



## **Jehu's Zeal & Joash's Fall:**

**2 Kings 8-12, 2 Chronicles 23-24**

### **Lesson 81 Visuals**

- **The northern kingdom of Israel only had evil kings. They never had a good king who loved and obeyed God.**
- **The southern kingdom of Judah had a few good kings who were faithful to God. But the majority of their kings were evil too.**
- **Ahab was one of the worst kings in the northern kingdom of Israel.**
- **Jezebel was King Ahab's evil wife who led him to many of his bad choices.**
- **King Ahaziah of Judah was evil, and he partnered with the evil king of Israel.**
- **The prophet Elisha ordered Jehu to be anointed as king.**
- **Elisha instructed Jehu to kill Ahab's family.**



- **When Jezebel heard that Jehu was nearing, she painted her eyes with makeup, fixed her hair, and looked down from her window.**
- **Jehu yelled out, “Whoever is on my side, throw Jezebel down.” Then several of Queen Jezebel’s servants pushed Jezebel out her window.**
- **Dogs ate Jezebel’s dead body.**
- **The prophet Elijah said years earlier that Jezebel would be eaten by dogs as a consequence of her evil ways.**
- **Ahab had seventy sons. In Jehu’s zeal, he ordered all of them to be killed.**
- **Jehu had zeal for the LORD.**
- **Jehu struck down all who remained from the family of Ahab.**
- **Jehu also went after those who worshipped the false god Baal.**



- **Jehu tricked people into thinking he served Baal. Once all the servants of Baal were in Baal's temple, Jehu ordered everyone inside of that temple to be killed with a sword.**
- **Jehu successfully get rid of Baal worship in Israel.**
- **Athaliah began killing all the royal heirs. Ahaziah's sister saw what was happening so she hid him baby Joash, the son of dead King Ahaziah.**
- **Joash and his nurse hid in the temple for six years while Queen Athaliah ruled Judah.**
- **Priest Jehoiada ordered military commanders to protect Joash while Joash was crowned king.**
- **After Queen Athaliah yelled, "Treason! Treason!", the military commanders carried her out of the temple and put her to death.**



- Under the leadership of priest Jehoiada, the people of Judah got rid of Baal worship in Judah.
- Joash was only seven years old when he began his reign as king.
- King Joash ordered for money to be collected and used to repair the temple.
- A chest was put outside at the gate of LORD's temple to collect money to repair the temple.
- The people gave gladly to repair the temple. They did not have a bad attitude about giving money.
- When the chest was full, they took money out of the chest to pay builders and to purchase building supplies.
- King Joash turned to idol worship after the death of Jehoiada the priest.



- **The Spirit of God came on Zechariah, and he declared God’s message to the people of Judah. They did not receive God’s message. Instead, they stoned Zechariah to death.**
- **God allowed a small army from Aram to invade Judah and kill its leaders as a consequence of Judah’s evil ways.**
- **Joash’s own officials murdered him.**
- **God blesses obedience and punishes disobedience.**
- **There are always bad consequences for disobeying God.**
- **Philippians 4:13 says, “I can do all things through Christ Jesus who gives me strength.”**