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15 But Jehoiada grew old and was full of days, and he died; *he was* one hundred and thirty years old when he died. 16 And they buried him in the City of David among the kings, because he had done good in Israel, both toward God and His house. 17 Now after the death of Jehoiada the leaders of Judah came and bowed down to the king. And the king listened to them. 18 Therefore they left the house of the LORD God of their fathers, and served wooden images and idols; and wrath came upon Judah and Jerusalem because of their trespass. 19 Yet He sent prophets to them, to bring them back to the LORD; and they testified against them, but they would not listen. 20 Then the Spirit of God came upon Zechariah the son of Jehoiada the priest, who stood above the people, and said to them, "Thus says God: 'Why do you transgress the commandments of the LORD, so that you cannot prosper? Because you have forsaken the LORD, He also has forsaken you.'" 21 So they conspired against him, and at the command of the king they stoned him with stones in the court of the house of the LORD. 22 Thus Joash the king did not remember the kindness which Jehoiada his father had done to him, but killed his son; and as he died, he said, "The LORD look on *it*, and repay!" 23 So it happened in the spring of the year *that* the army of Syria came up against him; and they came to Judah and Jerusalem, and destroyed all the leaders of the people from among the people, and sent all their *spoil* to the king of Damascus. 24 For the army of the Syrians came with a small company of men; but the LORD delivered a very great army into their hand, because they had forsaken the LORD God of their fathers. So they executed judgment against Joash. 25 And when they had withdrawn from him (for they left him severely wounded), his own servants conspired against him because of the blood of the *sons* of Jehoiada the priest, and killed him on his bed. So he died. And they buried him in the City of David, but they did not bury him in the tombs of the kings. 26 These are the ones who conspired against him: Zabad the son of Shimeath the Ammonitess, and Jehozabad the son of Shimrith the Moabitess. 27 Now *concerning* his sons, and the many oracles about him, and the repairing of the house of God, indeed they *are* written in the *annals* of the book of the kings. Then Amaziah his son reigned in his place.  
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## 1. Joash under Jehoiada's tutelage

### a. Joash began his rule at age 7

- a1. For several years Jehoiada, the HP, guided him
- a2. Jehoiada selected 2 godly women to be wives for Joash

### b. Under Jeh.'s teaching, Joash became concerned with the condition of the temple

- a1. He ordered the priests to take the money that had been collected in the temple treasury & use it to pay workmen to repair the temple (no accounting was made, but all dealt honestly)
- a2. After some delay, Joash once again ordered that the temple be repaired
- a3. At age 30 Joash oversaw the repairs of temple

### c. Jehoiada guided Joash for many years

- a1. However, the high places of the idols were not removed during Jehoiada's time
- a2. Jehoiada died at 130 & was given a king's burial

## 2. Joash flying solo

- a. When Jehoiada no longer advised Joash, he showed that his faith was very shallow

### b. After the death of Jeh. the leaders came to Joash to petition him to relax the rules on idol worship

- a1. Joash relented, so men openly sacrificed to idols in the high places & held drunken orgies
- a2. Joash abandoned what Jehoiada had taught him & became antagonistic to God

## 3. Broken without remedy

### a. God sent prophets to warn Joash to repent

- a1. Joash ordered the execution of Zechariah
- a2. Joash persecuted God's prophets

### b. God raised up Hazael of Syria to attack Joash in Jerusalem from Gath

- a1. Joash took the wealth of the palace & vessels of the temple to pay a bribe to Hazael to leave Jerusalem (2 Kn. 12)
- a2. Still, Joash would not repent

### c. Finally, when Joash was recovering from a wound he received in battle, a Moabite & Ammonite rose up to assassinate him on his bed

### d. Several lessons from Joash saga:

- a1. To follow someone else's faith does not make it your faith
- a2. Unless one accepts beliefs & values as part of one's own value system, they are not your beliefs or values
- a3. Eventually, what one truly believes will surface & will manifest itself by attitude & action
- a4. 1 Jn. 2:19 typically, when a person changes beliefs, it means that they never possessed those beliefs to begin with
- a5. The lack of repentance demonstrates that the person has not stumbled by sinning, but has actually shown that he has never been a true believer at all

### e. Joash followed Jehoiada because he was his mentor & had saved his life

- a1. Once free of Jeh., he forgot about his kindness & his mentoring
- a2. There was a silent rebellion seething within Joash for years that burst forth in due time

### f. Many pretend to follow the Lord or honor their heritage, but are actually rebels at heart, despising the Lord

### g. Num. 23:32 our sins always find us out