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The ministry of Elisha 2 Kings 2:19-13:20

- Aftermath of Ahaziah's death 2 Kings 11:1-20; 2 Chronicles 22:10-23:21
  - Ahaziah left no children capable of succeeding him as king.
    - All of the rest of Jehoram's sons had been killed.
    - Ahaziah was the youngest son and only reigned one year.

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The ministry of Elisha 2 Kings 2:19-13:20

- Aftermath of Ahaziah's death 2 Kings 11:1-20; 2 Chronicles 22:10-23:21
  - At the death of Ahaziah, his mother Athaliah, granddaughter of Omri from the northern kingdom, had all the royal family (descendants of David) executed.
  - An infant son of Ahaziah was hidden away by his aunt, a sister of Ahaziah.
  - For the next 6 years this son would be hidden in the temple complex.

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The ministry of Elisha 2 Kings 2:19-13:20

- Aftermath of Ahaziah's death 2 Kings 11:1-20; 2 Chronicles 22:10-23:21
  - This aunt, Jehoshabeath (Jehosheba), was married to Jehoiada the priest of Yahweh.

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The ministry of Elisha 2 Kings 2:19-13:20

- Aftermath of Ahaziah's death 2 Kings 11:1-20; 2 Chronicles 22:10-23:21
  - After 6 years Jehoiada led the effort to establish this lone descendent of David, Joash, to his rightful place as king of Judah.
    - Gathered to Jerusalem:
      - The military commanders
      - The Levites
      - The clan leaders of Israel

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  - After 6 years Jehoiada led the effort to establish this lone descendent of David, Joash, to his rightful place as king of Judah.
    - Jehoiada swore them to an oath of loyalty and presented Joash as David's descendent and therefore the rightful heir to the throne.
    - Organized protection for the king

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  - After 6 years Jehoiada led the effort to establish this lone descendent of David, Joash, to his rightful place as king of Judah.
    - Planned and executed the public proclamation of Joash as king.
    - Athaliah, who had not been invited to this celebration, came out to see what the commotion was all about and saw the people rejoicing over their new king.

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The ministry of Elisha 2 Kings 2:19-13:20

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  - After 6 years Jehoiada led the effort to establish this lone descendent of David, Joash, to his rightful place as king of Judah.
    - Jehoiada ordered Athaliah's death and the death of any who were following her.

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The ministry of Elisha 2 Kings 2:19-13:20

- Aftermath of Ahaziah's death 2 Kings 11:1-20; 2 Chronicles 22:10-23:21
  - Jehoiada immediately took steps to turn the kingdom back to the worship of Yahweh.
    - Made a specific and public commitment that they would be the people of Yahweh.
    - Tore down the house of Baal and destroyed everything related to rituals related to this false god.

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The ministry of Elisha 2 Kings 2:19-13:20

- Aftermath of Ahaziah's death 2 Kings 11:1-20; 2 Chronicles 22:10-23:21
  - Jehoiada immediately took steps to turn the kingdom back to the worship of Yahweh.
    - Killed the high priest of Baal
    - Reestablished and organized worship of Yahweh at the Temple
    - Established Joash on the royal throne

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Lessons

- You can wreak havoc and cause pain and suffering, but you cannot stop the activity of God.
- God always has people strategically placed to fulfill His will.
- Trust in God's promises gives the power to persevere.
- Practice discernment in order to know when to wait and when to act.
- Keep the focus on God and His kingdom.

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