

# IN THE HOUSE OF THE LORD

## 2 KINGS 11:1-21

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Introduction:

## **1. PLAN TO SLAY HIM**

### **2 Kings 11:1 (KJV)**

<sup>1</sup> And when Athaliah the mother of Ahaziah saw that her son was dead, she arose and destroyed all the seed royal.

#### **A. Situation**

King Ahaziah had been killed. His death was the result of the judgment of God. Ahaziah apparently had several sons that would have been in line to assume the throne, and position as King.

#### **B. Selfishness**

However before any of them could be crowned, a plan is devised ! The plan was to kill all the heirs to the throne. What is more shocking than the plan is the person who initiated it ! Her name was Athaliah. She was the mother of King Ahaziah ! It was upon hearing that the King, her son, was dead that she devised this

diabolical scheme ! She would kill all the heirs to the throne so that she herself might rule the kingdom. She desired to be Queen ! Can you fully understand the selfish ambition of this wicked woman ? She was willing to kill off her grandchildren so that she could have the throne !

### C. Scene

How exactly she carried out this plan is not revealed. We do not know if she carried it out alone.....but she is successful or so it seems ! It is a tragic scene.....unimaginable.....unthinkable !

Young men of royalty with so much promise, and potential ! And now they all lie in a heap dead.....but wait.....among the pile of their bodies.....there is a cry !

There is one that lives. But not for long.....he will most certainly die if Athaliah realizes that he still lives, and that she overlooked him !

He is unable to help himself. He is unable to walk or run away because he is only one year old!

He is the only one of the royal sons left!

Who will rescue him?

Doesn't anyone care?

## 2. PERSON TO SAVE HIM (JOASH'S AUNT)

### 2 Kings 11:2 (KJV)

<sup>2</sup> But Jehosheba, the daughter of king Joram, sister of Ahaziah, took Joash the son of Ahaziah, and stole him from among the king's sons *which were slain*; and they hid him, *even him and his nurse*, in the bedchamber from Athaliah, so that he was not slain.

The child of the king would have been destroyed. He would never have reached his potential, and his position. He would never have received the promise had it not been for someone who was willing to save him !

Her name was Jehosheba.

She was the sister of King Ahaziah. She was the aunt of Joash.....and yes.....she was the daughter or stepdaughter of Athaliah, the very woman who sought to destroy the royal seed.

Jehosheba was also the wife of the Priest Jehoiada

A. She was a woman of courage.

She put herself at risk! Athaliah, as evil as she was, would have not hesitated to kill her as well had she caught her doing what she did!

Families need courage to not be influenced and pressured by the world to follow their ideas.

The church desperately needs some people of courage who are unafraid to get involved!

B. She was a woman of compassion

People with compassion make a difference.

**Jude 1:22 (KJV)**

<sup>22</sup> And of some have compassion, making a difference:

She could not bear the thought of seeing this baby destroyed!

She did what she did out of a heart of compassion.

Have we not lost our burden for children?

Where are those who will reach the children?

Who is there who will go forth and rescue the children?

C. She was a woman of conviction

It did not matter to Jehosheba who was committing this wicked act!

It was wrong, and something had to be done!

We must be people of conviction!

## D. She was a woman of commitment

She had to be willing to pay the price to get involved.

There would be a cost involved in rescuing Joash.

She would not only have to rescue him, but raise him because no one else would do it!

It was worth the cost to her!

To raise our children and have a family that honors the Lord requires a commitment.

To reach people, and see them saved requires a commitment.

There is a price to be paid!

We must be in it for the long haul!

Must be willing to make some sacrifices, and go the distance!

## **3. PLACE TO SHELTER HIM**

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<sup>3</sup> And he was with her hid in the house of the LORD six years. And Athaliah did reign over the land.

Jehosheba, and Jehoida were provided lodging at the house of God.

Having saved Joash from destruction, she takes him to the house of God.

There she shelters Joash for 6 years!

He must be hidden because Athaliah has assumed the position of Queen. What better place than the house of God for security, and shelter!

They apparently did not worry about Athaliah coming to the temple because she would be at the temple of Baal worshipping!

What better place.....what safer place than the house of God!

- A. A place of Truth
- B. A place of Fellowship
- C. A Place of Encouragement

## 4. PREACHER TO SHEPHERD HIM

### 2 Kings 11:3-4 (KJV)

<sup>3</sup> And he was with her hid in the house of the LORD six years. And Athaliah did reign over the land. <sup>4</sup> And the seventh year Jehoiada sent and fetched the rulers over hundreds, with the captains and the guard, and brought them to him into the house of the LORD, and made a covenant with them, and took an oath of them in the house of the LORD, and shewed them the king's son.

Jehoiada was a Godly man, and a faithful priest!

He had a tremendous impact upon Joash.

Notice the great influence that he had in the life of Joash.

### 2 Chronicles 24:2 (KJV)

<sup>2</sup> And Joash did *that which was* right in the sight of the LORD all the days of Jehoiada the priest.

A. He was a man of sacrifice

B. He was a man of service

He was buried as a King because of his faithful service to his people!

C. He was a man of steadfastness

## 5. PROMISE THAT SECURED HIM

This whole episode is evidence of the faithfulness of God to his people!

He had promised to David that his house would reign forever!

Satan will always try and hinder the promises of God....but he is faithful to bring to pass that which he has promised!

### A. He received protection

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Joash was sheltered safely in the house of God by Jehosheba, and Jehoiada.

I do not know how the priest knew when the time was right but in the 7th year Jehoiada made a tremendous step of faith, and called for leaders, and soldiers to come to the house of God.

It was there he revealed to them that one of the King's sons had survived. The priest then aligned the soldiers so as to provide security for the King.



B. He received the prize

**2 Kings 11:12 (KJV)**

<sup>12</sup> And he brought forth the king's son, and put the crown upon him, and *gave him* the testimony; and they made him king, and anointed him; and they clapped their hands, and said, God save the king.

C. He received a position.

D. He received the palace

**2 Kings 11:19 (KJV)**

<sup>19</sup> And he took the rulers over hundreds, and the captains, and the guard, and all the people of the land; and they brought down the king from the house of the LORD, and came by the way of the gate of the guard to the king's house. And he sat on the throne of the kings.