

THE KING

IMAGINE THE POWER



GROUP/FAMILY

Session 6

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- Apply your life to the Bible alongside your group or family with the honest questions in this lesson.



This Week's Sermon exposit 2 Kings 7:1-20

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Context

Second Kings 11 occurred during one of Judah's darkest political and spiritual crises. After King Ahaziah died through Jehu's judgment against Ahab's house, Athaliah, Ahaziah's mother and daughter of Ahab and Jezebel, seized power in Judah. She attempted to destroy the entire royal family so she could secure the throne for herself. Her actions reflected the violent paganism and Baal worship associated with the northern kingdom under Ahab. Yet God preserved His covenant promises through the hidden rescue of Joash by Jehosheba and the faithful leadership of the priest Jehoiada. The temple became both a place of protection and covenant renewal while Judah endured six years under a murderous usurper before rightful Davidic kingship was restored.

The Big Idea of the Text

Jehoiada protected David's royal line, crowned Joash king, and removed Athaliah to preserve God's covenant purposes.

Connecting the Session to the Sermon

Second Kings 11 continued the themes of covenant judgment and covenant preservation introduced in 2 Kings 10. In chapter 10, Jehu executed judgment against Ahab's house because of generations of rebellion and Baal worship. In chapter 11, the influence of Ahab's house still threatened Judah through Athaliah, who attempted to exterminate the Davidic line itself. Both chapters revealed that God judged wicked rulers while simultaneously preserving His covenant promises. Jehu destroyed Baal worship publicly in Israel, while Jehoiada quietly preserved the covenant line in Judah through hidden faithfulness and courageous obedience. Both narratives emphasized that political power never overrules God's sovereign purposes. Human rulers rose and fell, but the Lord remained faithful to His promises concerning both judgment and the Davidic covenant that ultimately pointed forward to the Messiah.

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Biblical Text (CSB) - 2 Kings 8:1-6

Elisha said to the woman whose son he had restored to life, "Get ready, you and your household, and go live as a resident alien wherever you can. For the Lord has announced a seven-year famine, and it has already come to the land."

² So the woman got ready and did what the man of God said. She and her household lived as resident aliens in the land of the Philistines for seven years. ³ When the woman returned from the land of the Philistines at the end of seven years, she went to appeal to the king for her house and field.

⁴ The king had been speaking to Gehazi, the attendant of the man of God, saying, "Tell me all the great things Elisha has done."

⁵ While he was telling the king how Elisha restored the dead son to life, the woman whose son he had restored to life came to appeal to the king for her house and field. So Gehazi said, "My lord the king, this is the woman and this is the son Elisha restored to life."

⁶ When the king asked the woman, she told him the story. So the king appointed a court official for her, saying, "Restore all that was hers, along with all the income from the field from the day she left the country until now."

Applying Our Lives to the Text

- According to verses 1-3, what dangers surrounded Joash's preservation, and how did God use ordinary faithful people to protect the Davidic line?
- In verses 4-8, how did Jehoiada organize the temple guards carefully, and what did those instructions reveal about wisdom, courage, and covenant responsibility?
- Looking closely at verses 9-12, why was the public crowning of Joash significant for Judah's covenant history and God's promises to David?
- In verses 13-14, what details revealed Athaliah's shock and helplessness when confronted with God's preserved king and restored covenant authority?
- According to verses 15-16, why did Jehoiada insist Athaliah die outside the temple, and what did this communicate about holiness and judgment?
- Reviewing the entire passage, where do we see both divine sovereignty and human responsibility working together to preserve God's redemptive purposes?



The Takeaway: So What Church?

- We will trust God's covenant faithfulness even when evil appears dominant and righteous people seem powerless or hidden.
- We will respond with worship because God preserved the royal line through history so salvation could come through Jesus Christ.
- We will thank God for babies and **join the pro-life ministry at The Redemption Church!**

For Parents:

SHOW YOUR KIDS JESUS IN THIS PASSAGE

This story shows us that God keeps His promises even when bad people try to stop them. Athaliah wanted to destroy the king's family so she could rule alone, but God protected little Joash in the temple. Long before this happened, God promised David that one of his descendants would someday become the forever King. If Joash had died, people might think God's promise had failed. But God secretly protected the child until the right time came for him to be revealed as king. That points us to Jesus because wicked rulers later tried to kill Him too, yet God preserved Him so He could become our eternal Savior and King.

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