

Joash Reigns In Judah and Repairs the Temple; Hazael of Aram Attacks Judah

2 Kings 12

Group ¹	C	V	Description
Joash (Jehoash) Reigns over Judah	12	1-3	Joash reigns in Judah
The Temple to Be Repaired		4-5	Joash gives instructions for the temple to be repaired
		6-8	23 years later the repairs were not being completed and a change in the collection of the tithes was begun
		9-16	Jehoiada made provisions to collect the offerings and to pay the workers who were performing the repairs and gave an account of the money and the progress
		17-18	Hazael of Aram plunders Gath and makes a move toward Jerusalem; Joash uses the dedicated temple articles and whatever gold he could find to pay off Hazael and secure the city
Joash (Jehoash) Succeeded by Amaziah in Judah		19-21	Joash dies and Amaziah, his son, reigns in his place in Judah

Reflections

Joash (Jehoash) of Judah was crowned king at 7 at which time orders were given, probably by Jehoiada, for the temple to be repaired. However, when Joash was 30, the repairs were not yet being made. So they instituted a change in how the tithes and offerings were collected. This resulted in the funds being used to hire the workers to make the repairs.

The chapter closes with Hazael the Amorite attacking Gath which was now a part of Judah and taking the city and then moving toward Jerusalem. Joash, in order to avoid a war, gathered whatever he could of gold and objects of great value, i.e. the temple utensils, and sent them to Hazael to pay him off and avoid the attack on Jerusalem.

There and Then: Here and Now

Answer the questions below as you reflect on your own life and this part of our study²: *my LOG vs others SPECK*. Here are some possible responses I've identified from the text that might apply to anyone.

S - Are there *sins* for me to avoid or confess?

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P - Are there *promises* from God for me to claim?

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E - Are there *examples* for me to follow or avoid?

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C - Are there *commands* for me to obey?

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K - How has this passage increased my *knowledge* about God / Jesus / Holy Spirit?

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1 (NASB) "Group" column from the headings in the NASB text.

2 *Navigator Bible Study Handbook* (The Navigators), with additions & Matthew 7:1-5.

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