

2 Kings 12

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12 In the seventh year of Jehu Jehoash began to reign; and forty years reigned he in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Zibiah of Beersheba. (Jehoash= Joash – Like Jim and James – They are the same name) (Zibiah = a roe or a deer)

²And Jehoash did that which was right in the sight of the LORD all his days wherein Jehoiada the priest instructed him. (While Jehoiada lived; afterwards he went badly)

³But the high places were not taken away: the people still sacrificed and burnt incense in the high places. (Illegal places of worship to God)

⁴And Jehoash said to the priests, All the money of the dedicated things that is brought into the house of the LORD, even the money of every one that passeth the account, the money that every man is set at, and all the money that cometh into any man's heart to bring into the house of the LORD, **Leviticus-27:2-8 (Renewing of the vows)**

⁵Let the priests take it to them, every man of his acquaintance: and let them repair the breaches of the house, wheresoever any breach shall be found. (The temple, now 140 years old, was left to ruin by the evil kings. It needs to be repaired)

⁶But it was so, that in the three and twentieth year of king Jehoash the priests had not repaired the breaches of the house.

⁷Then king Jehoash called for Jehoiada the priest, and the other priests, and said unto them, Why repair ye not the breaches of the house? now therefore receive no more money of your acquaintance, but deliver it for the breaches of the house. (They were collecting money, but not using it to repair the temple)

⁸And the priests consented to receive no more money of the people, neither to repair the breaches of the house. (The people refused to give money for nothing. This is corruption by the priests)

⁹But Jehoiada the priest took a chest, and bored a hole in the lid of it, and set it beside the altar, on the right side as one cometh into the house of the LORD: and the priests that kept the door put therein all the money that was brought into the house of the LORD. (Putting the

money in the chest kept the crooked priests from pocketing the money)

¹⁰ And it was so, when they saw that there was much money in the chest, that the king's scribe and the high priest came up, and they put up in bags, and told the money that was found in the house of the LORD. (told = weighed or balanced – they way that they counted wealth in gold & silver was to weigh it. They appointed more than one person to oversee the money, to keep them honest)

¹¹ And they gave the money, being told, into the hands of them that did the work, that had the oversight of the house of the LORD: and they laid it out to the carpenters and builders, that wrought upon the house of the LORD, (The money went where it was supposed to go)

¹² And to masons, and hewers of stone, and to buy timber and hewed stone to repair the breaches of the house of the LORD, and for all that was laid out for the house to repair it.

¹³ Howbeit there were not made for the house of the LORD bowls of silver, snuffers, basons, trumpets, any vessels of gold, or vessels of silver, of the money that was brought into the house of the LORD: (They repaired the temple first) 2Chronicles-24:14 (The left over money was used to make the utensils and vessels)

¹⁴ But they gave that to the workmen, and repaired therewith the house of the LORD.

¹⁵ Moreover they reckoned not with the men, into whose hand they delivered the money to be bestowed on workmen: for they dealt faithfully. (No middle men were needed to steal a percentage. No receipts needed because the workmen were honest)

¹⁶ The trespass money and sin money was not brought into the house of the LORD: it was the priests'. Leviticus-7:7 (This money was not appropriate to be put in the temple treasury. It went to sustain the priests)

¹⁷ Then Hazael king of Syria went up, and fought against Gath, and took it: and Hazael set his face to go up to Jerusalem. (Gath is where Goliath came from. It was one of 5 major regions of the Philistines. To get to Gath, Hazael had to march through Israel)

¹⁸ And Jehoash king of Judah took all the hallowed things that Jehoshaphat, and Jehoram, and Ahaziah, his fathers, kings of Judah, had dedicated, and his own hallowed things, and all the gold that was found in the treasures of the house of the LORD, and in the king's house, and sent it to Hazael king of Syria: and he went away from Jerusalem. (Jehoiada must have been dead by then. Joash used the hallowed things in the temple and the king's house to bribe Hazael to go away. You can't pay off a bully. They always return for more)

¹⁹ And the rest of the acts of Joash, and all that he did, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?

2Chronicles-24:15-25 (This explains what Joash did after Jehoiada died)

²⁰ And his servants arose, and made a conspiracy, and slew Joash in the house of Millo, which goeth down to Silla.

²¹ For Jozachar the son of Shimeath, and Jehozabad the son of Shomer, his servants, smote him, and he died; and they buried him with his fathers in the city of David: and Amaziah his son reigned in his stead. (Amaziah= strength of Yah)