

~ZECHARIAH 12 (114)

(Zech-a-ri'ah) [Yehowah Has Remembered]

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- After Jehoiada's death, King Jehoash turned away from true worship, listening to wrong counsel rather than to Yehowah's prophets. **Zechariah**, Jehoash's cousin.
- However, Jehoshabeath the daughter of the king took Jehoash the son of Ahaziah and stole him away from among the sons of the king that were to be put to death, and put him and his nursing woman in the inner room for the couches.
- And Jehoshabeath the daughter of King Jehoram, the wife of Jehoiada the priest, for she herself happened to be the sister of Ahaziah, kept him concealed because of Athaliah, and she did not put him to death.
- However, Jehoshabeath the daughter of the king took Jehoash the son of Ahaziah and stole him away from among the sons of the king that were to be put to death, and put him and his nursing woman in the inner room for the couches. And Jehoshabeath the daughter of King Jehoram, the wife of Jehoiada the priest, for she herself happened to be the sister of Ahaziah, kept him concealed because of Athaliah, and she did not put him to death. (2 Chronicles 22:11)
- Sternly warned the people about this, but instead of repenting, they stoned him in the temple courtyard. **Zechariah's** dying words were; Let Yehowah see to it and ask it back.
- This prophetic request was granted, for not only did Syria do great damage to Judah but also Jehoash was killed by two of his servants because of the blood of the sons of Jehoiada the priest.
- The **Greek Septuagint** and the **Latin Vulgate** say that Jehoash was killed to avenge the blood of the **son** of Jehoiada. The **Masoretic** text and the **Syriac Peshitta**, however, read **sons**, possibly using the plural number to denote the excellence and worth of Jehoiadas son **Zechariah** the prophet-priest.

- And after Jehoiadas 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)
- 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 kings 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)
- 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)
- **Zechariah** the son of Jehoiada is most likely the one whom Jesus had in mind when prophesying that the blood of all the prophets spilled from the founding of the world will be required from this generation, the Jews of the time of Jesus earthly ministry, from the blood of Abel down to the blood of Zechariah, who was slain between the altar and the house.

- So that the blood of all the prophets spilled from the founding of the world may be required from this generation. ([Luke 11:50](#))
- From the blood of Abel down to the blood of **Zechariah**, who was slain between the altar and the house. Yes, I tell you, it will be required from this generation. ([Luke 11:51](#))
- The places mentioned as the site of the slaying correspond. In the [First Century C.E.](#), Chronicles was the last book in the canon of the Hebrew Scriptures.
- So Jesus phrase, from [Abel to Zechariah](#), was similar to our expression, [from Genesis to Revelation](#). In the parallel account at;
- That there may come upon you all the righteous blood spilled on earth, from the blood of [righteous Abel to the blood of Zechariah son of Barachiah](#), whom you murdered between the sanctuary and the altar. ([Matthew 23:35](#))
- **Zechariah** is called the son of Barachiah, possibly another name for Jehoiada, unless, by chance, it indicates a generation between Jehoiada and Zechariah or is the name of an earlier ancestor.

See Also BARACHIAH