

# 2 KINGS 11 vs 1

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The first and second books of the kings originally were one book, which Jewish tradition credits to the prophet Jeremiah. The subject follows the successes and failures of the kings of both Judah and Israel. This second book of kings follows the decline of **Israel** leading up to their captivity in Syria; and 170 years later, to the decline of **Judah** leading up to their captivity in Babylon.

The reign of Queen Athaliah the creepy mother,

**<sup>1</sup> When Athaliah the mother of Ahaziah saw that her son was dead, she arose and destroyed all the royal descendants .**

**<sup>2</sup> But Jehosheba, the daughter of king Joram, sister of Ahaziah, grabbed **Joash** the son of Ahaziah, and sneaked him from among sons of the king who were being killed; and from Athaliah they hid him and his nurse in the bedroom, so that he was not killed.**

**<sup>3</sup> And he was concealed with her in the house of the LORD six years, while Athaliah reigned over the land.**

**<sup>4</sup> Now in the seventh year, Jehoiada / the priest... sent and got the captains over hundreds, with the captains and the guard, and brought them to him in the house of the LORD, and made a agreement with them, obliging them to pledge in the house of the LORD, and then revealed to them the son of the king.**

**<sup>5</sup> And he instructed them, saying, This is the thing that you will do; 1/3<sup>rd</sup> of you who enter on the sabbath will keep watch over the household of the king;**

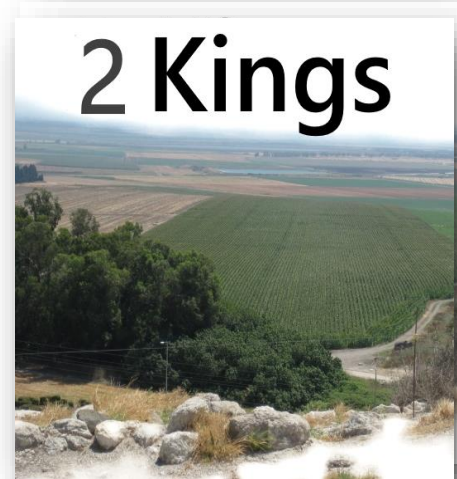
**<sup>6</sup> and 1/3<sup>rd</sup> will be stationed at the gate of Sur; and 1/3<sup>rd</sup> at the gate behind the guard: so you will keep watch over the house for its defense.**

**<sup>7</sup> And 2/3<sup>rd</sup> of all who go out on the sabbath, they will keep watch of the house of the LORD for the king.**

**<sup>8</sup> And you will surround the king, every man with his weapons in hand: and he who comes within the periphery, let him be killed: you are with the king as he exits and as he enters.**

**<sup>9</sup> And the captains over the hundreds did according to all things that Jehoiada the priest instructed: and they took every one of his men who were to enter on the sabbath, with those who should exit on the sabbath, and came to Jehoiada the priest.**

**<sup>10</sup> And to the captains over hundreds, who were in the temple of the LORD, the priest gave the spears and shields of King David.**



<sup>11</sup> **And the guard stood, every man with his weapons in his hand,** surrounding the king, from the right corner of the temple to the left corner of the temple, along by the altar and the temple.

King Jehoash of Judah

<sup>12</sup> **And he brought forth the son of the king, and put the crown upon him, and gave him the testimony; and they made him king, and anointed him; and they clapped their hands, and said, Long live the king.**

<sup>13</sup> **And when Athaliah heard the noise of the guard and of the people, she came to the people into the temple of the LORD.**

<sup>14</sup> **And when she looked, behold, the king was standing by a pillar, as was the custom, and the captains and the trumpeters by the king, and all the people of the land rejoiced, and blew with trumpets: and Athaliah ripped her clothes, and cried, Treason, Treason.**

<sup>15</sup> **But Jehoiada the priest instructed the captains of the hundreds, the officers of the army, and said to them, Have her removed outside the perimeters: and he who follows her kill with the sword. For the priest had said, Let her not be killed in the house of the LORD.**

<sup>16</sup> **And they seized her; and she went by the way which the horses entered the household of the king: and there was she killed.**

<sup>17</sup> **Then Jehoiada made a covenant between the LORD and the king and the people, that they should be the people of the LORD; also between the king and the people.**

<sup>18</sup> **And all the people of the land went to the house of Baal, and demolished it; its altars and its images they thoroughly shattered, and killed Mattan the priest of Baal before the altars. And the priest appointed officers over the house of the LORD.**

<sup>19</sup> **And he took the captains over hundreds, and the captains, and the guard, and all the people of the land; and they brought down the king from the house of the LORD, and came by the way of the gate of the guards to the household of the king.**

**And he sat on the throne of the kings.**

<sup>20</sup> **And all the people of the land rejoiced, and the city was quiet: for they had killed Athaliah with the sword next to the house of the king.**

<sup>21</sup> **Jehoash was seven years old when he began to reign.**