

Lesson 11

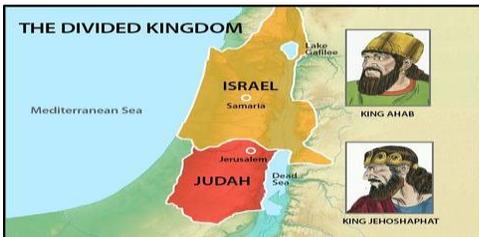
Jehosheba, A Woman of Faith Who Saved a King

Lesson Text: 2 Kings 11; 2 Chronicles 22



Our lesson today brings us to a time in the history of the kings of Israel and Judah that is an incredibly sad one. Remember Ahab, king of Israel, had married Jezebel and her influence magnified idol worship for God's people.

Although, Ahab allowed Jezebel to bring evil into Israel; we have King Jehoshaphat of Judah who did what was right in the eyes of the Lord (1 Kings 22:43).



Unfortunately, the son of Jehoshaphat did not have the same mindset. When we get to 2 Kings 8:16, we are introduced to his son, Jehoram. He married Athaliah, the granddaughter of King Ahab, who was a cruel woman.

Verse 18 tells us about Jehoram, *"And he walked in the way of the kings of Israel, as did the house of Ahab: for the daughter of Ahab was his wife: and he did evil in the sight of the Lord."*



He was so evil that he had all his brothers killed after he became the king. (2 Chronicles 21:4)

After his death, his son Ahaziah reigned for 1 year before he was killed.



His mother, Athaliah moved quickly and commanded that all her grandchildren be killed once she heard her son, the king was dead (2 Kings 11:1). She did this so she could seize the throne and become queen.

This is where we are introduced to Jehosheba. She was the daughter of King Jehoram, the half-sister of Ahaziah and she was married to Jehoiada, the High Priest.



She took her 1-year old nephew, Joash and kept him from being killed by his grandmother. We are told in 2 Kings 11:2 that she stole him from among the king's sons which were slain and hid him and his nurse in the house of the Lord for six years.



In the seventh year of Joash being hid in the house of the Lord, Jehoiada sent for the rulers over hundreds of people along with the captains of the guards.

He made a covenant with them and took an oath of them in the house of the Lord and then he showed them the king's son.

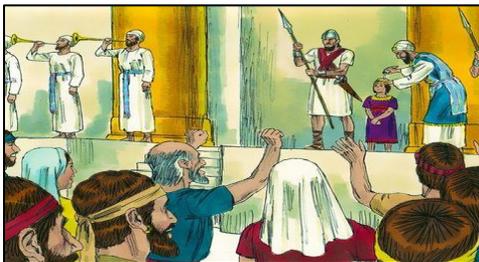


2 Chronicles 23:3 tells us that they made a covenant with the king in the house of God. Jehoiada reminds them here that the Lord had said the sons of David would reign.

Joash was a direct descendant of David, and he would reign in place of the wicked Athaliah, who had no right to be on the throne.



They discussed their plan and Jehoiada explained how they would protect Joash. Part of them would watch the king's house, a part would be at various gates and a larger part would surround the young king. Remember, Joash would have been 7 years old at the time they proclaimed him king of Judah.



We are told that the captains of the guards did according to all things that Jehoiada commanded. 2 Kings 11:12 tells us they brought forth the king's son, and put the crown upon him, and the testimony; and they made him king, and anointed him; and clapped their hands and said God save the king.

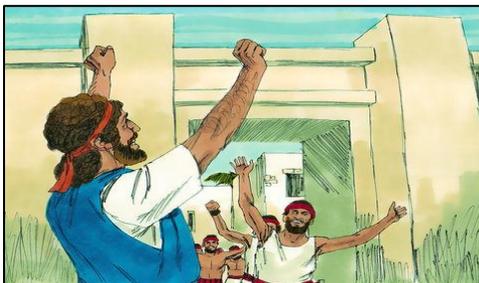
When Athaliah heard the noise of the people shouting and clapping, she came into the temple of the Lord. And when she saw Joash with the crown, and how the people rejoiced and blew their trumpets, she was so upset that she rent (tore) her clothes and cried out Treason, Treason!



Jehoiada commanded the captains not to kill her in the house of the Lord, but to take her outside. So, they allowed her to leave the temple unharmed and killed her once she was outside of the temple.

2 Kings 11:20 tells us the people of the land rejoiced, and the city was in quiet or in peace after Athaliah was removed from the throne.

