

**“Entanglements”**  
**2 Kings 11**  
**(Marching Through**  
**2 Kings)**

# Background History

- **The Kingdom of Israel divided after King Solomon's death into the Northern Kingdom (10 tribes) and Southern Kingdom (2 tribes, Benjamin and Judah)**
- **The Northern Kingdom followed King Jeroboam into idolatry, and is succeeded by 18 wicked Kings**
- **The Southern Kingdom followed King Rehoboam, and he is succeeded by 11 bad kings and 8 good kings**
- **The story today concerns the tribe of Judah, of which Jesus was eventually to come, but whose Royal lineage stood on the border of extermination**
- **God had promised King David that his seed would remain on the throne of Israel; 2 Samuel 7:12-16**
- **The lesson today answers the question: to what extremes will God go, to be faithful to his servants who walk with Him?**

## Observations

- King Asa, one of the Kings of Judah, had a son who became a King named Jehoshapat, who apparently was a good man

*“And he walked in all of the ways of his father Asa. He did not turn aside from them, doing what was right in the eyes of the Lord.....1 Kings 22:43*

- Jehoshapat’s son, King Jehoram, was raised in a godly home
- His grandfather, Asa, is pictured in scripture as a godly man; 1 Kings 15:11
- Why isn’t King Jehoram portrayed in scripture as a young man who followed the ways of the Lord like his father and grandfather?

The  
Reason,  
I Suggest  
To You,  
Is This:

***He Married The Wrong Woman!***

***“And he walked in the ways of the kings of Israel, just as the house of Ahab had done, for the daughter of Ahab was his wife; and he did evil in the sight of the Lord.***

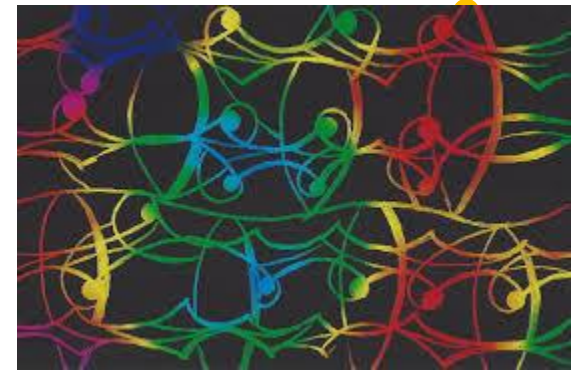
***Yet the Lord would not destroy Judah, for the sake of his servant David, as He had promised him to give a lamp to him and his sons forever.”***


***2 Kings 8:18-19***

**Jehoram’s Father-In-Law Was Ahab,  
and His Mother In Law Was Jezebel;  
1 Kings 16:33**

***Entanglements!***

***2 Corinthians 6:14***





Choosing a  
Godly  
Spouse, If  
Chosen,  
Should Be  
High On Our  
Checklist

- **When one looks for a spouse, their checklist usually looks like this:**
  - **Physical attributes**
  - **Financial Position**
  - **Education**
  - **Career Objectives**
  - **Compatibility**
- **What about religious fervor?**

**Consistency over time;  
2 Corinthians 11:14 (Satan can *look like* a Christian for a while)**

**Biblical application in their everyday life**



# Why I Married The Wrong Person!


***But I was lonely!***

***I Felt Left Out In Life!***

***All my friends were already married!***

***I knew they had issues, but I thought  
God would work with me!***

***I already had a child and needed  
someone there!***

- **Marriage is not a cure for loneliness**
  - **Many married people envy a single person's position (feel trapped)**
  - **Remember to look for actual religious fervor and Biblical application in every day life before you decide**
  - **Marriage may not be for you**
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## A Wicked Relationship Can Affect Its' Offspring

- Listen to King Joash as he charges the priest with laziness on their refurbishing of the house of God

***“For the sons of Athaliah, that wicked woman, had broken into the house of God, and had also presented all the dedicated things of the house of the lord to the Baals.” 2 Chronicles 24:7***

- Here we have an evil woman whose principles of living are passed on to her children
- The Psalmist reminds us that, like the arrow leaving a bow, our children may drift even though they were pointed in the right direction (Psalms 127:4)
- The best you can do is involve God in their training with you; Proverbs 22:6 (prayer, bible study, mentoring)

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- Meanwhile Elisha, the prophet, had dispatched one in the group of prophets to tell Jehu that he was divinely chosen to be the next king over Israel (2 Kings 9)
  - King Jehu slays Joram of Israel and Ahaziah of Judah in the same battle . Then he has Jezebel killed; 2 Kings 9
  - King Ahab, Jezebel's husband was killed; 1 Kings 22:37
  - Chapter 11 opens with these morbid words:

*“When Athaliah the mother of Ahaziah saw that her son was dead, she arose and destroyed all the royal heirs.” (all of the lineage of David that were heirs to the throne)*

- With her father and mother already dead, and now her brothers slain by her hand, who does that leave?

**WHAT IS GOD GONNA DO ABOUT HIS PROMISE TO DAVID?**



# What Does God Do?

*“But Jehosheba, the daughter of King Joram, sister of Ahaziah, took Joash the son of Ahaziah, and stole him away from among the king’s sons who were being murdered; and they hid him and nursed him in the bedroom away from Athaliah, so that he was not killed. So he was hidden with her in the house of the Lord for six years while Athaliah reigned over the land. 2 Kings 11:2-3*

*God Providentially Kept Joash  
Away From The Web  
(ENTANGLEMENT) of Athaliah*





# Observations

- Joash became king through non-ideal (a coup) 2 Kings 11:4-21 circumstances (not raised by his natural mother and father) verse 3
- He was raised by a religious mother and father, Jehoiada, the priest, and Jehosheba who providentially taught him and protected him
- He was hidden in the temple during his years of physical and spiritual formation; 2 Kings 11:3

*“Jehoash did what was right in the sight of the Lord all the days in which Jehoiada instructed him.”*  
*2 Kings 12:2*

*(temple repairs, chapter 12)*




# Observations

- Many of our youth are not spiritually raised in ideal circumstances, but neither were many of our bible heroes

**David—His Father didn't think enough of him to bring him "to church" for the ceremonial king selection; 1 Samuel 16**

**Moses—He was hidden while mother was pregnant and was providentially raised by his mother in pharaoh's house; Exodus 2**


**Timothy—Spiritually raised by his mother and grandmother; 2 Timothy 1:5**



***PARENTS YOU HAVE  
BEEN CHOSEN BY  
GOD TO SPIRITUALLY  
INFLUENCE YOUR  
CHILDREN!***

***Let Him Handle  
The Rest!***

***Proverbs 23:7;  
Luke 15:11-31***



# The Plan Of Salvation

**Hear the Gospel**

**Acts 15:7**

**Believe the Gospel**

**Acts 15:7**

**Repent Of Sins**

**Acts 17:30**

**Confess Christ**

**Acts 8:37**

**Be Baptized**

**Acts 8:38, 1Peter 3:21**