

Choosing who you listen to

2 Kings 12 (p. 301); 2 Chronicles 24 (p. 361)

I. IN HIS EARLY YEARS KING JOASH LISTENED TO GODLY HIGH PRIEST JEHOIDA (2 KINGS 12:1-18).

- A. Joash lived godly while Jehoida was alive and instructing him (12:1-3; 2 Chronicles 24:2,15,16).
- B. Joash successfully repaired God's temple (12:4-16).
 - Plan A - Fund with taxes, vow money and offerings, but the priests procrastinated doing the work (4-8).
 - Plan B - Create a "building fund" and priests hired honest, skilled tradesmen to do the work (9-16).
- C. Joash feared the Arameans so he bribed them with treasures from the temple (2 Kings 12:17-18).

II. IN HIS LATER YEARS KING JOASH LISTENED TO HIS PEERS (2 CHRONICLES 24:17-27).

- A. After Jehoida died, Joash listened to political officials who led him to worship idols (2 Chronicles 24:17-19).
- B. Jehoida's son Zechariah prophesied against Joash, who had him stoned to death (2 Chronicles 24:20-22).
- C. The Arameans defeated Israel, wounding Joash who was then assassinated by two officials for murdering Zechariah (2 Kings 12:19-21; 2 Chronicles 24:23-27).