

JEHOSHABEATH & JEHOIDA- SAVING CHRISTMAS

We are not looking strictly at Christmas but to the line of Judah & David from which Christ | the Messiah came.

The desire & attempt to destroy Israel | the Jews & → The Messiah has a rather long history and is ongoing.

The story:

1. Saving Christmas by saving the **life** of the King

2 Chronicles 22:10 But when Athaliah the mother of Ahaziah saw that her son was dead, she arose and destroyed all the seed royal of the house of Judah. 2 Chronicles 22:11 But **Jehoshabeath**, the daughter of the king, took Joash the son of Ahaziah, and stole him from among the king's sons that were slain, and put him and his nurse in a bedchamber. So **Jehoshabeath**, the daughter of king Jehoram, the wife of Jehoiada the priest, (for she was the sister of Ahaziah,) hid him from Athaliah, so that she slew him not. 2 Chronicles 22:12 And he was with them hid in the house of God six years: and Athaliah reigned over the land.

Flow of the story:

- Killing of Ahaziah
- His mom was Athaliah – granddaughter of Omri (son / daughter can mean a descendant)

Matthew 1:1 THE book of the generation of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham.

- Ahaziah reigned 1 year
- Athaliah usurped the throne for 6 years
- Athaliah destroyed the royal family of Judah & David
- Attempting to replace the royal line
- Enter Jehoshabeath (found 3x in the Bible)
- Sister of the dead king (so from the same messy family)
- Rescued Joash
- Hid him & a nursemaid for about 6 years
- Obviously in great danger
- Obviously at her own expense
- Less obvious, she was a believer & a defender of God's chosen King / Lineage
- From the messy mess of her family, God used her

Christopher Hitchens:

Peter Hitchens:

1 Corinthians 1:26 For ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called: 1 Corinthians 1:27 But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty; 1 Corinthians 1:28 And base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea, and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are: 1 Corinthians 1:29 **That no flesh should glory in his presence.** 1 Corinthians 1:30 But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption: 1 Corinthians 1:31 That, according as it is written, **He that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord.**

- A faith followed up by obedience
- A faith cemented in marriage to Jehoida

2. Saving Christmas by saving the **office** of the King

2 Chronicles 23:1 And in the seventh year Jehoiada strengthened himself, and took the captains of hundreds, Azariah the son of Jeroham, and Ishmael the son of Jehohanan, and Azariah the son of Obed, and Maaseiah the son of Adaiah, and Elishaphat the son of Zichri, **into covenant with him.** 2 Chronicles 23:2 And they went about in Judah, and gathered the Levites out of all the cities of Judah, and the chief of the fathers of Israel, and they came to Jerusalem. 2 Chronicles 23:3 And all the congregation **made a covenant** with the king in the house of God. And he said unto them, Behold, the king's son shall reign, as the Lord hath said of the sons of David.

2 Chronicles 23:8 So the Levites and all Judah did according to all things that Jehoiada the priest had commanded, and took every man his men that were to come in on the sabbath, with them that were to go out on the sabbath: for Jehoiada the priest dismissed not the courses.

2 Chronicles 23:11 Then they brought out the king's son, and put upon him the crown, and gave him the testimony, and made him king. And Jehoiada and his sons anointed him, and said, **God save the king.**

The issue was a Davidic king of the Tribe of Judah:

- He waited
- He planned everything appropriately
- He strengthened himself and his position
- He protected
- All about the office of the king

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3. Saving Christmas –by saving the **SOUL** of the Kingdom

2 Chronicles 23:16 And Jehoiada made **a covenant** between him, and between all the people, and between the king, **that they should be the Lord's people.** **2 Chronicles 23:17** Then all the people went to the house of Baal, and brake it down, and brake his altars and his images in pieces, and slew Mattan the priest of Baal before the altars. **2**

Chronicles 23:18 Also Jehoiada appointed the offices of the house of the LORD by the hand of the priests the Levites, whom David had distributed in the house of the LORD, to offer the burnt offerings of the LORD, **as it is written in the law of Moses**, with rejoicing and with singing, as it was ordained by David. **2 Chronicles 23:19** And he set the porters at the gates of the house of the LORD, that none which was unclean in any thing should enter in. **2 Chronicles 23:20** And he took the captains of hundreds, and the nobles, and the governors of the people, and all the people of the land, and brought down the king from the house of the LORD: and they came through the high gate into the king's house, and set the king upon the throne of the kingdom. **2 Chronicles 23:21** And all the people of the land rejoiced: and the city was quiet, after that they had slain Athaliah with the sword.

Jehoida:

- Made another covenant
- To be the Lord's people
- Removal of all paganism
- Ordering worship → according to the Scriptures
- Elevating the kings
- Causing great rejoicing

4. Saving Christmas **as long as** he had influence

2 Chronicles 24:15 **But Jeholada waxed old**, and was full of days when he died; an hundred and thirty years old was he when he died. **2 Chronicles 24:16** And they buried him in the city of David among the kings, because he had done good in Israel, both toward God, and toward his house. **2 Chronicles 24:17** **Now after the death of Jehoiada** came the princes of Judah, and made obeisance to the king. **Then the king hearkened unto them.** **2 Chronicles 24:18** And they left the house of the LORD God of their fathers, and served groves and idols: and wrath came upon Judah and Jerusalem for this their trespass. **2 Chronicles 24:19** Yet he sent prophets to them, to bring them again unto the LORD; and they testified against them: but they would not give ear. **2 Chronicles 24:20** And the Spirit of God came upon Zechariah the son of Jehoiada the priest, which stood above the people, and said unto them, Thus saith God, Why transgress ye the commandments of the LORD, that ye cannot prosper? because ye have forsaken the LORD, he hath also forsaken you. **2 Chronicles 24:21** And they conspired against him, and stoned him with stones at the commandment of the king in the court of the house of the LORD. **2 Chronicles 24:22** **Thus Joash the king remembered not the kindness which Jeholada his father had done to him, but slew his son.** And when he died, he said, The LORD look upon it, and require it. **2 Chronicles 24:25** And when they were departed from him, (for they left him in great diseases,) his own servants conspired against him for the blood of the sons of Jehoiada the priest, and slew him on his bed, and he died: and they buried him in the city of David, but they buried him not in the sepulchres of the kings.

Acts 13:36 For David, after he had served **his own generation** by the will of God, fell on sleep, and was laid unto his fathers, and saw corruption: