

**Theme:** God purifies the House of David to preserve his promise of a truly righteous king. But no earthly king or ruler (secular or sacred) will fulfill that role. They will either point us – or drive us – to seek a king who will never disappoint us or fail to bring us to eternal security and peace.

**Background:** Back to Judah this week. Jehu had killed Jehoram (Israel) and Ahaziah (Judah). So who’s on the throne in Judah?

**Introduction:** The power of “pruning”

## **I. Purifying the House of David (11:1)**

### A. Athaliah’s plan – destruction

1. Of the house of David – including her grandchildren
2. Seeking Israel’s rule over Judah  
- To serve Baal (Like mother, like daughter)
3. Claiming the throne

NOTE: The hatred of the world for the Kingdom of God is nothing new! Persecution is alive and well in the world today.<sup>1</sup>

### B. The Lord’s plan – deliverance

1. From the House of Ahab in Judah
  - a. Jehoram? Gone
  - b. Ahaziah? Gone.
  - c. Athaliah? Going strong.
2. Cleansing the house of David  
- Getting to the root of the problem

## **II. Preserving the House of David (11:2,3)**

### A. Saving a son of David

1. Jehosheba
  - a. Daughter of Joram, sister of Ahaziah
  - b. Saving the line of David

NOTE: They were one child’s breath away from the end of God’s promise!

2. Jehoiada
  - a. A faithful priest
  - b. Protecting the rightful heir

### B. Kingdoms in conflict (11:3)

1. Athaliah reigns
2. The king lives!  
- Joash, Judah’s best kept secret!

NOTE: Athaliah lives and tries to rule without the knowledge of the true king of Judah.  
How true is that in the world in which we live?

### C. Reclaiming the throne (11:4-20)

1. The time had come  
- In the seventh year

2. Preparing the way – A clandestine army (11:5-11)
3. Joash is crowned – Long live the king! (11:12)
4. Athalia is removed – permanently

D. Covenant renewal (11:17)

1. Returning to “*the* covenant”
  - To be the people of the Lord
2. Repentance – The temple of Baal is destroyed (11:18)
  - NOTE & APPLICATION: Repentance is a violent action.
3. The people rejoiced (11:20)

### III. Finding God’s Favor

A. All is well (12:1-3)

1. Doing “what was right in the eyes of the Lord” (12:2)
2. As long as Jehoiada lived and advised (2 Chronicles 24:2)

B. Restoring God’s house (12:4-16)

1. The priests are in charge of repairs
2. No progress made – for 23 years!
3. Joash re-allocates funds – No accounting was needed (12:15)

### IV. Forsaking God’s Grace (12:17,18)

A. Ransacking the Temple

1. Hazael threatens Jerusalem
2. Joash chooses a buyout rather than battle
3. Plundering the temple instead of prayer

B. Destroying the foundations (2 Chronicles 24:15-21)

- Jehoiada dies and Joash gathers...
  1. New counselors
    - Princes and buddies – remember Rehoboam??
  2. New worship
    - The high places and Asherim
  3. Zechariah, Jehoiada’s son is murdered

C. Joash is assassinated (12:19-21)

### CONCLUSION:

1. God is preserving the House of David, the Messianic line – again, and always.
2. We confront a distressing pattern and warning.
3. Joash failed – Christ never will!

Next week: 2 Kings 13; 14:23-29

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.christianity.com/church/church-history/timeline/1901-2000/modern-persecution-11630665.html>