

## FINAL STUDY NOTES – 2 Kings Chapters 10-11!

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### OPENING PRAYER

Review: *2 KINGS – Chapter 8 – The King Restores the Shunammite’s Land; Death of Ben-Hadad; Jehoram Reigns in Judah; Ahaziah Reigns in Judah; Chapter 9 – Jehu Anointed King of Israel; Joram of Israel Killed. Ahaziah of Judah Killed; Jezebel’s Violent Death.*

**THIS WEEK: 2 KINGS – Chapter 10 – Ahab’s Seventy Sons Killed – (vs. 1-11); Ahaziah’s Forty-Two Brothers Killed – (vs. 12-14); The Rest of Ahab’s Family Killed – (vs. 15-17); Worshippers of Baal Killed – (vs. 18-31); Death of Jehu – (vs. 32-36); Chapter 11 – Athaliah Reigns in Judah – (vs. 1-3); Josiah Crowned King of Judah - (vs. 4-12); Death of Athaliah - (vs. 13-21).**

- We see the progression of the deterioration that will ultimately destroy both the northern and the southern kingdoms. The events that we look at in the northern kingdom are sort of gross.
- **God pronounces judgement. In accomplishing His work,** He uses human instruments for the accomplishment of His purposes. He announced His purpose through Elijah. Now He is using Jehu as His instrument of judgement, to fulfill this judgement against the house of Ahab, for the exceeding wickedness, and the evil that they brought upon the nation of Israel.

### Jehu Slaughters Ahab's Descendants

*2Ki 10:1 Now Ahab had seventy sons (descendants) in Samaria. And Jehu wrote and sent letters to Samaria, to the rulers of Jezreel, to the elders, and to those who reared Ahab's sons, saying:*

- **Ahab had seventy sons.** This is a Hebrew term that refers to descendants; sons, and grandsons, not just sons, but this goes on down, referring to grandsons also. So, he had these seventy descendants. Sons of Ahab, who are in the family line could be open to becoming the king, because of their relationship with Ahab.

**2Ki 10:2-3** *Now as soon as this letter comes to you, since your master's sons are with you, and you have chariots and horses, a fortified city also, and weapons, [3] choose the best qualified of your master's sons, set him on his father's throne, and fight for your master's house.*

- **Jehu is now challenging the men of Samaria, who are taking care of the children of Ahab.** He said to look among these sons, find the most able, and fittest of them all. Put him on the throne, in as much as you have chariots, and you have horses, you have armor, you have a walled city, go ahead, set him on the throne, and then we will come, and we will face off with you.

**2Ki 10:4-5** *But they were exceedingly afraid, and said, "Look, two kings could not stand up to him; how then can we stand?" [5] And he who was in charge of the house, and he who was in charge of the city, the elders also, and those who reared the sons, sent to Jehu, saying, "We are your servants, we will do all you tell us; but we will not make anyone king. Do what is good in your sight."*

- **Rather than trying to fight against Jehu, realizing that he was a captain of Israel,** his exploits were well known. He had already destroyed two kings. They feared if they should raise an army against him, it would only be to their own damage and hurt. So, they sent back letters of capitulation. "We are your servants. We will do whatever you want us to do. We are not going to try to set up any king. We are not going to try to fight against you."

**2Ki 10:6-7** *Then he (Jehu) wrote a second letter to them, saying: If you are for me and will obey my voice, take the heads of the men, your master's sons, and come to me at Jezreel by this time tomorrow. Now the king's sons, seventy persons, were with the great men of the city, who were rearing them. [7] So it was, when the letter came to them, that they took the king's sons and slaughtered seventy persons, put their heads in baskets and sent them to him at Jezreel.*

- **So, a bloody execution, beheading the seventy descendants of Ahab, fulfilling the prophecy of judgement, against the house of Ahab,** given by Elijah the prophet.

**2Ki 10:8** *Then a messenger came and told him, saying, "They have brought the heads of the king's sons." And he said, "Lay them in two heaps at the entrance of the gate until morning."*

- **To us it is an extremely gory thing, and we have a hard time dealing with it.** But in those days, it was common practice of beheading people and stacking their heads in piles. The purpose of it was to create fear, which I would imagine it would do! Shock, and fear, when you see such a sight, being a pronouncement: "This is what will happen to you if you seek to defy the king."

