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(3) But the high places were not taken away: the people still sacrificed and burnt incense in the high places.

(4) And Jehoash said to the priests, All the money of the dedicated things that is brought into the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah}, *even* the money of everyone that passes *the account*, the money that every man is set at, *and* all the money that comes into any man's heart to bring into the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah},

(5) Let the priests take *it* to themselves, every man of his acquaintance: and let them repair the damage of the house {temple}, wherever any damage shall be found.

(6) But it was, *that* in the twenty-third year of king Jehoash {3261 A.H./C- 781 B.C.}^b the priests had not repaired the damages of the house {temple}.

(7) Then king Jehoash called for Jehoiada the priest, and the *other* priests, and said to them, Why have you not repaired the damages of the house {temple}? now therefore receive no *more* money of your acquaintance, but deliver it for the damages of the house {temple}.

(8) And the priests consented to receive no *more* money from the people, neither to repair the damages of the house {temple}.

(9) But Jehoiada the priest took a chest, and bored a hole in the lid of it, and set it beside the altar, on the right side as one enters into the house of the LORD {Jehovah}: and the priests who kept the door put in it all the money *that was* brought into the house of the LORD {Jehovah}.

(10) And it was, when they saw that *there was* much money in the chest, that the king's scribe and the high priest came up, and they put up in bags, and counted the money that was found in the house of the LORD {Jehovah}.

(11) And they gave the money, being counted, into the hands of those who did the work, who had the oversight of the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah}: and they laid it out to the carpenters and builders, who did the work on the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah},

(12) And to masons, and stone cutters, and to buy timber and cut stone to repair the damage of the house of the LORD {Jehovah}, and for all that was laid out for the house {temple} to repair *it*.

(13) However there were not made for the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah} bowls of silver, snuffers, wash bowls, trumpets, any vessels of gold, or vessels of silver, of the money *that was* brought into the house of the LORD {Jehovah}:

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(14) But they gave that to the workmen, and repaired the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah} with it.

(15) Furthermore they did not reckon with the men, into whose hand they delivered the money to be paid on workmen: because they dealt faithfully.

(16) The trespass money and sin money was not brought into the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah}: it was the priests'.

(17) Then Hazael king of Syria went up, and fought against Gath, and took it: and Hazael set his face to go up to Jerusalem.

(18) And Jehoash king of Judah took all the hallowed things that Jehoshaphat, and Jehoram, and Ahaziah, his fathers, kings of Judah, had dedicated, and his own hallowed things, and all the gold *that was* found in the treasures of the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah}, and in the king's house, and sent *it* to Hazael king of Syria: and he went away from Jerusalem.

(19) And the rest of the acts of Joash,^c and all that he did, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?

(20) And his servants arose, and made a conspiracy, and killed Joash in the house of Millo, which goes down to Silla.

(21) Because Jozachar the son of Shimeath, and Jehozabad the son of Shomer, his servants, struck him, and he died; and they buried him with his fathers in the city of David: and Amaziah his son reigned in his place.

Chapter 13

(1) In the twenty-third year of Joash the son of Ahaziah king of Judah {3261 A.H./C- 781 B.C.},^a Jehoahaz the son of Jehu began to reign over Israel in Samaria, *and reigned* seventeen years.

(2) And he did *that which was* evil in the sight of the LORD {Jehovah}, and followed the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who caused Israel to sin; he did not depart from it.

(3) And the anger of the LORD {Jehovah} was kindled against Israel, and He delivered them into the hand of Hazael king of Syria, and into the hand of Benhadad the son of Hazael, all *their* days.

(4) And Jehoahaz sought the LORD {Jehovah}, and the LORD {Jehovah} listened to him: because He saw the oppression of Israel, because the king of Syria oppressed them.

(5) (And the LORD {Jehovah} gave Israel a savior, so that they went out from under the hand of the Syrians: and the children of Israel lived in their tents, as before.

(6) Nevertheless they did not depart from the sins of the house of Jeroboam, who caused Israel to sin, *but* walked in them: and there remained the grove also in Samaria.)

(7) Neither did He leave of the people to Jehoahaz but fifty horsemen, and ten chariots, and ten thousand footmen; because the king of Syria had destroyed them, and had made them like the dust by threshing.

12:19c – Joash – alternate spelling of Jehoash

13:1a - 23rd year of Joash king of Judah; Jehoahaz begins reign over Israel

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