

The Overthrow of Athaliah (836t BC)

2 Kings 11:4–20

4 Now in the seventh year Jehoiada sent and brought the captains of hundreds of the Carites and of the guard,

and brought them to him in the house of the LORD. Then he made a covenant with them and put them under oath in the house of the LORD, and showed them the king's son.

5 He commanded them, saying,

"This is the thing that you shall do:

one third of you,

who come in on the sabbath

and keep watch over the king's house

6 (one third also *shall be* at the gate Sur,

and one third at the gate behind the guards),

shall keep watch over the house for defense.

7 Two parts of you,

even all who go out on the sabbath,

shall also keep watch over the house of the LORD for the king.

8 Then you shall surround the king, each with his weapons in his hand; and whoever comes within the ranks shall be put to death. And be with the king when he goes out and when he comes in."

9 So the captains of hundreds did according to all that Jehoiada the priest commanded. And each one of them took his men who were to come in on the sabbath, with those who were to go out on the sabbath,

and came to Jehoiada the priest.

10 The priest gave to the captains of hundreds the spears

2 Chronicles 23

1 Now in the seventh year Jehoiada strengthened himself, and took captains of hundreds:

Azariah the son of Jeroham, Ishmael the son of Johanan, Azariah the son of Obed, Maaseiah the son of Adaiah, and Elishaphat the son of Zichri, *and they entered* into a covenant with him.

2 They went throughout Judah and gathered the Levites from all the cities of Judah, and the heads of the fathers' *households* of Israel, and they came to Jerusalem.

3 Then all the assembly made a covenant with the king in the house of God.

And Jehoiada said to them, "Behold, the king's son shall reign, as the LORD has spoken concerning the sons of David.

4 This is the thing which you shall do:

one third of you, of the priests and Levites

who come in on the sabbath,

shall be gatekeepers,

5b and a third at the Gate of the Foundation;

5a and one third *shall be* at the king's house,

5c and all the people

shall be in the courts of the house of the LORD.

6 But let no one enter the house of the LORD except the priests and the ministering Levites; they may enter, for they are holy. And let all the people keep the charge of the LORD.

7 The Levites will surround the king, each man with his weapons in his hand; and whoever enters the house, let him be killed. Thus be with the king when he comes in and when he goes out."

8 So the Levites and all Judah did according to all that Jehoiada the priest commanded. And each one of them took his men who were to come in on the sabbath, with those who were to go out on the sabbath, for Jehoiada the priest did not dismiss *any of* the divisions.

9 Then Jehoiada the priest gave to the captains of hundreds the spears

and shields
that *had been* King David's,
which *were* in the house of the LORD.
11 The guards stood
each with his weapons in his hand, from the
right side of the house to the left side of the house,
by the altar and by the house, around the king.
12 Then he brought the king's son out and put the
crown on him and *gave him* the testimony;
and they made him king
and anointed him,
and they clapped their hands and said,
"Long live the king!"
13 When Athaliah heard the noise
of the guard *and of* the people,
she came to the people in the house of the LORD.
14 She looked and behold, the king was standing by
the pillar, according to the custom, with the captains
and the trumpeters beside the king;
and all the people of the land rejoiced and blew
trumpets.

Then Athaliah tore her clothes and cried,
"Treason! Treason!"

15 And Jehoiada the priest commanded the captains
of hundreds who were appointed over the army and
said to them, "Bring her out between the ranks, and
whoever follows her put to death with the sword."
For the priest said, "Let her not be put to death in
the house of the LORD."

16 So they seized her, and when she arrived at the
horses' entrance of the king's house,
she was put to death there.

17 Then Jehoiada made a covenant
between the LORD and the king and the people,
that they would be the LORD's people,
also between the king and the people.

18 All the people of the land went to the house of
Baal, and tore it down; his altars and his images they
broke in pieces thoroughly,
and killed Mattan the priest of Baal before the altars.

And the priest appointed officers over the house
of the LORD.

and the large and small shields
which had been King David's,
which were in the house of God.

10 He stationed all the people,
each man with his weapon in his hand, from the
right side of the house to the left side of the house,
by the altar and by the house, around the king.

11 Then they brought out the king's son and put the
crown on him, and *gave him* the testimony
and made him king.

And Jehoiada and his sons anointed him
and said,

"Long live the king!"

12 When Athaliah heard the noise
of the people running and praising the king,
she came into the house of the LORD to the people.

13 She looked, and behold, the king was standing by
his pillar at the entrance, and the captains
and the trumpeters *were* beside the king.

And all the people of the land rejoiced and blew
trumpets, the singers with *their* musical instruments
leading the praise.

Then Athaliah tore her clothes and said,
"Treason! Treason!"

14 Jehoiada the priest brought out the captains
of hundreds who were appointed over the army and
said to them, "Bring her out between the ranks; and
whoever follows her, put to death with the sword."
For the priest said, "Let her not be put to death in
the house of the LORD."

15 So they seized her, and when she arrived at the
entrance of the Horse Gate of the king's house,
they put her to death there.

16 Then Jehoiada made a covenant
between himself and all the people and the king,
that they would be the LORD's people.

17 And all the people went to the house of
Baal and tore it down, and they broke in pieces his
altars and his images,
and killed Mattan the priest of Baal before the altars.

18 Moreover, Jehoiada placed the offices of the
house of the LORD under the authority of the
Levitical priests, whom David had assigned over the
house of the LORD, to offer the burnt offerings of the
LORD, as it is written in the law of Moses—with
rejoicing and singing according to the order of David.

19 He stationed the gatekeepers of the house
of the LORD,

<p>19 He took the captains of hundreds and the Carites and the guards and all the people of the land; and they brought the king down from the house of the LORD, and came by the way of the gate of the guards to the king's house. And he sat on the throne of the kings.</p> <p>20 So all the people of the land rejoiced and the city was quiet. For they had put Athaliah to death with the sword at the king's house.</p>	<p>so that no one would enter <i>who was</i> in any way unclean.</p> <p>20 He took the captains of hundreds, the nobles, the rulers of the people and all the people of the land, and brought the king down from the house of the LORD, and came through the upper gate to the king's house. And they placed the king upon the royal throne.</p> <p>21 So all of the people of the land rejoiced and the city was quiet. For they had put Athaliah to death with the sword.</p>
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Joash, Ahaziah's Son, Assumes the Throne of Judah (836t BC)

2 Kings 11:21–12:3	2 Chronicles 24:1–3
<p>11:21 Jehoash was seven years old when he became king.</p> <p>12:1 In the seventh year of Jehu, Jehoash became king, and he reigned forty years in Jerusalem; and his mother's name was Zibiah of Beersheba.</p> <p>2 Jehoash did right in the sight of the LORD all his days in which Jehoiada the priest instructed him.</p> <p>3 Only the high places were not taken away; the people still sacrificed and burned incense on the high places.</p>	<p>1 Joash <i>was</i> seven years old when he became king,</p> <p>and he reigned forty years in Jerusalem; and his mother's name <i>was</i> Zibiah from Beersheba.</p> <p>2 Joash did what was right in the sight of the LORD all the days of Jehoiada the priest.</p> <p>3 Jehoiada took two wives for him, and he became the father of sons and daughters.</p>

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