

~JEHOASH 1 (584) **(Je-ho'ash)**

- King of Judah for 40 years, from **898 to 859 B.C.E.** He was the youngest son of Judah's King Ahaziah, his mother was Zibiah from Beer-sheba.
- In the seventh year of Jehu, **Jehoash** became king, and for forty years he reigned in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Zibiah from Beer-sheba. (**2 Kings 12:1**)
- Jehoram his son, Ahaziah his son, **Jehoash** his son. (**1 Chronicles 3:11**)
- In the **Masoretic** text his name is often abbreviated to **Joash**.
- The death of Ahaziah gave Athaliah, the wicked grandmother of **Jehoash**, an excuse to make herself queen. But to prevent anyone in the future from challenging her seizure of the throne, she killed off all the sons of Ahaziah with the exception of young **Jehoash**, who at the time was an infant less than a year old.
- He escaped the massacre because his aunt Jehosheba, the wife of High Priest Jehoiada, took him and his nurse and secretly hid them in the temple for six years.
- Now as regards Athaliah the mother of Ahaziah, she saw that her son had died. So she rose up and destroyed all the offspring of the kingdom. (**2 Kings 11:1**)
- However, Jehosheba the daughter of King Jehoram, the sister of Ahaziah, took **Jehoash** the son of Ahaziah and stole him from among the sons of the king that were to be put to death, even him and his nursing woman, into the inner room for the couches, and they kept him concealed from the face of Athaliah, and he was not put to death. (**2 Kings 11:2**)
- And he continued with her at the house of Yehowah in hiding for six years, while Athaliah was reigning over the land. (**2 Kings 11:3**)
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- And he continued with them in the house of the true God hidden for six years, while Athaliah was ruling as queen over the land. (2 Chronicles 22:12)

- When the child reached seven years of age, Jehoiada took into his confidence five chieftains to whom he revealed for the first time the legal heir to the throne. Jehoiada then armed the 500 men under the command of these chieftains with shields and weapons from the temple and instructed them to stand guard around **Jehoash** at the coronation ceremony in the temple courtyard. Anyone attempting to interfere was to be killed.

- And in the seventh year Jehoiada sent and then took the chiefs of hundreds of the Carian bodyguard and of the runners and brought them to himself at the house of Yehowah and concluded a covenant with them and made them swear at the house of Yehowah, after which he showed them the son of the king. (2 Kings 11:4)

- And he went on to command them, saying; This is the thing that you will do. One third of you are coming in on the Sabbath and keeping strict watch over the king's house. (2 Kings 11:5)

- And one third will be at the Gate of the Foundation, and one third will be at the gate behind the runners, and you must keep strict watch over the house by turns. (2 Kings 11:6)

- **And there are two divisions among you that are all going out on the Sabbath, and they must keep strict watch over the house of Yehowah in behalf of the king. (2 Kings 11:7)**
- **And you must encircle the king all around, each one with his weapons in his hand, and anyone entering within the rows will be put to death. And continue with the king when he goes out and when he comes in. (2 Kings 11:8)**
- **And the chiefs of hundreds proceeded to do according to all that Jehoiada the priest had commanded. So they took each one his men that were coming in on the Sabbath, together with those that were going out on the Sabbath, and then came in to Jehoiada the priest. (2 Kings 11:9)**
- **The priest now gave the chiefs of hundreds the spears and the circular shields that had belonged to King David, which were in the house of Yehowah. (2 Kings 11:10)**
- **And the runners kept standing each one with his weapons in his hand, from the right side of the house clear to the left side of the house, by the altar and by the house, all around near the king. (2 Kings 11:11)**
- **Then he brought the son of the king out and put upon him the diadem and the Testimony, and so they made him king and anointed him. And they began to clap their hands and say; Let the king live! (2 Kings 11:12)**
- **Seven years old Jehoash was when he began to reign. (2 Kings 11:21)**
- **And in the seventh year Jehoiada showed himself courageous and proceeded to take the chiefs of hundreds, namely, Azariah the son of Jeroham, and Ishmael the son of Jehohanan and Azariah the son of Obed and Maaseiah the son of Adaiah and Elishaphat the son of Zichri, with him into the covenant. (2 Chronicles 23:1)**
- **Afterward they went around throughout Judah and collected together the Levites from all the cities of Judah and the heads of the paternal houses of Israel. So they came to Jerusalem. (2 Chronicles 23:2)**

- **Then all the congregation concluded a covenant with the king in the house of the true God, after which he said to them; Look! The son of the king himself will reign, just as Yehowah promised concerning the sons of David. (2 Chronicles 23:3)**
- **This is the thing that you will do. One third of you who are coming in on the Sabbath, of the priests and of the Levites, will be for doorkeepers. (2 Chronicles 23:4)**
- **And one third will be at the house of the king, and one third will be at the Gate of the Foundation, and all the people will be in the courtyards of the house of Yehowah. (2 Chronicles 23:5)**
- **And do not let anyone enter the house of Yehowah but the priests and those of the Levites ministering. These are the ones that will enter, because they are a holy group, and all the people themselves will keep the obligation to Yehowah. (2 Chronicles 23:6)**
- **And the Levites must encircle the king all around, each one with his weapons in his hands, and as for anyone coming into the house, he should be put to death. And continue with the king when he comes in and when he goes out. (2 Chronicles 23:7)**
- **And the Levites and all Judah proceeded to do according to all that Jehoiada the priest had commanded. So they took each one his men that were coming in on the Sabbath together with those going out on the Sabbath, for Jehoiada the priest had not set the divisions free from duty. (2 Chronicles 23:8)**
- **Further, Jehoiada the priest gave the chiefs of hundreds the spears and the shields and the circular shields that had belonged to King David, which were in the house of the true God. (2 Chronicles 23:9)**
- **And he went on to station all the people, even each one with his missile in his hand, from the right side of the house clear to the left side of the house, by the altar and by the house, all around near the king. (2 Chronicles 23:10)**
- **Then they brought the king's son out and put upon him the diadem and the Testimony and made him king, and so Jehoiada and his sons anointed him and said; Let the king live! (2 Chronicles 23:11)**

- **Upon hearing the people shouting, Athaliah came running, at the same time crying, Conspiracy! Conspiracy! She was quickly ushered out, and at the entry of the horse gate they put her to death.**
- **Jehoiada then made a covenant of faithfulness between Yehowah, the newly installed king, and the people, after which they tore down the house of Baal and destroyed its altars and images and even killed Mattan the priest of Baal.**
- **When Athaliah heard the sound of the people running, she at once came to the people at the house of Yehowah. (2 Kings 11:13)**
- **Then she saw, and there the king was standing by the pillar according to the custom, and the chiefs and the trumpets by the king, and all the people of the land rejoicing and blowing the trumpets. Immediately Athaliah ripped her garments apart and began crying; Conspiracy! Conspiracy! (2 Kings 11:14)**
- **But Jehoiada the priest commanded the chiefs of hundreds, the appointed ones of the military force, and said to them; Take her out from inside the rows, and, as for anyone coming after her, let there be an execution of death with the sword! For the priest had said; Do not let her be put to death in the house of Yehowah. (2 Kings 11:15)**
- **So they laid their hands upon her and she came by the way of the horse entry of the king's house, and she got put to death there. (2 Kings 11:16)**
- **Then Jehoiada concluded the covenant between Yehowah and the king and the people, that they should prove themselves the people of Yehowah, and also between the king and the people. (2 Kings 11:17)**
- **After that all the people of the land came to the house of Baal and pulled down his altars, and his images they broke up thoroughly, and Mattan the priest of Baal they killed before the altars. And the priest proceeded to put overseers over the house of Yehowah. (2 Kings 11:18)**
- **Further, he took the chiefs of hundreds and the Carian bodyguard and the runners and all the people of the land, that they might**

bring the king down from the house of Yehowah, and they came gradually by the way of the gate of the runners to the king's house, and he began to sit upon the throne of the kings. (2 Kings 11:19)

- **And all the people of the land continued to rejoice, and the city, for its part, had no disturbance, and Athaliah herself they had put to death with the sword at the king's house. (2 Kings 11:20)**
- **When Athaliah heard the sound of the people running and praising the king, she at once came to the people at the house of Yehowah. (2 Chronicles 23:12)**
- **Then she saw, and there was the king standing by his pillar at the entry, and the princes and the trumpets by the king, and all the people of the land were rejoicing and blowing the trumpets, and the singers with the instruments of song and those giving the signal for offering praise. Immediately Athaliah ripped her garments apart and said; Conspiracy! Conspiracy! (2 Chronicles 23:13)**
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- **So they laid their hands upon her. When she came to the entry of the horse gate of the king's house, they at once put her to death there. (2 Chronicles 23:15)**
- **Then Jehoiada concluded a covenant between himself and all the people and the king that they would continue as the people of Yehowah. (2 Chronicles 23:16)**
- **After that all the people came to the house of Baal and pulled it down, and his altars and his images they broke up, and Mattan the priest of Baal they killed before the altars. (2 Chronicles 23:17)**
- **Further, Jehoiada put the offices of the house of Yehowah in the hand of the priests and the Levites, whom David had put in divisions over the house of Yehowah to offer up the burnt**

- sacrifices of Yehowah according to what is written in the Law of Moses, with rejoicing and with song by the hands of David. (2 Chronicles 23:18)
- So he stationed the gatekeepers by the gates of the house of Yehowah that no one unclean in any respect might enter. (2 Chronicles 23:19)
 - He now took the chiefs of hundreds and the lordly ones and the rulers over the people and all the people of the land and brought the king down from the house of Yehowah. Then they came right through the upper gate to the king's house and seated the king upon the throne of the kingdom. (2 Chronicles 23:20)
 - And all the people of the land continued to rejoice, and the city itself had no disturbance, and Athaliah they had put to death with the sword. (2 Chronicles 23:21)
 - Thereafter, as long as High Priest Jehoiada lived and acted as father and adviser to **Jehoash**, the young monarch prospered. Married by the time he was 21, he had two wives, one of whom was named Jehoaddan, and by these Jehoash became father to sons and daughters. In this way the line of David leading to the Messiah, which had come so near to being completely severed, was once again made strong.
 - In the seventh year of Jehu, **Jehoash** became king, and for forty years he reigned in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Zibiah from Beer-sheba. (2 Kings 12:1)
 - And **Jehoash** continued doing what was right in Yehowah's eyes all the days of his that Jehoiada the priest instructed him. (2 Kings 12:2)
 - It was only the high places that did not disappear. The people were still sacrificing and making sacrificial smoke on the high places. (2 Kings 12:3)
 - Seven years old was **Jehoash** when he began to reign, and for forty years he reigned in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Zibiah from Beer-sheba. (2 Chronicles 24:1)
 - And **Jehoash** kept doing what was right in Yehowah's eyes all the days of Jehoiada the priest. (2 Chronicles 24:2)

- And Jehoiada proceeded to get two wives for him, and he came to be father to sons and daughters. (2 Chronicles 24:3)
- At the age of twenty-five years Amaziah became king, and for twenty-nine years he reigned in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Jehoaddan of Jerusalem. (2 Chronicles 25:1)
- Yehowah's house was badly in need of repairs not merely because of age, now no more than 150 years old, but also because of neglect and plunder during the reign of Athaliah. As a consequence, **Jehoash** urged the Levites to raise the money for the restoration by going from city to city throughout Judah, but the response of the Levites was not wholehearted, and the work was not getting done.
- And **Jehoash** proceeded to say to the priests; All the money for the holy offerings that is brought to the house of Yehowah, the money at which each one is assessed, the money for the souls according to individual valuation, all the money that it comes up on the heart of each one to bring to the house of Yehowah. (2 Kings 12:4)
- Let the priests take for themselves, each one from his acquaintance, and let them, for their part, repair the cracks of the house wherever any crack is found. (2 Kings 12:5)
- And it came about that by the twenty-third year of King **Jehoash**, the priests had not yet repaired the cracks of the house. (2 Kings 12:6)
- So King **Jehoash** called Jehoiada the priest and the priests and said to them; Why is it that you are not repairing the cracks of the house? Now, then, do not take any more money from your acquaintances, but for the cracks of the house you should give it. (2 Kings 12:7)
- At that the priests consented not to take any more money from the people and not to repair the cracks of the house. (2 Kings 12:8)
- Now it occurred afterward that it became close to the heart of **Jehoash** to renovate the house of Yehowah. (2 Chronicles 24:4)
- Accordingly he collected the priests and the Levites together and

- said to them; Go out to the cities of Judah and collect money from all Israel to repair the house of your God from year to year, and you, for your part, should act quickly in the matter. And the Levites did not act quickly. ([2 Chronicles 24:5](#))
- So the king called Jehoiada the head and said to him; Why is it that you have not required an account of the Levites for bringing in from Judah and Jerusalem the sacred tax ordered by Moses the servant of Yehowah, even that of the congregation of Israel, for the tent of the Testimony? ([2 Chronicles 24:6](#))
 - For as regards Athaliah the wicked woman, her sons themselves had broken into the house of the true God, and even all the holy things of the house of Yehowah they had rendered up to the Baals. ([2 Chronicles 24:7](#))
 - In time the arrangements for gathering and administering the funds were changed. The people responded well, and the repair work moved ahead to its completion.
 - Jehoiada the priest now took a chest and bored a hole in its lid and put it beside the altar on the right as a person comes into the house of Yehowah, and there the priests, the doorkeepers, put all the money that was being brought into the house of Yehowah. ([2 Kings 12:9](#))
 - And it came about that as soon as they saw that there was a great deal of money in the chest, the secretary of the king and the High Priest would come up, and they would bind it up and count the money that was being found at the house of Yehowah. ([2 Kings 12:10](#))
 - And they gave the money that had been counted off over to the hands of doers of the work that were appointed to the house of Yehowah. In turn they paid it out to the workers in wood and to the builders that were working at the house of Yehowah. ([2 Kings 12:11](#))
 - And to the masons and to the hewers of stone, and to buy timbers and hewn stones for repairing the cracks of the house of Yehowah and for all that was expended upon the house to repair it. ([2 Kings 12:12](#))
 - Only as respects the house of Yehowah there were not made

basins of silver, extinguishers, bowls, trumpets, any sort of gold article and article of silver from the money that was being brought to the house of Yehowah. (2 Kings 12:13)

- **For it was to the doers of the work that they would give it, and with it they repaired the house of Yehowah. (2 Kings 12:14)**
- **And they would not call for an accounting with the men into whose hand they would give the money to give to the doers of the work, because it was with faithfulness that they were working. (2 Kings 12:15)**
- **As for the money for guilt offerings and the money for sin offerings, it was not being brought to the house of Yehowah. So it came to belong to the priests. (2 Kings 12:16)**
- **Then the king said the word, and so they made a chest and put it outside at the gate of the house of Yehowah. (2 Chronicles 24:8)**
- **After that they issued a call throughout Judah and Jerusalem to bring to Yehowah the sacred tax ordered by Moses the servant of the true God upon Israel in the wilderness. (2 Chronicles 24:9)**
- **And all the princes and all the people began to rejoice, and they kept bringing and casting it into the chest until they all had given. (2 Chronicles 24:10)**
- **And it came about at the proper time he would bring the chest to the care of the king by the hand of the Levites, and, as soon as they saw that there was plenty of money, the secretary of the king and the commissioner of the chief priest came and then emptied the chest and lifted it up and returned it to its place. That was the way they did from day to day, so that they gathered money in abundance. (2 Chronicles 24:11)**
- **Then the king and Jehoiada would give it to the doers of the work of the service of Yehowah's house, and they came to be hirers of the stonecutters and of the craftsmen for renovating Yehowah's house, and also of the workers in iron and copper for repairing Yehowah's house. (2 Chronicles 24:12)**
- **And the doers of the work began operations, and the repair work kept advancing by their hand, and finally they made the house of the true God stand as it structurally should and made it strong.**

(2 Chronicles 24:13)

- **And as soon as they had finished they brought before the king and Jehoiada the rest of the money, and they proceeded to make utensils for the house of Yehowah, utensils for the ministry and for making offerings and cups and utensils of gold and of silver, and they came to be offerers of burnt sacrifices in the house of Yehowah constantly all the days of Jehoiada. (2 Chronicles 24:14)**
- **After the death of faithful High Priest Jehoiada at the age of 130, the princes of the realm gradually turned King **Jehoash** and the people away from Yehowah to the worship of pagan idols and phallic sacred poles. And when Yehowah raised up prophets to warn them, they refused to give heed.**
- **And Jehoiada got to be old and satisfied with years and gradually died, being a hundred and thirty years old at his death. (2 Chronicles 24:15)**
- **So they buried him in the City of David along with the kings, because he had done good in Israel and with the true God and His house. (2 Chronicles 24:16)**
- **And after Jehoiada's death the princes of Judah came in and proceeded to bow down to the king. At that time the king listened to them. (2 Chronicles 24:17)**
- **And gradually they left the house of Yehowah the God of their forefathers and began serving the sacred poles and the idols, so that there came to be indignation against Judah and Jerusalem because of this guilt of theirs. (2 Chronicles 24:18)**
- **And he kept sending prophets among them to bring them back to Yehowah, and they kept bearing witness against them, but they did not give ear. (2 Chronicles 24:19)**
- ****Jehoash** went so far as to kill Zechariah, the very son of Jehoiada, because through him God reprovngly had asked:**
- **And God's spirit itself enveloped Zechariah the son of Jehoiada the priest, so that he stood up above the people and said to them; This is what the true God has said; Why are you overstepping the commandments of Yehowah, so that you**