Athaliah did not count on one of her grandchildren being saved. The brave act of Jehosheba saved Joash and preserved the line of David.



What an example for us! We can be brave when it is not expected by teaching people about Christ. We can help save their soul!

Thought Questions

Jehosheba could have been killed if Athaliah had caught her taking Joash from among his brothers. She knew this, but she still did what was right and saved his life.

1. Name at least 1 thing you can do to help someone at school or at service.
2. How do you think your actions can make a difference in their lives?
3. What is courage to you?
4. Read 2 Timothy 1:7 and write down what you think it means.

Fill in the Blanks

1. Jehosheba was the _____ of the late King Joram.
2. Jehosheba was married to _____ the High
_____.
3. Athaliah was an _____ woman who had all her
_____ so she
could be Queen..

True/False

1. Joash was twelve years old when he was anointed king. _____
2. Athaliah cried out Treason, Treason and the people listened to her. _____
3. Jehosheba and Jehoiada hid Joash from Athalia for six years. _____
4. The people were mad when Athaliah was removed from the throne. _____
5. The brave actions of Jehosheba preserved the line of David. _____

Cryptogram: Ephesians 6:10

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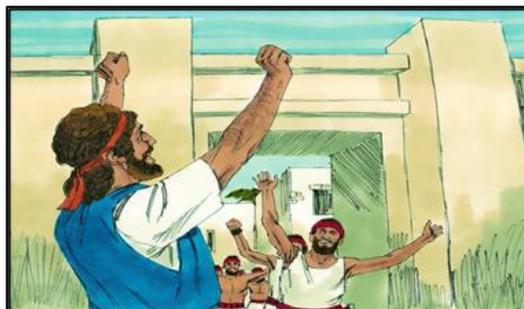
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Jehosheba

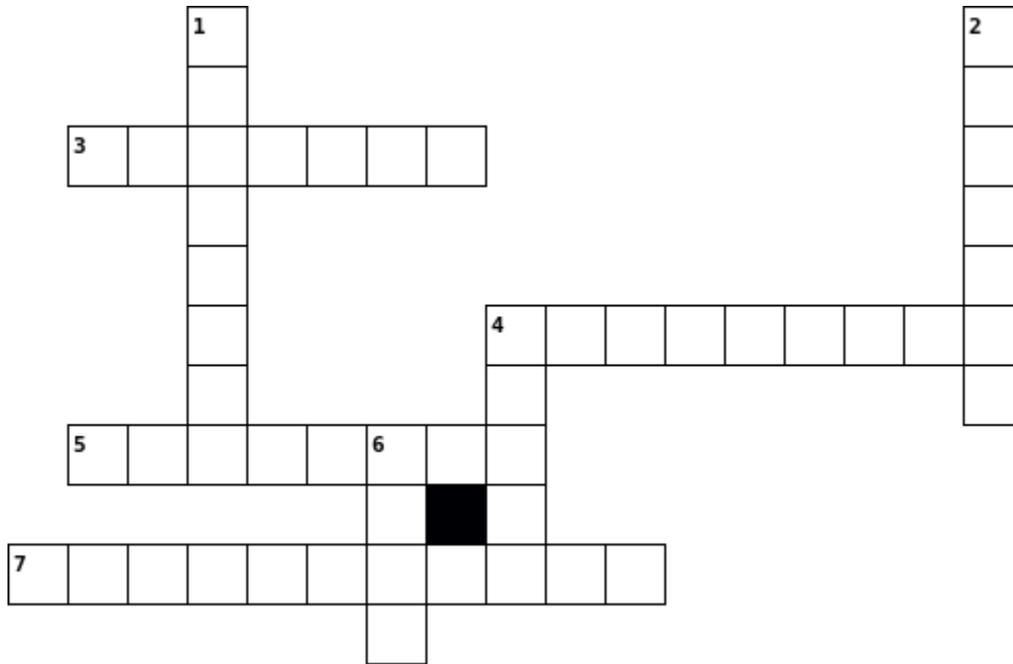
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Across

- 3. Married Athaliah
- 4. Saved the infant son of Ahaziah
- 5. High Priest married to Jehosheba
- 7. Did what was right in the sight of Jehovah

Down

- 1. Granddaughter of King Ahab, was a cruel woman
- 2. Reigned one year before he was killed
- 4. Became king at seven; was a good king
- 6. Had allowed Jezebel to bring evil into Israel