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

- The reign of Joash 2 Kings 11:21-12:21; 2 Chronicles 24:1-27
 - Joash (Jehoash) was a child, seven years old at the beginning of his reign.
 - His reign began in the seventh year of Jehu, King of Israel (Northern Kingdom) and lasted 40 years.
 - It is evident that Jehoiada, the high priest, was guiding the young king and the kingdom.

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 - After an unspecified time, Joash ordered the priests and Levites to gather money that was prescribed by the Law and use it to repair the temple. Deuteronomy 27:30-32, the tithe, Exodus 30:11-16, the census offering.
 - The temple has been vandalized and looted by the sons of the wicked Athaliah.
 - The money seems to have been gathered but after 23 years no repairs had been made.

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 - Joash called Jehoiada and the other priest and Levites to account and commanded that the repairs take place.
 - Jehoiada then, at the king's command, put a chest by the entrance to the temple to collect money for the temple renovation.
 - What was collected was to go directly to for material and workmen to repair the temple.

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 - The money came in plentifully when it was known it would be used to repair the temple.
 - There was enough given to repair the temple and to make the utensils used in the temple.
 - The prescribed sacrificial offerings were offered at the repaired temple all the days of Jehoiada's life.

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 - Jehoiada died at 130 years old and was given a royal burial because of the blessing his life had been to the kingdom.
 - Devoid of Jehoiada's influence and influenced by his sons, Joash quickly turned from worshipping Yahweh to idolatry.

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 - God sent warnings and judgment
 - God sent unnamed prophets to give God's message and bring them back to the worship of Yahweh.
 - Zechariah, son of Jehoiada, brought a message of rebuke and warning for which the king had him killed.

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 - God sent warnings and judgment
 - A year after the murder of Zechariah, the Syrians came and killed much of the royal family, severely wounded Joash, and plundered the kingdom.

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 - God sent warnings and judgment
 - God allowed the smaller force of the Syrians, led by King Hazael to defeat the larger force of Judah. (See Leviticus 26:14-20; Deuteronomy 28:25-26)

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 - God sent warnings and judgment
 - Several servants of Joash took the occasion of his injuries to kill him in his bed.
 - Joash did not receive a royal burial due to his treachery against the house of Jehoiada.

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Lessons

- *“Do you not know that you are God’s temple and that God’s Spirit dwells in you? If anyone destroys God’s temple, God will destroy him. For God’s temple is holy, and you are that temple.” (1 Corinthians 3:16–17, ESV)*
- Protect the temple
- Repair the temple...now!
- God provides the means to maintain the temple.
- Never underestimate the human capacity for ingratitude.

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Lessons

- We can and should do all we can to influence the next generation, but we do not control the future.
- God’s passionate desire is for sinful people to come to repentance.
- The most dangerous place you can be is outside of God’s will.

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