**2Ki 10:9** *So it was, in the morning, that he went out and stood, and said to all the people, "You are righteous. Indeed I conspired against my master and killed him; but who killed all these?"*

- **Jehu ignores the fact that he sent the command to do it,** but he is saying, "Look, I am guilty of conspiring and killing my master, but you are in this thing equally, because you are the ones who killed these men."

**2Ki 10:10** *Know now that nothing shall fall to the earth of the word of the LORD which the LORD spoke concerning the house of Ahab; for the LORD has done what He spoke by His servant Elijah."*

- **Jehu acknowledges that every word spoken by God is going to come to pass!** Not one word of God is going to fall! You can be sure of this! God's word is going to come to pass. When God swears to the truth of the things that He has declared, you can be sure they are going to come to pass. Here is the silent, gory testimony to the truth of the prophecy that was made by Elijah. These piles of heads outside of the city of Jezreel.
- **Elijah had declared and spoken to Ahab himself back in 1 Kings chapter 21,** that because of Ahab's wickedness and the wickedness of his family, it was going to force this judgment. God now, through Jehu orders this judgment, fulfilling His God's word. We also see the same thing occurring in what was prophesied by Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Daniel, and other prophets. Also, in **(Rev 21:5)** *Then He who sat on the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new." And He said to me, "Write, for these words are true and faithful."*
- **The Lord is still doing that! There is nothing of His word that is going to fall to the ground!** Everything that the LORD spoke by Elijah, his servant, has come to pass.
- **Know now that nothing shall fall to the earth of the word of the LORD which the LORD spoke! How clear is that truth in my mind and actions as I look at the world and its condition? Do I really recognize the sovereignty of God? His righteousness, truth, and justice? That God says what He means and means what He says in His Word?**

**2Ki 10:11 So Jehu killed all who remained of the house of Ahab in Jezreel, and all his great men and his close acquaintances and his priests, until he left him none remaining.**

- All of those that ruled, that had anything to do with Ahab, were executed by Jehu. Now, here Jehu exceeds what God called him to do. God took note of it, speaking later through the prophet Hosea, (**Hos 1:4**) **Then the LORD said to him: "Call his name Jezreel, For in a little while I will avenge the bloodshed of Jezreel on the house of Jehu, And bring an end to the kingdom of the house of Israel.**
- **The Bible states that Babylon and Assyria exceeded God's judgment** by showing excessive cruelty, going beyond merely acting as instruments of divine discipline. (*Isa 47:6*) reveals God was angry because Babylon showed no mercy, while (*Zec 1:15*) notes nations "but with evil intent".
- **Babylon (Nebuchadnezzar): Described as having "devoured" and "crushed" Israel**, breaking their bones, and showing no mercy to the elderly, which led to God promising punishment on Babylon for their brutality (*Jer 50:17-18; Jer 51:34-35*).
- **Assyria: God used Assyria to punish Israel, but Assyria acted out of pride** and a desire to destroy nations, not just discipline them (*Isa 10:5-14*), resulting in God's judgment upon Assyria for their arrogance.
- **This tells us is that even in the execution of this bloodline**, God's judgment was very measured. It was very precise and deliberate. He told Jehu to do a certain thing. When he exceeded that something, even by an inch, he moves from righteous judgment to unrighteous judgment, and God holds Jehu responsible for it. God never told him to kill all of these other people. God never loses His temper and just starts wiping people out. **When Jehu exceeds God's judgment, the LORD takes note of it, and it does not please Him!**

**2Ki 10:12-14 And he arose and departed and went to Samaria. On the way, at Beth Eked of the Shepherds, [13] Jehu met with the brothers of Ahaziah king of Judah, and said, "Who are you?" So they answered, "We are the brothers of Ahaziah; we have come down to greet the sons of the king and the sons of the queen mother (Athaliah)." [14] And he said, "Take them alive!" So they took them alive, and killed them at the well of Beth Eked, forty-two men; and he left none of them.**

- **Jehu had already killed Ahaziah, the king of Judah**, who had come up to visit his family members. He was related to the northern kingdom. He was related to Ahab, actually the son-in-law of Ahab. And he was up visiting his family when Jehu had him killed also. He died of course you remember, in Megiddo. So there came these brethren, these relatives of Ahaziah. It is interesting these guys had not heard of the revolution, that Jehu had taken over and that King Ahaziah was dead.

