

# 2 KINGS 12 vs 1

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.

**Jehoash** served the Lord as long as Jehoiada instructed him,

**<sup>1</sup> In the seventh year of Jehu, Jehoash began to reign; and forty years he reigned in Jerusalem. And the name of his mother was Zibiah of Beersheba.**

**<sup>2</sup> And Jehoash did what was right in the sight of the LORD all his days that Jehoiada the priest instructed him.**

**<sup>3</sup> But the high places were not destroyed: the people still sacrificed and burned incense on the high places.**

**<sup>4</sup> And Jehoash said to the priests, All the money of the sacred things that are brought into the house of the LORD, both the money that each was assessed to pay, and the money each gave of his own accord, all the money that enters into the house of the LORD,**

**<sup>5</sup> let the priests take it to themselves, each man from his acquaintance: and they will repair the damages of the house, wherever any damage is found.**

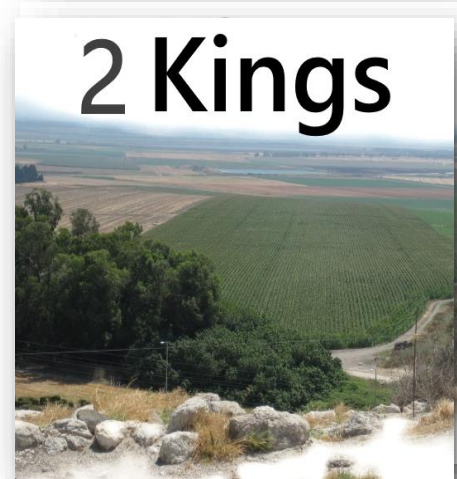
**<sup>6</sup> But it was so, that in 23 years of king Jehoash, the priests had not repaired any damages of the house.**

**<sup>7</sup> Then king Jehoash called for Jehoiada the priest, and the other priests, and said to them, Why have you not repair any dilapidations of the house? So now take no more money from your acquaintances, but hand over for the repairs of the house.**

**<sup>8</sup> So the priests consented to take no more money from the people, nor to repair the breaches of the house.**

**<sup>9</sup> But Jehoiada the priest took a chest, and bored a hole in the lid of it, and set it next to the altar, on the right side as one enters into the house of the LORD: and the priests who guarded the door put in it, all the money that was brought into the house of the LORD.**

**<sup>10</sup> And it was so, when they saw that there was much money in the chest, that the secretary of the king and the high priest came up, and they tied it in bags, and counted the money that was found in the house of the LORD.**



<sup>11</sup> And they gave the money, being counted, into the hands of those who did the work, who had oversight of the house of the LORD: and they paid it out to the carpenters and builders, who worked on the house of the LORD,

<sup>12</sup> and to masons, and cutters of stone, and for buying timber and hewed stone to repair the damages of the house of the LORD, and for all that was paid out for repairing the house.

<sup>13</sup> However there were not made for the house of the LORD silver cups, snuffers, bowls, trumpets, any utensils of gold, or vessels of silver, from the money that was brought into the house of the LORD:

<sup>14</sup> for they gave that to the workmen, who with it repaired the house of the LORD.

<sup>15</sup> Moreover they did not require an account from those into whose hand they delivered the money to be given the workmen: for they dealt faithfully.

<sup>16</sup> The monies for trespass-offerings and sin-offerings were not brought into the house of the LORD: that belonged to the priests.

<sup>17</sup> Then Hazael king of Aram went up, and fought against Gath, and seized it: and Hazael was determined to go up to Jerusalem.

<sup>18</sup> And Jehoash king of **Judah** / obviously not a military strategist, listening to all the fake news... took all the sacred things that Jehoshaphat, and Jehoram, and Ahaziah, his fathers, kings of Judah, had dedicated, and his own sacred things, and all the gold that was found in the treasures of the house of the LORD, and in the household of the king, and sent it to Hazael king of Aram: and he went away from Jerusalem.

<sup>19</sup> And the rest of the acts of Joash, and all he did, are they not written in the Book of Chronicles of the kings of Judah?

<sup>20</sup> And his servants arose, and started a conspiracy, and killed Joash in the building of the Millo, as he was going down to Silla.

<sup>21</sup> For Jozachar the son of Shimeath, and Jehozabad the son of Shomer, his servants, struck him down, and he died; and they buried him with his fathers in the City of David: and Amaziah his son reigned in his place.

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