

100 Bible Passages That Every Believer Should Know  
The Rise and Fall of Joash  
2 Kings 11-12; 2 Chronicles 23-24

The Rise of Joash

- 1) He was saved and mentored by great people of faith who came before him.  
2 Kings 11; 2 Chronicles 23
- 2) He was faithful to the Law of Moses and the Passion of David.  
2 Chronicles 23:18
- 3) He recognized the centrality of the House of the Lord in the purpose and work of God.  
2 Chronicles 24:4, 13
- 4) He led the people in giving their lives and resources, which resulted in great accomplishments and great joy.  
2 Chronicles 24:9-10

The Fall of Joash

- 1) With the passing of the previous generation, he began to listen to modern voices who had a different worldview.  
2 Chronicles 24:15-18a
- 2) Once the centrality of the House of the Lord was abandoned, the people began to devise and follow their own pursuits.  
2 Chronicles 24:18b
- 3) He refused to listen to the truth of God, even murdering his own cousin, Zechariah, for speaking out.  
2 Chronicles 24:19-22
- 4) He took all the sacred gifts of the House of the Lord and gave them away to a pagan king, losing the blessing of the Lord and eventually his own life.  
2 Kings 12:17-18; 2 Chronicles 24:24-25

Application

- 1) The faith and sacrifice of earlier generations is not enough to get you to heaven or even enough to get you through this life with God's blessing.
- 2) Your previous faith is not enough for today. The greatest prediction of what your future will be is not what you did yesterday, but what you are doing today.
- 3) The purpose of God for your life can never be abandoned without catastrophic consequence.