



# THE “QUEEN”

IMAGINE THE DELUSION

*GROUP/FAMILY*

# Session 7

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This Week's Sermon exposit 2 Kings 11-12  
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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

The Lord mercifully preserved rebellious Israel through Jehoahaz, Jehoash, and Elisha's final prophetic ministry despite persistent covenant unfaithfulness.

## Connecting the Session to the Sermon

Second Kings 13 shares several major themes with 2 Kings 11 and 12. All three chapters revealed that God preserved His covenant purposes during spiritually unstable times. In 2 Kings 11, the Davidic line survived Athaliah's murderous attempt to destroy it. In 2 Kings 12, the temple was repaired under Joash, demonstrating concern for true worship despite widespread corruption. In 2 Kings 13, God continued preserving Israel despite national rebellion and military collapse. Each chapter highlighted weak or flawed leaders whom God still used within His sovereign purposes. All three chapters also contrasted outward reform with incomplete spiritual repentance. Joash repaired the temple, yet the high places remained. Jehoahaz sought the Lord during oppression, yet Israel persisted in Jeroboam's sins. Together, these chapters emphasized that covenant preservation ultimately depended upon God's faithfulness rather than human consistency. They also prepared readers for the need of a perfectly righteous King who would bring complete covenant renewal in Jesus Christ.

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## Biblical Text (CSB) - 2 Kings 13

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."

<sup>2</sup> 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. <sup>3</sup> 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.

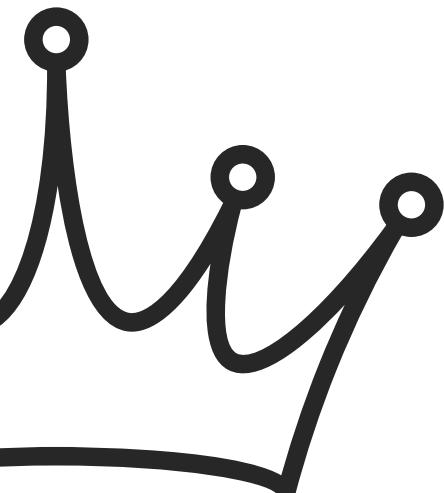
<sup>4</sup> The king had been speaking to Gehazi, the attendant of the man of God, saying, "Tell me all the great things Elisha has done."

<sup>5</sup> 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."

<sup>6</sup> 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

- How did Jehoahaz respond to severe Aramean oppression in verses 1-9, and what did God's merciful response reveal about covenant faithfulness?
- In verses 10-13, how did Jehoash continue Jeroboam's sinful patterns while still experiencing God's patience and national preservation?
- What did Elisha's final sickness and Jehoash's emotional reaction in verses 14-19 reveal about Israel's dependence upon prophetic ministry?
- How did Jehoash's hesitant striking of the arrows in verses 18-19 demonstrate incomplete faith and limited confidence in God's promises?
- What did the resurrection of the dead man through Elisha's bones in verses 20-21 communicate about God's continuing life-giving power after Elisha's death?
- How did verses 22-25 display both God's justice against sin and His covenant mercy toward Israel despite generations of persistent rebellion?



## The Takeaway: So What Church?

- We will seek the Lord sincerely during suffering instead of waiting until affliction exposes the weakness of our self-reliance.
- We will remember that partial obedience limits spiritual fruitfulness just as Jehoash's hesitant response limited Israel's victory.
- We will trust God's Word completely even when circumstances appear politically hopeless, militarily weak, or spiritually discouraging.

## For Parents:

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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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