

SETTING THE SCENE

2 Chronicles 21-23

King Jehoram and ...

1. THE DEEDS OF DARKNESS (ch21)

death vs1-7 *a self-man man*

defeat vs8-11 *God is forsaken*

disease vs12-15 *stern rebuke*

disgust vs16-20 *in death*

King Ahaziah and ...

2. A TALE OF TWO WOMEN (ch 22)

Athaliah: an evil influence vs 1-10

encouraged her son to do wrong

Jehosheba: a courageous interceptor

preserved the Davidic line vs 11-12

King Joash and the...

3. DAWNING OF A NEW ERA (ch 23)

➤ **a covenant is made vs 1-3**

➤ **the right king is installed vs 4-11**

➤ **a false queen is deposed vs 12-15**

➤ *normality is restored vs 16-21*

JOASH - too easily influenced

2 Chronicles 24

1. THERE'S ALWAYS HOPE -

if the right help is available, vs 1-3

**Joash - a difficult, dysfunctional
family background chs 21-23**

Jehoiada - a godly alternative v2

2. THERE'S ALWAYS GOOD TO DO -

even in days of decline, vs 4-14

Joash - *restored the Temple v4*
- *an urgent task vs 5-6*
- *everyone's responsibility v9*
- *the people gave ...*
gladly v10 regularly v11
abundantly v14

God's honour matters 1 Chron 29.1

3. THERE'S ALWAYS A DANGER -
in leaning on others, vs 15-27

Joash - *easily swayed* v2, 17-18

for better or for worse

- *back to the bad old ways* vs20-21

Mat 21.33-43; Luke 11.50-51;

God knocks the props away

to reveal the true state of our heart

Our faith must be personal

because we are personally

accountable Rom 14.12

We must 'be our own man' Ps 1.1-3

standing firm to the end

Mat 24.12-13; 2 Tim 4.16-17