



"For Unto Us..."

## HOPE: But God ... 2 Kings 11:1-3

- A. THE CARNAGE OF EVIL (2 Ki. 11:1-2)
- B. THE CRITICAL RESPONSE OF JEHOSEBA (2 Ki. 11:3)
- C. THE COURAGEOUS LEADERSHIP OF JEHOIADA  
(2 Chron. 23:1-7)
- D. THE CORONATION OF JOSIAH (2 Chron.. 23:8-11)

WHY ARE THESE MOMENTS SO IMPORTANT? (Matt 1:8b)  
[Joram → Ahaziah → Joash → Amaziah] → Uzziah]

### Discussion Questions

1. Read 2 Kings 11:2 and Matthew 1:8. Why is it significant that Joash survived the attack on the royal family? [hint: look @ the genealogy of Jesus]
2. Read 2 Kings 11:3. Jehosheba (the princess) was married to Jehoida (the high priest) - - it was the only time a princess was married to the high priest. This couple was uniquely used by God to preserve the line of David by saving the life of Joash. Can you think of a time in your life where you were uniquely used by for His purpose?
3. Read 2 Chronicles 23:1-11. What was Jehoiada risking by anointing Joash as king? What are some possible reasons why the soldiers cooperated in the plan?
4. Read 1 Chronicles 17:7-14 to learn more about God's promises to David. How did those promises apply to Joash?
5. Read Isaiah 9:6-7. What do each of these descriptions of a future king mean?

[Questions from the Life Connections Study Bible]

2 Kings 11:1-3 Now when Athaliah the mother of Ahaziah saw that her son was dead, she arose and destroyed all the royal family. <sup>2</sup> But Jehosheba, the daughter of King Joram, sister of Ahaziah, took Joash the son of Ahaziah and stole him away from among the king's sons who were being put to death, and she put him and his nurse in a bedroom. Thus they hid him from Athaliah, so that he was not put to death. <sup>3</sup> And he remained with her six years, hidden in the house of the Lord, while Athaliah reigned over the land.

2 Chronicles 23:1-11 But in the seventh year Jehoiada took courage and entered into a covenant with the commanders of hundreds, Azariah the son of Jeroham, Ishmael the son of Jehohanan, Azariah the son of Obed, Maaseiah the son of Adaiah, and Elishaphat the son of Zichri. <sup>2</sup> And they went about through Judah and gathered the Levites from all the cities of Judah, and the heads of fathers' houses of Israel, and they came to Jerusalem. <sup>3</sup> And all the assembly made a covenant with the king in the house of God. And Jehoiada said to them, "Behold, the king's son! Let him reign, as the Lord spoke concerning the sons of David. <sup>4</sup> This is the thing that you shall do: of you priests and Levites who come off duty on the Sabbath, one third shall be gatekeepers, <sup>5</sup> and one third shall be at the king's house and one third at the Gate of the Foundation. And all the people shall be in the courts of the house of the Lord. <sup>6</sup> Let no one enter the house of the Lord except the priests and ministering Levites. They may enter, for they are holy, but all the people shall keep the charge of the Lord. <sup>7</sup> The Levites shall surround the king, each with his weapons in his hand. And whoever enters the house shall be put to death. Be with the king when he comes in and when he goes out."

<sup>8</sup> The Levites and all Judah did according to all that Jehoiada the priest commanded, and they each brought his men, who were to go off duty on the Sabbath, with those who were to come on duty on the Sabbath, for Jehoiada the priest did not dismiss the divisions. <sup>9</sup> And Jehoiada the priest gave to the captains the spears and the large and small shields that had been King David's, which were in the house of God. <sup>10</sup> And he set all the people as a guard for the king, every man with his weapon in his hand, from the south side of the house to the north side of the house, around the altar and the house. <sup>11</sup> Then they brought out the king's son and put the crown on him and gave him the testimony. And they proclaimed him king, and Jehoiada and his sons anointed him, and they said, "Long live the king."

Isaiah 9:6 For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. <sup>7</sup> Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.