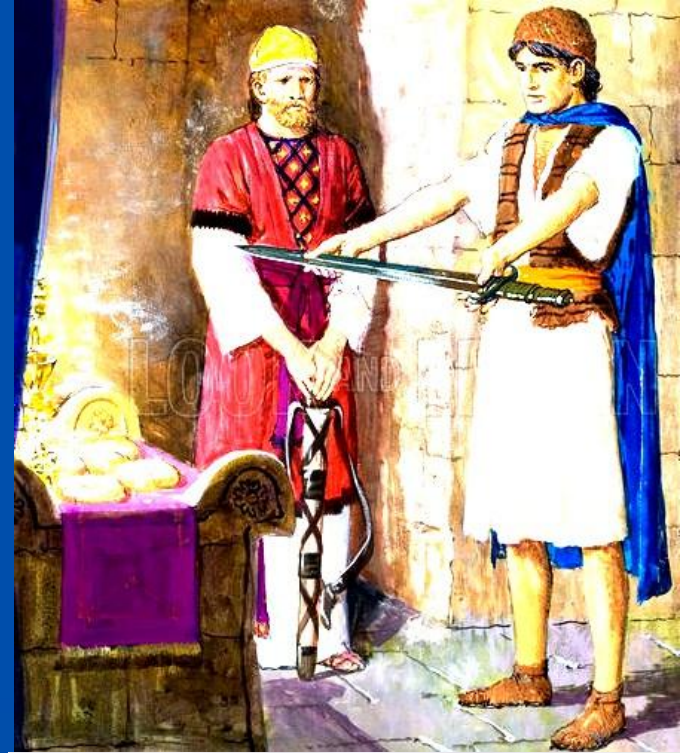
JOASH RESCUED BY HIS AUNT

- Joash's aunt married to High Priest
- They hid *Yo'ash* in the Temple complex for 6 years and raised him among the Levites and Priests
- *Y'ho'yada* made the tough choice to replace an illegitimate queen with a 7 year old boy, who was a legitimate descendant of David
- *Kal V'homer* = light and heavy
- Making difficult choices, finding the least bad among them
- We are fallen creatures in a corrupted world, so God's ideals are often unattainable in this present life and world



2ND KINGS 12

- Joash crowned king at 7 years old
- In the same year that Jehu had ruled for 7 years
- “Coincidence” of 7’s, divine
- Joash’s mother Tzivyah, a Judahite from Beer Sheva
- **Yo’ash** did right in God’s eyes as long as **Y’ho’yada** was alive
- However.....Joash allowed the High Places to remain operable
- Upon **Y’ho’yada’s** death, Joash made a turn for the bad



DANGER

**FALSE
DOCTRINES**



- It is a mistake to abolish false doctrines without affirming what is right, true, and holy
- To replace a false doctrine with a slightly better one accomplishes little
- Jehu ended Ba'al worship, but replaced it with the Golden Calf cult
- Calf images were of YHWH, but that doesn't make it OK
- Joash allowed private family altars to YHWH to remain in Judah

Y'HO'YADAH: THE POWER BEHIND THE THRONE



- 2nd Chronicles 24
- A 7 year old wasn't making decisions
- Joash was a figurehead for many years as he got on-the-job training
- Until *Y'ho'yada* died at 130 years old, he guided Joash towards God's will
- Joash noticed that the Temple was in disrepair and wanted it fixed
- Temple was 150 years old

3 SOURCES FOR TEMPLE REPAIR FUNDS

- 1) From “those who pass through”
- This is the ½ shekel tax
- Exodus 30:13
- 2) “Money from personal evaluation”
- A table of values that provides the standard for giving for vow offerings
- Leviticus 27:1 – 8
- 3) “Money that comes from a man’s heart”
- Voluntary offerings, no set amount

KING JOASH ORDERS A NEW SYSTEM FOR COLLECTING MONEY

- In his 23rd year (30 yrs. Old) Joash ran out of patience at lack of progress
- As Priests stationed around the Temple collected funds, they brought them to a collection box
- NOT coins; just gold and silver
- Money was turned over to the Temple repair overseers, who did NOT have to account for the use of the funds
- ***Asham*** and ***Hata'at*** offerings could go to the Priests for their support



JOASH PAYS TRIBUTE TO HAZA'EL



- Haza'el King of Syria (Aram) sets his sites on Judah and Israel
- He invaded from the north through Israel, captured Gath, and then headed for *Yerushalayim*
- *Y'ho'yada* was dead, Joash was on his own, and he decided to appease Haza'el rather than fight
- He looted the Temple treasury and paid off Haza'el with tribute so that he could remain King of Judah

JOASH KILLS ZECHARIAH



- 2nd Chronicles 24 says that upon the High Priest's death, leaders of Judah begged Joash to abandon YHWH and worship Ba'al
- *Y'ho'yada's* son Zechariah warned the people what would happen if they did this
- King Joash had Zechariah stoned to death

KING JOASH IS ASSASSINATED

- Because of King Joash's turn to Ba'al worship, the Lord opened the floodgates of punishment
- Haza'el now marched on Israel and Judah without God's restraint upon them
- Because of his poor leadership and turn from YHWH, Joash's own royal court murdered him
- His son *Amatzyah* become the new King of Judah