**2Ki 10:15 Now when he departed from there, he met Jehonadab the son of Rechab, coming to meet him; and he greeted him and said to him, "Is your heart right, as my heart is toward your heart?" And Jehonadab answered, "It is." Jehu said, "If it is, give me your hand." So he gave him his hand, and he took him up to him into the chariot.**

- **Jehonadab and his descendants were extraordinarily righteous people**. They were very serious about God's law, about keeping the Law of Moses. So, here they are, living for God, living a righteous life, in the middle of the wickedness of Ahab and his descendants. You can imagine how hard that must have been, to try and live righteously for God, and you are watching these wicked men and women destroy a nation needlessly. Jehonadab gets word that Jehu's been raised up to wipe out this lineage.
- **There is a new leadership in Israel. That excites his heart, the news that this has happened**. There is a change, maybe a righteous change for the nation that has occurred. So, he seeks out Jehu. Jehu asks him, what is his heart toward him? Are you in approval with what God has called me to do, or do you have a problem with it. Jehonadab said, "I have no problem with it." My heart is with you. Jehu invites him up into the chariot, and invites him to come, and to see his *zeal for the LORD*.

**2Ki 10:16-17 Then he said, "Come with me, and see my zeal for the LORD." So they had him ride in his chariot. [17] And when he came to Samaria, he killed all who remained to Ahab in Samaria, till he had destroyed them, according to the word of the LORD which He spoke to Elijah.**

- **Come with me, and see my zeal for the LORD**. This apparent bragging about his zeal gives cause to suspect that his heart was not right with God in what he did.
- **Jehu's initial zeal in his energetic obedience to the LORD**, to the disregard of his own safety and comfort looked good. Yet this statement reveals the dangerous root of pride in Jehu. We note that he is proud, really bragging of his own zeal, indicating that his heart was not right with God in what he did.. We will soon see how little he had of God's glory in his heart and mind. (**2Ki 10:29, 31**) *However Jehu did not turn away from the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who had made Israel sin, that is, from the golden calves that were at Bethel and Dan. [31] But Jehu took no heed to walk in the law of the LORD God of Israel with all his heart; for he did not depart from the sins of Jeroboam, who had made Israel sin.*

## Jehu Strikes Down the Prophets of Baal

**2Ki 10:18** Then Jehu gathered all the people together, and said (deceptively) to them, "Ahab served Baal a little, Jehu will serve him much.

- If you just stop there, you think, "Oh you fool. Do not you realize that was Ahab's problem!" But it was a subtle way, by which Jehu planned to exterminate the worship of Baal from Israel.

**2Ki 10:19-20** Now therefore, call to me all the prophets of Baal, all his servants, and all his priests. Let no one be missing, for I have a great sacrifice for Baal. Whoever is missing shall not live." But Jehu acted deceptively, with the intent of destroying the worshipers of Baal. [20] And Jehu said, "Proclaim a solemn assembly for Baal." So they proclaimed it.

- The next thing Jehu did was to bring together all of the prophets of Baal by issuing a false statement that he would offer a great sacrifice to Baal. Jehu had no intention of worshipping Baal. When all the prophets came together, he slew them. His sacrifice to Baal was a trap and the prophets fell right into it.

**2Ki 10:21-22** Then Jehu sent throughout all Israel; and all the worshipers of Baal came, so that there was not a man left who did not come. So they came into the temple of Baal, and the temple of Baal was full from one end to the other. [22] And he said to the one in charge of the wardrobe, "Bring out vestments for all the worshipers of Baal." So he brought out vestments for them.

- Jehu said to bring out all of whatever they wear when they go to worship there. Let them all put this on. Basically, he is having them wear these things, so they would be identified as a worshipper of Baal.

**2Ki 10:23** Then Jehu and Jehonadab the son of Rechab went into the temple of Baal, and said to the worshipers of Baal, "Search and see that no servants of the LORD are here with you, but only the worshipers of Baal."

- Look around. If there are any servants of Jehovah, get them out! Make sure that there's only worshippers of Baal here!

