

THE REIGN OF JOASH
(2 Kings 12:1-21)

- I. RESTORING the Covenant (2 Kings 12:1-3)
 - A. His place in TIME
 - B. His MOTHER was from BEER-SHEBA
 - C. His RULE is described as RIGHTEOUS with two QUALIFIERS
 - 1. Limited to the "DAYS" Jehoiada was his TEACHER
 - 2. Limited by permitting the "HIGH PLACES" to REMAIN

- II. REFURBISHING the Temple (2 Kings 12:4-16)
 - A. The king's PLAN (12:4-6)
 - 1. Designates the Temple TAX and freewill OFFERINGS to FUND the project
 - 2. Put the PRIESTS in charge
 - B. The king's REVISED PLAN (12:7-8)
 - 1. Blamed the PRIESTS for the DELAY
 - 2. Stopped the INDIVIDUAL priests' COLLECTION and DISBURSEMENT
 - C. The restoration FUND (12:9-16)
 - 1. Established a DONATION BOX in the TEMPLE
 - 2. Used the funds for REPAIRS, not for UTENSILS

3. Designated the GUILT offerings and SIN offerings for the support of the PRIESTS

III. REVERTING to Apostasy (2 Kings 12:17-18; cf. 2 Chron. 24:15-23)

- A. Jehoiada DIED at 130 YEARS
- B. Judean OFFICIALS convinced the king to ABANDON biblical worship and ADOPT the worship of ASHERA
- C. God raised up PROPHETS whom the nation IGNORED
- D. Joash ordered Jehoiada's son STONED in the TEMPLE COURT
- E. Hazael CONQUERED Gath and INVADED Judah
- F. Joash saved the city by BRIBING Hazael with all the GOLD from the TEMPLE

IV. REMOVING the Corruption (2 Kings 12:19-21; cf., 2 Chron. 24:25)

- A. ROYAL officials conspire to MURDER the king
- B. He was buried "in the city of DAVID", but not in "the TOMB of the KINGS"

V. Lessons

- A. Spiritual RENEWAL can come from ESTABLISHED leaders HEEDING God's Word
- B. GENUINE faith must be PERSONAL
- C. The gracious GIFT of CONTINUITY
 1. Political STABILITY and a peaceful ENVIRONMENT
 2. Covenant FAITHFULNESS and a peaceful HEART