



## L1.54: Jehoshaphat

### 2 Chronicles 17-20

*Many years had passed since King David died, and Israel had split into two kingdoms, Israel and Judah. The kings of Israel turned the people away from God. They worshipped idols and acted in evil ways. For the Kingdom of Judah, some of the kings practiced evil, and some of the kings wanted to follow God like King David. Jehoshaphat was a king who wanted to seek God and did what he could to lead the people to obey God. Even though Jehoshaphat didn't do everything perfectly, God was pleased with his attitude and protected him from harm. One day, King Jehoshaphat heard that some enemies were coming to start a war. Jehoshaphat and the people cried out to God for help. God told them that they would not even have to fight in the battle. They would only need some faith and some singers!*

#### Discuss:

- Who was Jehoshaphat's father? How do you think Jehoshaphat's father helped him prepare to be a good king? How do your parents help you learn how to follow God?
- How did King Jehoshaphat become wealthy and powerful?
- Why did God protect Jehoshaphat in the battle with King Ahab? Do you know of any examples where God has protected you or anyone in your family?
- Why didn't King Ahab listen to the prophet Micaiah who warned him of what would happen in the battle?
- What did King Jehoshaphat do when he heard that some of his enemies were going to attack Judah? How were his actions and attitude different than King Ahab's had been? What did the musicians do in the battle?



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#### Memory Challenge:

##### 2 Chronicles 20:15

And he said, "Listen, all you of Judah and you inhabitants of Jerusalem, and you, King Jehoshaphat! Thus says the Lord to you: 'Do not be afraid nor dismayed because of this great multitude, for the battle is not yours, but God's.'"



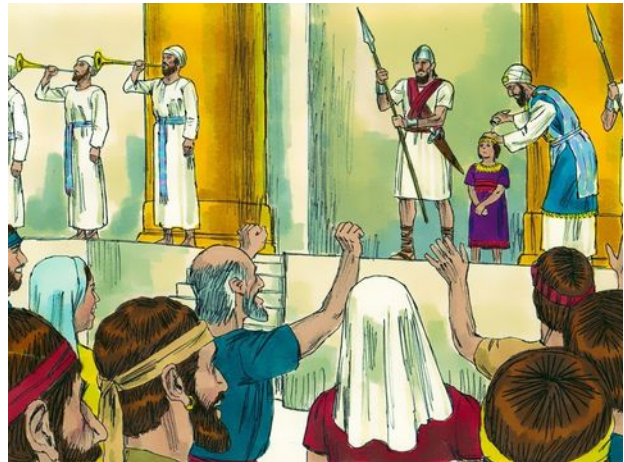
## L1.55: Jehoash Repairs the Temple

### 2 Kings 12

*After King Jehoshaphat died, the Kingdom of Judah was ruled by many other kings. Some of them tried to follow God, while others worshipped idols and turned the people away from God. The name of one of them was Ahaziah. Ahaziah was a wicked king, and his mother Athaliah was just as wicked. When King Ahaziah died, his mother wanted to take over the kingdom and get rid of anyone who opposed her. Now, Ahaziah had a son named Jehoash (sometimes also called Joash). Jehoash was just a baby when his father died, and his aunt hid him and his nurse to protect him from the evil queen. When Jehoash was only seven years old, the priest brought him out of hiding to proclaim him as king before the people. As a young king, Jehoash grew up with the priest of God as his teacher which prepared him to help the people of Judah turn back to God.*

#### Discuss:

- How old was Jehoash when he became king? How old are you? What do you think it would be like to be a king or queen at your age?
- Jehoash was about the age of a first or second grade student when he became king. Who helped him with his responsibilities as king of Judah?
- What did Jehoash do to fix the mess that the previous rulers had made in the temple? Do you think God was pleased with what Jehoash did?
- Jehoash did well as long as he listened to Jehoiada, who was a wise priest. What happened after Jehoiada's death? (You can read more about what happened to King Jehoash in 2 Chronicles 24)



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#### Memory Challenge:

1 Kings 12:2

“Jehoash did what was right in the sight of the Lord all the days in which Jehoiada the priest instructed him.”



## L1.56: King Uzziah

### 2 Chronicles 26

*When King Jehoash died, his son Amaziah reigned in Judah. His time as king was short, and it wasn't long before his son Uzziah became king of Judah after his father King Amaziah (2 Kings 14). In the Bible, Uzziah is sometimes also named King Azariah. Uzziah followed in the footsteps of his father as a good king, but like his father, he did not remove the high places where the people worshipped other gods. However, because he tried to do the right thing, God gave him many successes. He built cities, made his army strong, and protected the people from their enemies. Unfortunately, his successes filled him with pride.*

#### Discuss:

- How old was Uzziah when he became king of Judah? What do you think Uzziah did to prepare to be king as he grew up? What can you do now to prepare to be a good king and priest in the future?
- We know that God is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him (Hebrews 11:6). How did God reward Uzziah for seeking Him and listening to God's priest?
- What does the Scripture mean where it says that Uzziah "loved the soil"?
- Why did Uzziah build towers in Jerusalem?
- What did King Uzziah do that made God angry with him? Why do you think Uzziah made that bad decision? How did God punish him? Do you think Uzziah learned from his mistake?



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#### Memory Challenge:

##### 2 Chronicles 26:5

“He sought God in the days of Zechariah, who had understanding in the visions of God; and as long as he sought the Lord, God made him prosper.”



## L1.57: Josiah

### 2 Chronicles 34-35

*After King Uzziah died, several more kings ruled the land. Some of them were very good, and some of them were very wicked, and caused the people of Judah to sin against God. A king named Amon, who was a very wicked man, only ruled for two years before God allowed him to die. His little eight-year-old son, Josiah was crowned as king after him. Despite having Amon for a father, Josiah was a good king. By the time he was sixteen years old he was determined to get rid of all the idols so that the people would have to worship the true God. He also wanted to repair the beautiful temple of God to be used once again for the right purposes. One day when some men were cleaning out the temple, they found an old book that had been forgotten and decided to show it to the young king.*

#### Discuss:

- How old was Josiah when he became king? Does a person have to be a certain age to begin to follow God?
- What did Josiah do to get rid of the pagan idols in the land? Which of God's commandments was Josiah following when he got rid of the idols in Judah?
- What was the book that was found in the temple? What did King Josiah do when they read it to him? Why was he so sad?
- What feast did King Josiah have all the people in Judah keep? What do you think that Passover was like for the people in Judah?



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#### Memory Challenge:

##### 2 Chronicles 34:31

Then the king stood in his place and made a covenant before the Lord, to follow the Lord, and to keep His commandments and His testimonies and His statutes with all his heart and all his soul, to perform the words of the covenant that were written in this book.