**2Ki 10:24** So they went in to offer sacrifices and burnt offerings. Now Jehu had appointed for himself eighty men on the outside, and had said, "If any of the men whom I have brought into your hands escapes, whoever lets him escape, it shall be his life for the life of the other."

- In other words, "If one of these guys escapes out of here, it is going to be your life for his.

**2Ki 10:25** Now it happened, as soon as he had made an end of offering the burnt offering, that Jehu said to the guard and to the captains, "Go in and kill them; let no one come out!" And they killed them with the edge of the sword; then the guards and the officers threw them out, and went into the inner room of the temple of Baal.

- All of the Baal worship, the encouragement of all worship among the children of Israel, was forbidden by the Law of Moses. It was a capital crime according to the Law of Moses to introduce anyone into the worship of anything other than the LORD. They knew the Law of Moses, they knew what the standard was, they knew what the consequences were, they engaged in it anyway, thinking that God was going to blink related to this or that He was not serious about His warnings or His judgment. But God is serious about His warnings and judgment. He steps in and basically what happens here is the execution of the standard of the Law of Moses related to idolatry.

**2Ki 10:26-27** And they brought the sacred pillars out of the temple of Baal and burned them. [27] Then they broke down the sacred pillar of Baal, and tore down the temple of Baal and made it a refuse dump (public toilet) to this day.

- It was like you have made a garbage pit of our nation on the basis of your idolatry. In turn, we will defile this in a way that you can never return and rebuild that temple.

## Jehu Reigns in Israel

**2Ki 10:28** Thus Jehu destroyed Baal from Israel.

- You might think, "All right, finally we have a king, you know, that's on the ball, as far as getting rid of all of the false worship, and the false gods." But unfortunately, though Jehu was very zealous in the extermination of Baal, his heart really was not turned towards the LORD!

**2Ki 10:29** However Jehu did not turn away from the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who had made Israel sin, that is, from the golden calves that were at Bethel and Dan.

- **Jehu went back to the calf worship that Jeroboam had established.** He did not worship Baal, nor the gods of the Sidonians, but he engaged in the calf worship that apparently came out of the land of Egypt. Thus, it was only a partial spiritual reform, but unfortunately not a complete spiritual reform.

**2Ki 10:30 And the LORD said to Jehu, "Because you have done well in doing what is right in My sight, and have done to the house of Ahab all that was in My heart, your sons shall sit on the throne of Israel to the fourth generation."**

- **Jehu did not turn to the LORD, but because he was zealous for the LORD,** God gave him an earthly reward of extending the reign of his house for four generations, one of the longest reigns in the ten tribes of Israel.

**2Ki 10:31 But Jehu took no heed (was not careful) to walk in the law of the LORD God of Israel with all his heart; for he did not depart from the sins of Jeroboam, who had made Israel sin.**

- **This such an important verse!! Jehu was a man who had a great zeal for the things of the LORD concerning everybody else's life, but not for his own.** God spare us from those kinds of leaders among God's people, who were zealous for the removal of everybody else's sin, but they are not zealous for judgment to begin in the house of God in their own hearts. This was the weakness of his life, and we should never boast about any zeal of the LORD that does not first purge our own life of sin. It was more political than spiritual with him.
- **Do I ever try to show my zeal for the LORD as being something that I am proud of? Trying to make myself look better than I am? Trying out of my pride to show off myself? Pretending my zeal is for the LORD, when it is actually for myself, covering up for my taking no heed to walk in the law of the LORD? Notice how important it is to be careful " to walk in the law of the LORD God of Israel with all his heart!"**

**2Ki 10:32-33 In those days (because of remaining idolatry) the LORD began to cut off parts of Israel; and Hazael conquered them in all the territory of Israel [33] from the Jordan eastward: all the land of Gilead—Gad, Reuben, and Manasseh—from Aroer, which is by the River Arnon, including Gilead and Bashan.**

- **Hazael began to take the area on the east side of the Jordan river.** As God judges Israel, because they settled for less, *Gad, Reuben, and Manasseh* are the first ones to be removed out of their land and out of their inheritance.

