

“King Joash did not remember the kindness Zechariah’s father Jehoiada had shown him but killed his son, who said as he lay dying, “May the LORD see this and call you to account.”

(2 Chronicles 25:22)

Joash was seven years old when he became king, and he reigned in Jerusalem forty years. Joash did what was right in the eyes of the LORD all the years of Jehoiada the priest. He did what was required to repair the temple of the Lord.

¹³ The men in charge of the work were diligent, and the repairs progressed under them. They rebuilt the temple of God according to its original design and reinforced it. ¹⁴ When they had finished, they brought the rest of the money to the king and Jehoiada, and with it were made articles for the LORD’s temple: articles for the service and for the burnt offerings, and also dishes and other objects of gold and silver. As long as Jehoiada lived, burnt offerings were presented continually in the temple of the LORD.” (2Chronicles 24:13-14)

¹⁷ After the death of Jehoiada, the officials of Judah came and paid homage to the king, and he listened to them. ¹⁸ They abandoned the temple of the LORD, the God of their fathers, and worshiped Asherah poles and idols. Because of their guilt, God’s anger came upon Judah and Jerusalem. ¹⁹ Although the LORD sent prophets to the people to bring them back to him, and though they testified against them, they would not listen.” (2Chronicles 24:17-19)

²⁰ Then the Spirit of God came upon Zechariah son of Jehoiada the priest. He stood before the people and said, “This is what God says: ‘Why do you disobey the LORD’s commands? You will not prosper. Because you have forsaken the LORD, he has forsaken you.’” (2 Chronicles 25:20)

What Zechariah’s said was the truth, but people who had forsaken the Lord and His word and started to worship idols their hearts became calloused, wicked and became evildoers. They did not take warning of the message, “But they plotted against him, and by order of the king they stoned him to death in the courtyard of the LORD’s temple.” (2Chronicles 25:21)

That is how the wicked will behave and act and they will persecute those who are righteous. Let us take the message as encouragement to us to continue to walk according to the truth and walk in God’s ways discerning that persecution may come unto us as we are standing with the Lord. And let us trust that He will protect us and watch over our lives.



My Prayer

Father God I come before you in the name of Jesus who died on the cross for my sins to give me eternal life. Lord helps me to stand firm and do your will to the end. Lord protects me from evildoers and those who are against you. Help me Lord to persevere in the days to come, cover me with the shadow of your wings and hide me in the days of trouble this all I ask and pray in Jesus name Amen.



⁴⁷ Woe to you, because you build tombs for the prophets, and it was your forefathers who killed them. ⁴⁸ So you testify that you approve of what your forefathers did; they killed the prophets, and you build their tombs. ⁴⁹ Because of this, God in his wisdom said, ‘I will send them prophets and apostles, some of whom they will kill and others they will persecute.’ ⁵⁰ Therefore this generation will be held responsible for the blood of all the prophets that has been shed since the beginning of the world, ⁵¹ from the blood of Abel to the blood of Zechariah, who was killed between the altar and the sanctuary. Yes, I tell you, this generation will be held responsible for it all.”

(Luke 11:47-51)

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“If the world hates you, keep in mind that it hated me first.”

(John 16:18)