

## Lesson V.

## THE BOY JOASH CROWNED KING

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**LESSON SETTING**—To-day's Lesson turns from the history of the Northern kingdom, Israel, to that of Judah, the Southern kingdom.

**GOLDEN TEXT**—The house of the wicked shall be overthrown: but the tent of the upright shall flourish.—Proverbs 14: 11 (Rev. Ver.).

Memorize vs. 11, 12.

**THE LESSON PASSAGE**—2 Kings 11: 4-12. Study 2 Kings 11: 1-20.

4 And <sup>1</sup>the seventh year Jehoi'ada sent and fetched the <sup>2</sup>rulers over hundreds, with the captains and the guard, and brought them to him into the house of the Lord, and <sup>3</sup>made a covenant with them, and took an oath of them in the house of the Lord, and shewed them the king's son.

5 And he commanded them, saying, This is the thing that ye shall do: <sup>6</sup>A third part of you that <sup>7</sup>enter in on the sabbath shall <sup>8</sup>even be keepers of the watch of the king's house;

6 And the third part shall be at the gate <sup>7</sup>of Sur; and a third part at the gate behind the guard: so shall ye keep the watch of the house, <sup>8</sup>that it be not broken down.

7 And <sup>9</sup>two parts of all you that go forth on the sabbath, <sup>10</sup>even they shall keep the watch of the house of the Lord about the king.

8 And ye shall compass the king round about, every man with his weapons in his hands: and he that cometh

**Revised Version**—<sup>1</sup>in the; <sup>2</sup>captains over hundreds, of the Carites, and of the guard; <sup>3</sup>he; <sup>4</sup>a (small "a"); <sup>5</sup>come in; <sup>6</sup>Omit even; <sup>7</sup>Omit of; <sup>8</sup>and be a barrier (end of verse); <sup>9</sup>the two companies of you, even all that go forth; <sup>10</sup>Omit even they; <sup>11</sup>ranks; <sup>12</sup>when; <sup>13</sup>Omit the; <sup>14</sup>Omit things; <sup>15</sup>men, those that; <sup>16</sup>those that were to go out; <sup>17</sup>the priest delivered to; <sup>18</sup>the spears and shields that had been king David's, which were in the house of the Lord; <sup>19</sup>from the right side of the house to the left side of the house, along by the altar and the house, by the king round about; <sup>20</sup>Then he brought out.

## \*HOME DAILY BIBLE READINGS

M.—The boy Joash crowned king, 2 Kgs. 11: 1-12.

T.—The boy Joash crowned king, 2 Kgs. 11: 13-20.

W.—A boy king seeks God, 2 Chron. 34: 1-7.

Th.—Idolatry to be destroyed, Deut. 12: 1-7.

F.—Rulers must be just, 2 Sam. 13: 1-7.

S.—God's message to Judah, Jer. 22: 1-9.

Sunday—God's promise to David, Ps. 89: 28-37.

## THE LESSON EXPLAINED

Athaliah, the daughter of Ahab and Jezebel and wife of Jehoram, king of Judah (2 Chron. 21: 6), when her son Ahaziah died, usurped the throne of Judah, slaying all the males of the royal house and reigning in her own name for 6 years. Unknown to her, however, Jehoash or Joash, the infant son of Ahaziah, had been saved from the massacre by Jehosheba, a half sister of Ahaziah, and her husband, Jehoiada, the high priest, and was kept in hiding in the temple.

**I. THE OATH.**—4. The seventh year; of Joash's age. Jehoiada; the high priest and husband of Jehosheba, the aunt of Joash (see 2 Chron. 22: 11). Fetched the captains over hundreds (Rev. Ver.). There were five of these "captains" (see 2 Chron. 23: 1), set over as many companies of the royal bodyguard. With the captains; Rev. Ver., "of the Carites;" soldiers belonging to the guard. The Rev. Ver. Margin calls them "executioners" from the office which it was the custom for them to perform. And of the guard (Rev. Ver.); literally, "runners;" a second class of soldiers. Made a covenant with them; an agreement to place the king's son on the throne. Took an oath; swore them to secrecy. Shewed them the king's son; Joash, their rightful ruler.

**II. THE PLOT.**—5-8. This . . . ye shall do. Jehoiada describes the plan that is to be followed. A third part of you; of the soldiers that enter in (to their barracks, going off duty) on the sabbath (an appointed Sabbath when the people would be assembled at the

within the <sup>11</sup>ranges, let him be slain: and be ye with the king <sup>12</sup>as he goeth out and <sup>13</sup>as he cometh in.

9 And the captains over <sup>10</sup>the hundreds did according to all <sup>11</sup>things that Jehoi'ada the priest commanded: and they took every man his <sup>12</sup>men that were to come in on the sabbath, with <sup>13</sup>them that should go out on the sabbath, and came to Jehoi'ada the priest.

10 And <sup>11</sup>to the captains over hundreds <sup>12</sup>did the priest give king David's spears and shields, that were in the temple of the Lord.

11 And the guard stood, every man with his weapons in his hand, <sup>12</sup>round about the king, from the right corner of the temple to the left corner of the temple, along by the altar and the temple.

12 <sup>20</sup>And he brought forth the king's son, 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, God save the king.

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temple, v. 13). Keepers . . . of the king's house; to prevent Queen Athaliah's going out without their leave. The royal palace was near the temple. A third . . . at the gate of Sur; some gate of the temple now unknown. A third . . . at the gate behind the guard ("runners"). The "runners" may have been favorable to Athaliah, so that they had to be held in check by another more reliable part of the guard. Two parts . . . that go forth; from their barracks, to go on duty. These were to guard the temple (the house of the Lord) and the king. Within the ranges; Rev. Ver., "the ranks," having broken through the ranks to attack the king. Any one doing this was to be slain without mercy.



A HIGH PRIEST IN HIS ROBES