**2Ki 10:34-36 Now the rest of the acts of Jehu, all that he did, and all his might, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel? [35] So Jehu rested with his fathers, and they buried him in Samaria. Then Jehoahaz his son reigned in his place. [36] And the period that Jehu reigned over Israel in Samaria was twenty-eight years.**

- **Jehu had a fairly long reign, according to the reigns of the kings in those days.** Of the northern kings, only Jeroboam II reigned longer. (forty-one years).

### Athaliah Reigns in Judah

**2Ki 11:1 When Athaliah the mother of Ahaziah saw that her son was dead, she arose and destroyed all the royal heirs.**

- **Now we go from the northern kingdom of Israel, down to the southern kingdom of Judah.** We come again to Athaliah, who was the daughter of Ahab and Jezebel. Through marriage there was a uniting, really of the northern and the southern kingdom.
- **She arose and destroyed all of the royal heirs.** She was now going to seek to establish herself as queen over the land, and knew that to do so, she had to get rid of all of the royal seed. So here this murderous woman, killed even her own children, and her grandchildren. The sons, or the boys that might be heirs to the throne.

**2Ki 11:2 But Jehosheba, the daughter of King Joram, half-sister of Ahaziah, took Joash the son of Ahaziah, and stole him away from among the king's sons who were being murdered; and they hid him and his nurse in the bedroom, from Athaliah, so that he was not killed.**

- **Jehosheba is also a blood relative of the reigning family.** She is the wife of the high priest. (2Chr 22:10). When the slaughter by Athaliah of all of Joram's relatives begins to occur, she runs in and grabs this boy, Joash, (Jehoash). He goes by both names in the Bible. She very courageously goes in and then takes the child into the temple, proceeding to hide him for the next six years. Athaliah, being a worshiper of Baal has no interest in going to the temple, so it was the safest place that you could hide the little child.

**2Ki 11:3 So he was hidden with her in the house of the LORD for six years, while Athaliah reigned over the land.**

- **Josiah is kept hidden for six years. Note the implications** of what is happening here to the bloodline of David, which comes within one child of being wiped out! All of the prophecies and the promises of God's word associated with that bloodline hangs in the balance on the basis of one single child that nobody knows exists except for two people. This reminds us of Satan's attempts to wipe out the line, such as Haman's plot to destroy all Jews in (*Est 3:5–6*); and Herod's slaughter of all males under two in Bethlehem in (*Mat 2:16*).
- **The very promise of bringing the Messiah into the world through the lineage of David** for six long years looked like God's word had been proven wrong because David's lineage has been brought to an end by this wicked woman, Athaliah! If those promises of the Messiah, all associated with David cannot be kept, how can we believe a single promise God has made? For six years, it looked like God's word had been disproved, that He had said something that was false. But once again, we see the intervention by God in assuring and proving that His word is the truth and is trustworthy above all things!
- **How rock-solid is my faith in the absolute trust worthiness of God's word? That it is all true! That it is the truth itself? God cannot change His word, break a promise or tell a lie! Do I ever doubt this?**

### Joash Anointed King in Judah

*2Ki 11:4 In the seventh year Jehoiada sent and brought the captains of hundreds—of the bodyguards and the escorts—and brought them into the house of the LORD to him. And he made a covenant with them and took an oath from them in the house of the LORD, and showed them the king's son.*

- **Jehoiada said let us make a covenant today before the LORD here in the temple.** Are you willing to make a covenant that we are going to remain true to the LORD? We are going to do this. He then took an oath from them. Yes, we are willing to do that. When they had made the covenant and the oath, he said, Jehosheba, bring him out. They brought up this little seven-year-old boy. Jehoiada said to all the captains, "This is Joash! This is the grandson of Athaliah, the son of Joram, the son of Jehoshaphat of the lineage of David! Imagine after six years of discouragement, imagine what it was for these warriors and these men to see this little boy. It was life to them, to the Jew, to Israel, to Jerusalem, to the temple, to the priests, to the Levites! This little boy was the word of God! their hope! It was their future! It is hard for us to imagine what it was like when he brought Josiah out, saying, "This is *the king's son!*" This is the line of David. This is the royal seed. I know. I agree. Raised under the influence of Jehosheba and Jehoiada, under the influence of the high priest, a godly man.