cannot prove successful? Because you have left Yehowah, he will, in turn, leave you. ([2 Chronicles 24:20](#))

- Finally they conspired against him and pelted him with stones at the king's commandment in the courtyard of Yehowah's house. ([2 Chronicles 24:21](#))
- And **Jehoash** the king did not remember the loving-kindness that Jehoiada his father had exercised toward him, so that he killed his son, who, when he was at the point of dying, said; Let Yehowah see to it and ask it back. ([2 Chronicles 24:22](#))
- Retribution was not long in coming. With Yehowah's protection removed, a small military force of Syrians led by Hazael was able to invade Judah's territory, forcing **Jehoash** to give over the gold and treasures of the sanctuary, as well as his own possessions, leaving him a broken and diseased man.
- Then it was that Hazael the king of Syria proceeded to go up and fight against Gath and capture it, after which Hazael set his face to go up against Jerusalem. ([2 Kings 12:17](#))
- At that **Jehoash** the king of Judah took all the holy offerings that Jehoshaphat and Jehoram and Ahaziah his forefathers, the kings of Judah, had sanctified and his own holy offerings and all the gold to be found in the treasures of the house of Yehowah and the house of the king and sent them to Hazael the king of Syria. So he withdrew from against Jerusalem. ([2 Kings 12:18](#))
- And it came about at the turn of the year a military force of Syria came up against him, and they began to invade Judah and Jerusalem. Then they brought all the princes of the people to ruin from among the people, and all their spoil they sent to the king of Damascus. ([2 Chronicles 24:23](#))
- For it was with a small number of men that the military force of the Syrians made an invasion, and Yehowah himself gave into their hand a military force of very great number, because they had left Yehowah the God of their forefathers, and upon **Jehoash** they executed acts of judgment. ([2 Chronicles 24:24](#))
- And when they went away from him, for they left him with many diseases, his own servants conspired against him because of the blood of the sons of Jehoiada the priest, and they got to kill him

upon his own couch, so that he died. Then they buried him in the City of David, but they did not bury him in the burial places of the kings. (2 Chronicles 24:25)

- Not long after that, two of his servants formed a conspiracy and put **Jehoash** to death at the comparatively young age of 47. They buried him in the City of David with his forefathers, and his son Amaziah reigned in his place.
- As for the rest of the affairs of **Jehoash** and all that he did, are they not written in the book of the affairs of the days of the kings of Judah? (2 Kings 12:19)
- However, his servants rose up and leagued together in a conspiracy and struck **Jehoash** down at the house of the Mound, on the way that goes down to Silla. (2 Kings 12:20)
- And Jozacar the son of Shimeath and Jehozabad the son of Shomer, his servants, were the ones that struck him down, so that he died. Accordingly they buried him with his forefathers in the City of David, and Amaziah his son began to reign in place of him. (2 Kings 12:21)
- And when they went away from him, for they left him with many diseases, his own servants conspired against him because of the blood of the sons of Jehoiada the priest, and they got to kill him upon his own couch, so that he died. Then they buried him in the City of David, but they did not bury him in the burial places of the kings. (2 Chronicles 24:25)
- And these were the conspirators against him, Zabad the son of Shimeath the Ammonitess and Jehozabad the son of Shimrith the Moabitess. (2 Chronicles 24:26)
- As for his sons and the abundance of the pronouncement against him and the founding of the house of the true God, there they are written in the exposition of the Book of the Kings. And Amaziah his son began to reign in place of him. (2 Chronicles 24:27)