*2Ki 11:5 Then he commanded them, saying, "This is what you shall do: One-third of you who come on duty on the Sabbath shall be keeping watch over the king's house,*

- **Now one-third of you** watch the palace.

*2Ki 11:6 one-third shall be at the gate of Sur, and one-third at the gate behind the escorts. You shall keep the watch of the house, lest it be broken down.*

- *The gate of Sur* is likely the southern entrance to the Temple or royal palace.

*2Ki 11:7-9 The two contingents of you who go off duty on the Sabbath shall keep the watch of the house of the LORD for the king. [8] But you shall surround the king on all sides, every man with his weapons in his hand; and whoever comes within range, let him be put to death. You are to be with the king as he goes out and as he comes in. [9] So the captains of the hundreds did according to all that Jehoiada the priest commanded. Each of them took his men who were to be on duty on the Sabbath, with those who were going off duty on the Sabbath, and came to Jehoiada the priest.*

- **Essentially what he is setting up is for all of you men to be there** on that day. Put a line of defense in front of this boy, and behind this boy. Nothing can happen to him. They agreed to do that.

*2Ki 11:10 And the priest gave the captains of hundreds the spears and shields which had belonged to King David, that were in the temple of the LORD.*

- **When the people saw these weapons,** they would realize that this was not just something that these military guards were doing, but this had the endorsement of the High Priest and the LORD Himself. The priest is handing out the spears and the shields that David's warriors used, that David himself had carried from the dynasty, directly from David, no doubt impressing the people of the reality of what was taking place.

*2Ki 11:11-12 Then the escorts stood, every man with his weapons in his hand, all around the king, from the right side of the temple to the left side of the temple, by the altar and the house. [12] And he brought out the king's son, put the crown on him, and gave him the Testimony; they made him king and anointed him, and they clapped their hands and said, "L ong live the king!"*

- **All was set up; all of the guards were standing around.** He brings out this little seven-year-old boy, Joash. What a sight. These men with their weapons, how proud they must have been guarding the line of David again! What a privilege for them. How remarkable this scene is! It is incredible!
- **They put the crown on him, and gave him the Testimony, the Law of Moses.** They made him swear to his faithfulness to the LORD in reigning over the people.

**2Ki 11:13-14** Now when Athaliah heard the noise of the escorts and the people, she came to the people in the temple of the LORD. [14] When she looked, there was the king standing by a pillar according to custom; and the leaders and the trumpeters were by the king. All the people of the land were rejoicing and blowing trumpets. So Athaliah tore her clothes and cried out, "Treason! Treason!"

- **She is the one that is guilty of treason.** She had attempted to slaughter all the royal seed. The boy was intended to be the king. She committed treason in usurping the throne. Now, here she is accusing all of them of treason. What self-deception! It is a terrible thing when you get away from God.

**2Ki 11:15** And Jehoiada the priest commanded the captains of the hundreds, the officers of the army, and said to them, "Take her outside under guard, and slay with the sword whoever follows her." For the priest had said, "Do not let her be killed in the house of the LORD."

- **If anyone tries to help her, or defend her, kill them** with the sword. Take her outside of the temple to kill her.

**2Ki 11:16-17** So they seized her; and she went by way of the horses' entrance into the king's house, and there she was killed. [17] Then Jehoiada made a covenant between the LORD, the king, and the people, that they should be the LORD's people, and also between the king and the people.

- **This covenant was made concerning the people,** the covenant that God had given to the children of Israel through Moses and which they had departed from since the time of King Jehoshaphat in the south and made a commitment as a nation to follow after God's law and obey God's law and to make it the standard for their nation. Also, the covenant was made between the king and the people! The idea was that if the king would lead the nation in accordance with God's word, then the people would be faithful to support that king. That is a wonderful combination for any nation.
- **Jehoiada made a covenant between the LORD, the king, and the people,** that they should be the LORD's people, between the king also and the people. Now, Moses had done that with the people. Joshua, Ebal, and Gerizim had done that. Solomon had done it when he dedicated the temple. Hezekiah would do it. You know, there is a wonderful re-affirmation by this godly man, Jehoiada.

**2Ki 11:18-19** And all the people of the land went to the temple of Baal, and tore it down. They thoroughly broke in pieces its altars and images, and killed Mattan the priest of Baal before the altars. And the priest appointed officers over the house of the LORD.

- **This was the commitment that was made not only to God, but between the king and the people** themselves. All the people in the land went to the temple of Baal and tore it down. This wicked queen had introduced Baal worship. What they did is the first kind of representation of their commitment to the Law of Moses as they went to the temple of Baal, tearing it down, just destroying the whole thing!
- **They killed Mattan, the priest of Baal, before the altars.** He had violated the Law of Moses. It was a capital crime to introduce the worship of anything else other than the LORD in Israel. He knowingly violated that related to the Law of Moses. So, it was a capital crime. The punishment was meted out upon him and the priests, anointed officers over the house of the LORD. Thus, really making a complete turn from worshipping Baal.
- **We have the blessing as a nation, of coming from a Judeo-Christian background!** Our laws, our standards of right and wrong, good, and bad. We are losing ground at the moment, but historically, we have enjoyed great blessings because that has been our standard, the Word of God, in that way. (*Psa 144:15*) *Happy are the people who are in such a state; Happy are the people whose God is the LORD!*
- **When God's word is the standard; when the Bible is the God that is worshiped versus the worship of anything else** you want to name in the world, they recognize there is no comparison between the quality of those two experiences, and so they just destroyed all of it.
- **How truly thankful am I for the opportunity of having the Bible, the complete Word of God in my possession? Of being able to join the body of Christ and freely worship our God in spirit and in truth! Oh, how blessed we are? Just how thankful are we?**

[19] Then he took the captains of hundreds, the bodyguards, the escorts, and all the people of the land; and they brought the king down from the house of the LORD, and went by way of the gate of the escorts to the king's house. Then he sat on the throne of the kings.

- So, this little seven-year-old boy was sitting there on the throne.
- They come to the palace, no doubt, that David had built. And he sat on the throne of the kings! He sat on the throne of the kings. The throne had gone all the way back to David. How wonderful.

**2Ki 11:20** So all the people of the land rejoiced; and the city was quiet, for they had slain Athaliah with the sword in the king's house.

- The Bible tells the might of a nation depends upon its righteousness. We see those things set back into order here.

**2Ki 11:21** Jehoash was seven years old when he became king.

- Jehoash reigns in Judah. He is Judah's youngest king. Seven years old, coming to the throne, having been under the influence of Jehoiada, the scene here where David's throne is re-established. (**Pro 11:10**) *When it goes well with the righteous, the city rejoices; And when the wicked perish, there is jubilation.*

#### SUMMARY:

- **Know now that nothing shall fall to the earth of the word of the LORD which the LORD spoke!** How clear is that truth in my mind and actions as I look at the world and its condition? Do I really recognize the sovereignty of God? His righteousness, truth, and justice? That God says what He means and means what He says in His Word?
- **Do I ever try to show my zeal for the LORD as being something that I am proud of?** Trying to make myself look better than I am? Trying out of my pride to show off myself? Pretending my zeal is for the LORD, when it is actually for myself, covering up for my taking no heed to walk in the law of the LORD? **Notice how important** it is to be careful *“to walk in the law of the LORD God of Israel with all his heart!”*
- **How rock-solid is my faith in the absolute trust worthiness of God's word?** That it is all true! That it is the truth itself? God cannot change His word, break a promise or tell a lie! Do I ever doubt this?
- **How truly thankful am I for the opportunity of having the Bible, the complete Word of God** in my possession? Of being able to join the body of Christ and freely worship our God in spirit and in truth! Oh, how blessed we are? Just how thankful are we?
- **What rejoicing and jubilation we have in the words, “He is not here! He is risen, indeed!”**

(Luk 24:34) saying, ***“The Lord is risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!”*** How thankful are we for that?

***CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN TODAY*** – (1739) C. Wesley/L. Davidica – Billy Graham Crusades (2:57/3:00)

*1 Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia! Sons of men and angels say, Alleluia!*

*Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia! Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!*

*2 Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia! Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!*

*Dying once He all doth save, Alleluia! Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!*

*3 Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia! Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!*

*Death in vain forbids Him rise, Alleluia! Christ has opened Paradise, Alleluia!*

*Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

#### CLOSING PRAYER

**NEXT WEEK: Study II Kings, Chapters 12-13.**